

PRELUDE

The system of governance has recently been juxtaposed with a phase of transition. There has been a shift in paradigm with the historic voyage from secrecy to transparency. The trend of Right to Information has already set in. Responsiveness, accountability and clean administration have become the order of the day. It is a matter of pride for all citizens of this great country to experience such significant change. To make the whole administrative machinery adaptable to this changing scenario certainly warrants a lot of efforts in planning and execution fronts. We in the Information & Public Relations Department have shouldered onerous responsibility to act as nodal agency for the implementation of this Right to Information Act, 2005 in Orissa. We have adopted a multi-pronged strategy for declaring public Information Officers and Appellate Authorities in government offices and other public authorities, accelerating the process of proactive disclosure, organising the training programme for target authorities and resource persons, devising appropriate formats for monitoring and report, opening a central cell at the reception counter of the secretariat for the convenience of information seekers, mounting multi-media campaign for awareness generation and putting in place the Orissa Information Commission. In utilising the Information Technology as a tool, we have made the progress faster even as forerunner on some areas in the whole country. While focusing this act in February-March issues of Utkal Prasanga and Orissa Review we consider it appropriate to express our sincere gratitude to all those who have been involved in such mega exercise.



Digambar Mohanty

Commissioner-cum-Secretary & Nodal Officer,
Right to Information