



AMENDMENT IN RTI ACT¹

The Government is considering a proposal to amend the Right to Information Act, 2005.

A notice of intention has been given to introduce “The Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2018” in the Rajya Sabha for consideration and its passage during the current session of Parliament. The purport of the amendments proposed is to provide for enabling provision under the RTI Act to frame Rules regarding salaries, allowances and conditions of service for Chief Information Commissioners and Information Commissioners and State Information Commissioners. Presently, there are no such provisions available under the RTI Act.

Consultations with Department of Expenditure, Department of Legal Affairs and Legislative Department have been undertaken while preparing/formulating the RTI (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

This information was provided by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha.

RBI LAUNCHES SURVEY ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN BANKING SERVICES (ITBS) : 2017-18 ROUND²

The Reserve Bank of India has launched the 2017-18 round of its Survey on International Trade in Banking Services (ITBS), which could be accessed at http://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/Forms/DOCs/ITBS180718_EA.XLS

The survey, conducted annually since 2006-07, provides information on financial services rendered by branches / subsidiaries of Indian banks operating abroad and branches/subsidiaries of foreign banks operating in India, based on explicit /implicit fee/ commission charged to customers.

The survey schedule for the 2017-18 round is required to be filled by the branches / subsidiaries / joint venture / associate of Indian banks operating abroad and branches/ subsidiaries of foreign banks operating in India. The soft form of this survey schedule (both in Hindi and English – one of which can be used) with in-built validation checks are available on the RBI’s website under the head ‘Forms’ (available under the ‘More Links’ at the bottom of the home page) and sub-head ‘Survey’³, which can be duly filled-in, validated and e-mailed at itbs@rbi.org.in by August 10, 2018.

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¹ Available at: <http://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1538976>

² Available at: https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=44515

³ Available at: https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewForms.aspx?FCId=40

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