

17. Right to Information

In view of the direction of Government of India, the Right to Information Act, 2005 has been implemented in NIOS from October, 2005. The Act envisages that every Public Authority shall designate as many officers as Public Information Officers (PIOs) in all administrative units or offices under it as may be necessary to provide information to persons requesting for the information. Accordingly, NIOS assigned this work of keeping and collating the information from all constituents of NIOS to be performed by Administration wing.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Act, the Deputy Director (Pers) was designated as Public Information Officer-I and the System Analyst/Programmer as

Public Information Officer-II for NIOS Head Quarters. In the Regional Centres of NIOS, the Joint Directors/Deputy Directors, working as Regional Heads have been designated as Public Information Officer, and the Assistant Directors working as Regional Heads at Regional Centre and those reporting to Regional Heads have been designated as Assistant Public Information Officers.

Head of Administration Department and Secretary NIOS was designated as the Appellate Authority for the NIOS.

Structure of RTI as adopted by NIOS At NIOS Head Quarter

Appellate Authority	Shri D.S. Bist Secretary, NIOS	All Appeals
Public Information Officer-I	Dr. Anita Priyadarshini Deputy Director (Pers)	1. PIO for Administration Department 2. PIO for Regional heads of the rank of Assistant Director in the Regional Office who have been designated as APIOs
Public Information Officer-II	Shri S.K. Prasad System Analyst/ Programmer	1. PIO for the following Departments/ Units of NIOS: (i) Academic Department (ii) Student Support Services Department (iii) Vocational Education Department (iv) Evaluation Department (v) Computer Unit 2. Responsible for ensuring that all the required information, under the Act, and also otherwise, is made available on the NIOS Website and is updated as and when required, so that public can access it at any time. 3. Responsible for maintaining the required information under the Act, and otherwise also, in print and electronic form, at all required places.

At the Regional Centres of National Institute of Open Schooling

Public Information Officer	Joint Director/Deputy Director working as Regional Head	1. PIO for all information related to the concerned Regional Centre 2. Appellate Authority for APIO in their Regional Centre, if any
Assistant Public Information Officer (for the territorial jurisdiction of their concerned Regional Centres)	Assistant Director working as Regional Head	APIO for all information related to the concerned Regional Centre
Assistant Public Information Officer (for the concerned Regional Centres)	Assistant Directors at Regional Centre reporting to Regional Heads	APIO for all information related to the concerned Regional Centre

The NIOS, in keeping with the spirit of the Act, has made provisions to provide information to all applicants in the specified time frame. NIOS has also uploaded the following information related to the obligation of Public Authority under Section 4 of the Act on its official website.

1. NIOS at a Glance
2. Memorandum of Association (MOA) of NOSS
3. Guideline for Accreditation of AIs, AVIs and AAs
4. Admission Process
5. Vocational Education Programmes
6. Recruitment Rules of NIOS
7. Guidelines for Centre Superintendents for External Examinations
8. Information about Courses and Materials for OBE, Secondary and Sr. Secondary
9. List of Members of RCACs
10. NIOS Budget at a Glance, Annual Accounts and Audit Report
11. Notification regarding Tender Notice, Examination Hall Tickets, Results, National Talent Promotion Scheme, Student Centre Address Book
12. Office Orders for PIO, APIO, Regional Heads, System Analyst Programmer (SAP).

The System Analyst/Programmer has been assigned the work of preparing and maintaining the documents as mentioned in Section 4 of the RTI Act.

NIOS has computerized all records of applications received and disposed off under this Act.

It has also been sending necessary reports as per the Act to CIC and MHRD. The Annual Return for the year 2006-07 is as under

**Annual Return Submitted to Central Information Commission
(Under Section 25 of the RTI Act)**

Year : 2006-07

Sl. No.	Public Authority under the Ministry	Number of requests received	Decision where applications for information rejected	Number of cases where disciplinary action taken against any officer in respect of administration of this Act.	Amount of charges collected (Rs.)
1.	National Institute of Open Schooling	83	Nil	Nil	Rs. 908.0*

*this includes Rs.80/- as Court Fee

Numbers of requests rejected during the year 2006-07

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National Institute of Open Schooling	Nil