



MANIPAL UNIVERSITY JAIPUR

Faculty of Arts & Law

School of Law
Course Hand-out

Right to Information | LA 1905 | 3104| 4 Credits

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Course Outcomes: At the end of the course, students will be able to

LA1905 CO 1. Develop skills of assessing one's rights under the Right to Information Act.

LA1905 CO 2. Demonstrate the roles and responsibilities of Public Information Officers and learn to create and process a request.

LA1905 CO 3. Analyse all exemptions from Disclosure of Information.

LA1905 CO 4. Evaluate the roles and responsibilities of Appellate Officers within Public Authorities.

LA1905 CO 5. Describe the role and responsibilities of the Information Commissions and discuss relevant provisions in the RTI Act

S. SYLLABUS

Introduction to RTI Act: The evolution of the Right to Information in India, important terms and concepts used in the Act, salient features of the Act, Public Authorities and their Obligations under the Act, **Role of Public Information Officers: PIOs and APIOs - Accepting an Information, Request, Processing and Disposing**, requirement for designation of Information Officers - PIOs / APIOs - in public authorities, specific Duties & Responsibilities of Information Officers, liabilities of a PIO for non-compliance with the provisions of the Act, How to accept information requests and assist citizens in making information, **Exemptions from Disclosure of Information, Partial Disclosure and Third Party, Information**, Specific provisions of the Act which exempt certain kinds of information – the classification of such exempted information, Application of public interest test with respect to exempted information, Grounds that allow for partial disclosure of information, concept of 'Third Party' and the issues and considerations revolving around its involvement, **The roles and responsibilities of Appellate Officers within Public Authorities.**, process involved in making first appeals to designated Appellate Officers, Timelines for making a first appeal and disposal of the appeal, First Appeals and Appellate Officers - Important Provisions, **Information Commission: Powers and Functions**, Role and Responsibilities of the Information Commissions, relevant provisions in the RTI Act dealing with Complaints to the Information, Commission and the specifications thereof, "Second Appeal" process and the Commissions' mandate for the same, The power of Information Commissions with regard to enforcing compliance of public, authorities with the provisions of the RTI Act, imposing penalty / recommending, disciplinary action against erring PIOs etc.

T. TEXT BOOKS

- i. Mitra, S.C.. Law Relating to Right to Information. II Edit. Orient Publishing Co. 2014.
- ii. Paranjpai, N.V..Right to Information Law in India. I Edit. Allahabad Lexis Nexis. 2014.
- iii. Kumar, Dr. Niraj. Treaties on RTI.IV Edit. Bharat Law House. 2014.
- iv. Acharya N. K., "Commentary on Right to Information Act, 2005", 6th ed., Asia Law House, Hyderabad, 2006.
- v. Jain N. K., "Right to Information", Regal Publications, New Delhi, 2007.

