

**CIC Report 2005-06**

**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution  
Department of Food & Public Distribution**

**PROFORMA FOR ANNUAL RETURN TO CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION  
(Under Section 25 of the Right to Information Act)**

**Year 2005-06 As on 31.03.2006**

| S.No. (1) | Public Authority (2)                             | No. of requests received (3) | Decisions where applications for information rejected (4) |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                |     | Number of cases where disciplinary action was taken against any officer in respect of administration of this Act (5) | Amount of charges collected (Rs) (6) |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |     |     |
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|           |  |                              | No. of decisions (4a)                                     | No. of times various provisions were invoked (4b) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                |     |  |                                      |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |     |     |
|           |  |                              |   | Sec 8(1)  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Other Sections |     |  |                                      |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |     |     |
|           |  |                              |   | (a)   | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) | (j) | (9) | (1)            | (2) |  |                                      | other |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |     |     |
| 1         | D/o Food & Public Distribution                   | 41                           | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0   | 0  | 0                                    | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nil | 906 |     |
| 2         | Directorate of Sugar                             | 2                            | Nil   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0   | 0  | 0                                    | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | Nil | 68  |
| 3         | Directorate of Vanaspathi, Vegetable Oils & Fats | Nil                          | Nil   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0   | 0  | 0                                    | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | Nil | Nil |
| 4         | Save Grain Campaign Offices                      | Nil                          | Nil   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0   | 0  | 0                                    | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | Nil | Nil |
| 5         | Indian Grain Storage, Manage                     | Nil                          | Nil   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0   | 0  | 0                                    | 0     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | Nil | Nil |

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|     | ment & Research Insitute              |     |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |      |    |
| 6   | Quality Control Cells                 | Nil | Nil | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nil | Nil  |    |
| 7   | National Sugar Institute              | 2   | Nil | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   | Nil  | 70 |
| 8   | Food Corporation of India             | 180 | 11  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nil | 3364 |    |
| 9   | Central Warehousing Corporation       | 21  | Nil | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nil | 428  |    |
| 10. | Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation* | Nil | Nil | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Nil | Nil  |    |

Additional information

Details of efforts made to administer and implement the spirit and intention of this Act

- i. Six training sessions were held in the Department for officers/ staff in August & September, 2005 for familiarizing them with the provisions of the Act. These training sessions were also attended by the representatives of the attached/ subordinate offices/ PSUs under the Department. Training programme was also conducted in the FCI Zonal Office (West).
- ii. The provisions in the Act for designating CPIOs and publication of information relating to the organization have been complied with in the Department within the timeframe prescribed in the Act.
- iii. Arrangements have been made in the Department's Facilitation Centre itself for receipt of requests and fees from persons desirous of obtaining information under this Act.
- iv. Necessary instructions have been given to the heads of all attached/ subordinate offices, PSUs and autonomous bodies under the administrative control of the Department for compliance with the provisions of the Act.
- v. Every effort made to adhere to time schedule.

\* In so far as Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Ltd. (HVOC) is concerned, the organization is under liquidation and there are only four

persons at the Headquarters. Hence, no separate PIOs have been appointed in the organization. However in the Department, Director in charge of HVOC has been appointed as CPIO for matters relating to HVOC.  
Suitable suggestions for reform

1. The fees charged under Section 4 of the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005 may be exempted in case the total amount to be charged for providing information in a request is less than Rs. 10/-. This exemption would result in saving of time and money that may be spent in conveying the amount of additional fees to the requestor.
2. Some working / retired employees of FCI are seeking information relating to 20 years and before. FCI, Southern zone has suggested that specific amendment may be made with reference to period up to which information can be asked for/ furnished.

Steps taken to comply with Section 4(2) of the Act

1. Tender notices are put on the website simultaneously with the normal procedure.
2. All concerned in the Department including its attached/ subordinate offices/ PSUs have already been directed to put maximum information,

*suo motu*, on website.