

| ACT DETAILS                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Short Title                   | The Right to Information Act, 2005                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Act Year                      | 2005                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Act Number                    | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Ministry                      | Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Department                    | Department of Personnel and Training                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Long Title                    | An Act to provide for setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, the constitution of a Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. |
| Enactment Date                | 15-06-2005                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Enforcement Date              | Ss. 4(1), 5(1) (2), 12, 13, 15, 16, 24, 27, 28 (15-06-2005) and rest provisions on 120th day of its enactment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Chapters(6)                   | I-VI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sections(31)                  | 1-31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| RTI Act - English             | <a href="#">Click to access act in English</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 | <a href="#">Click to access act in Hindi</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| Landmark Judgements |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                               |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sr.No.              | Case                               | Particular                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Link                                          |
| 1                   | State of U.P. v. Raj Narain (1975) | The court acknowledged that the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression, as protected by Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution, includes the right to information. According to the court, citizens have a right to know about government operations, as this is essential to a functioning democracy. | <a href="#">1975 AIR 865 - Read Judgement</a> |



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| Landmark Judgements (cont) |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 2                          | <b>Central Public Information Officer v. Subhash Chandra Agarwal (2019)</b> | The 5-judge constitution bench, consisting of Ranjan Gogoi, CJ, NV Ramana, Dr. DY Chandrachud, Deepak Gupta, and Sanjiv Khanna, JJ, held in Central Public Information Officer v. Subhash Chandra Agarwal, 2019 SCC OnLine SC 1459, that the Chief Justice of India's office falls under the purview of the Right to Information. |
|                            |                                                                             | <i>2019 SCC OnLine SC 1459- Read Judgement</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| CHAPTER I     |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| CHAPTER TITLE | <i>PRELIMINARY</i>                    |
| SECTION       | PARTICULAR                            |
| 1             | Short title, extent and commencement. |
| 2             | Definitions                           |

| CHAPTER II    |                                                                   |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CHAPTER TITLE | <i>RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND OBLIGATIONS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES</i> |
| SECTION       | PARTICULAR                                                        |
| 3             | Right to information                                              |
| 4             | Obligations of public authorities                                 |
| 5             | Designation of Public Information Officers                        |
| 6             | Request for obtaining information                                 |
| 7             | Disposal of request                                               |
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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 9                 | Grounds for rejection to access in certain cases |
| 10                | Severability                                     |
| 11                | Third party information                          |

| CHAPTER III   |                                                                       |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CHAPTER TITLE | <i>THE CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION</i>                             |
| SECTION       | PARTICULAR                                                            |
| 12            | Constitution of Central Information Commission                        |
| 13            | Terms of office and conditions of service                             |
| 14            | Removal of Chief Information Commissioner or Information Commissioner |

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| CHAPTER TITLE | <i>THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION</i>                                           |
| SECTION       | PARTICULAR                                                                        |
| 15            | Constitution of State Information Commission                                      |
| 16            | Term of office and conditions of service                                          |
| 17            | Removal of State Chief Information Commissioner or State Information Commissioner |

| CHAPTER V     |                                                                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CHAPTER TITLE | <i>POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONS, APPEAL AND PENALTIES</i> |
| SECTION       | PARTICULAR                                                                       |
| 18            | Powers and functions of Information Commissions                                  |
| 19            | Appeal                                                                           |
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|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| CHAPTER TITLE | <i>MISCELLANEOUS</i>                      |
| SECTION       | PARTICULAR                                |
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| 22            | Act to have overriding effect             |
| 23            | Bar of jurisdiction of courts             |
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