

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 116
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018)

RTI RANKING

***116. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, as per the recent Global RTI ranking, India has slipped to 6th position in RTI ranking of 123 countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India ranked 2nd in Global RTI ranking during 2011, 2012 and 2013;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reasons for fall of India's ranking during the last four years; and
- (f) the corrective steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF RAJYA SABHA
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(a) to (e): Central Government is neither aware nor involved with any Global RTI Ranking. Also, such ranking, if any, was not conducted at the behest of the Central Government.

(f): Nonetheless Government has been taking steps to improve implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005, inter-alia, as follows:

- (i) RTI Online portal (<https://rtionline.gov.in>) has been launched in August, 2013 by Department of Personnel and Training.
 - Number of Public Authorities increased from 96 to approx. 2199 from 2013-14 to 2018-19 (till 15 December 2018)
 - Average Monthly Online RTI Request filed increased from 7319 to 43633 since 2013 to 2018.
 - RTI Online Portal made bilingual (English and Hindi) in nature by including Hindi as well.
 - Disposal of Online Request is at staggering 85% (i.e. CPIOs replying to RTI Request in online medium)
 - Disposal of Online Appeals is also at 72% (i.e. FAAs replying to RTI appeal in online medium)
 - Inclusion of RuPAY Credit/Debit Card for RTI Online Fees apart from Visa and Master Cards.
 - More than 12000-13000 Officials, staffs and end user at various Central Govt. offices were trained in RTI Online Portal by conducting trainings sessions across the country.
- (ii) There are 2199 Central Public Authorities aligned to RTI Online Portal as on date, making it convenient for citizens to file RTI requests and First Appeals online.
- (iii) DoPT provides funds to various State Governments for establishing helpline in order to facilitate obtaining of the information by the RTI applicants.
- (iv) Funds are provided each year to various state Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs) by the Government to help generate awareness about RTI among the citizens of the country through measures like Distance learning programmes and Online certificate course in regional languages, publishing of handbooks on RTI and distribution of the same among the public. State Information Commissions (SICs) are also provided funds for celebration of RTI week.
