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Third Party Transparency Audit under the RTI Act, 2005
Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya

Summary Report - 2025-2026

1. Preamble

All Public Authorities are mandated to proactively disclose information under Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, to promote transparency, accountability, and informed citizen participation in governance.

This audit appreciates the efforts of the Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya, in proactively disseminating information through its official website in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. The Department has demonstrated a commendable commitment towards transparency and good governance by making key information accessible to the public. During the course of the audit, certain areas were identified where additional information needs to be published on the website; these are detailed in the sections that follow.

2. Legal Framework Governing the Audit

This audit is conducted in exercise of powers conferred under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Act No. 22 of 2005). The primary legal provisions governing proactive disclosure are set out below:

Provision	Requirement
Section 4(1)(b)	Mandates proactive disclosure of 17 categories of information by every public authority.
Section 4(2)	Requires dissemination in the most accessible form and medium, including the internet.
Section 4(3)	Prescribes that disclosures be updated every year.
CIC Guidelines on Proactive Disclosure (2013 and amendments)	Specifies the format, depth, and periodicity of disclosure.
GIGW 3.0 (Guidelines for Indian Government Websites)	Sets standards for website quality and accessibility.
MeitY STQC CQW Scheme	Prescribes mandatory quality certification for government websites.
DoPT OM No. 1/6/2011-IR, dated 07.11.2019	Prescribes items under Section 4(1)(b) and additional information under Section 4(1)(d).

3. Audit Findings — Section 4(1)(b): Information Quality & Quantity

Field	Details
Audit Status	SATISFACTORY
Legal Reference	Section 4(1)(b), RTI Act 2005; CIC Guidelines on Proactive Disclosure (2013)
Observation	The information required under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act and the guidelines issued by the organization is satisfactory in terms of structural presence and accessibility. All mandatory categories (except sub-category xvii) are present on the website in a reasonably accessible format. The department has demonstrated due diligence in maintaining the mandatory disclosure framework.
Recommendation	Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya shall institutionalize a quarterly internal compliance review. A signed compliance checklist (CPIO-certified), covering all 17 sub-categories and the additional 8 categories, must be maintained as an internal record. Content must be reviewed not only for presence but also for depth and accuracy.
Compliance Timeline	Continuous — a quarterly certification cycle is to be established.

The information required under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act and the associated guidelines is satisfactory, and the website is being used as an effective medium for the dissemination of information. Nonetheless, information required to be proactively disclosed under the Act and guidelines should be disclosed completely and entirely, both in quality and quantity, so as to further enhance transparency and openness.

4. Key Recommendations

- Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya may ensure the regular publication and updation of Annual Reports on its official website under Section 4(1)(b)(xvii) of the RTI Act, 2005. Timely disclosure of such information will enhance transparency, accountability, and compliance with the proactive disclosure requirements of the Act.

- The Public Authority may prepare and publish a comprehensive RTI Manual and a detailed Citizen Charter containing all prescribed information under the RTI Act, 2005, and ensure these documents are uploaded to the official website in a structured, user-friendly, and regularly updated manner.

- Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya shall institutionalize a quarterly internal compliance review, maintaining a signed compliance checklist (CPIO-certified) covering all 17 sub-categories and the additional 8 categories as an internal record, reviewing content not only for presence but for depth and accuracy.

Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya may prepare and publish the Annual Report for FY 2025–26 and update the RTI Manual under Section 4(1)(b) (xvii) with the latest reports, notifications, circulars, and other prescribed information. The RTI Manual should be reviewed periodically and display the last updated date to ensure transparency and continued compliance with the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Positive Observations & Appreciation

- **Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya is appreciated for disseminating information widely and in a form and manner that is easily accessible to the public, in compliance with Section 4(3) of the RTI Act — a commendable initiative towards strengthening public confidence through effective proactive disclosure.**

- **The maximum number of concerned URL links has been updated in the Self-Appraisal (S.A.) on the CIC Portal. Most disclosure links are functional and appropriately mapped to the relevant information available on the official website.**

6. Conclusion

IIPA Puducherry extend our sincere congratulations to Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya, for achieving an audit score of 89% in the RTI Third Party Audit for the year 2025–26. This notable progress demonstrates the Public Authority's continued commitment to transparency, proactive disclosure, and compliance with the provision of RTI Act, 2005.

It is recommended that the Public Authority of the Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya, initiate appropriate measures to ensure the disclosure of the information identified in this report on its official website, in strict compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.

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