

## **All India Right to Information (RTI) Meet – Video Conference – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

An All India Meet for CPIOs and Regional Managers of all Regional Offices/LCBs on Right to Information Act, 2005 was conducted by HO, RTI Department through Video Conference on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 between 11:30 hrs to 13:30 hrs. The participants were addressed by Ms Sunita Gupta (Executive Director), Mr Mathew George (Executive Director), Mr Pranay Kumar (General Manager), Ms Pushpalatha Natarajan (Deputy General Manager), Mr B Sadashiva Shankar (Chief Manager & HO CPIO).

Ms Pushpalatha Natarajan, DGM gave overview of RTI Act, 2005, emphasizing the importance on the role of CPIOs and the implications for violation of RTI act from CIC. Further she stressed on the collection of correct and complete information from the domain departments with timelines into consideration.

Mr Pranay Kumar, GM & Appellate Authority, had emphasised on the adherence of timelines (TAT) for providing reply, importance of record keeping, responsibilities of the CPIO and the consequences of not providing information to the applicant on time.

Mr Mathew George, ED addressed the officials and stressed upon the obligation & duties of CPIO and had appreciated the RTI team for their continued best performance.

Ms Sunita Gupta, ED advised the team to provide reply as much as possible and not to take cover under exemptions as RTI remains the platform for common man to get information that is of some purpose to him. Hence, timely reply is necessary.

Mr B Sadashiva Shankar, Chief Manager & HO CPIO gave inputs about RTI Act, 2005 and the method of replying to application/appeals.

Mr Pranav Pradeep Saxena, Deputy Manager (HRM) gave a detailed explanation on the sections under RTI Act from legal perspective and the usage of the sections in providing replies.

A presentation on Right to Information Act, 2005 was given by Mrs. Meena Shenbagaraman, Manager (RTI) and team.

