

RTI AUDIT ON

RTI ACT IMPLEMENTATION IN IRCON

(COMPLIANCE OF SECTION-4&DoPT OM: 15-04-2013)

FOR (2018-2019)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

General Profile

- 1. IRCON was incorporated on 28th April, 1976, in Delhi under the name 'Indian Railway Construction Company Limited' mainly for the purpose of construction of Railway Projects in India and abroad on commercially prudent lines with the help of expertise from Railways. The name of the Company was changed to "Ircon International Limited" w.e.f. 17th October 1995 in tune with the international image and scope of operations of the Company. IRCON is a listed company with effect from 28th September, 2018.
- 2. IRCON is a Schedule 'A' Mini Ratna Category-I Government Company in the construction sector under the administrative control of Ministry of Railways with 89.18% of the paid up equity held by the Government of India. It is also an ISO certified Company for Quality Management System for the organization (since 1996), Environment Management System (since2011), and Occupational Health and Safety Management System (certified since2012-13). The company has now switched over to new standard of Occupational Health and Safety Management System i.e. ISO 45001:2018
- 3. The Company is an integrated Indian engineering and construction company, specializing in major infrastructure projects, including, railways, highways, bridges, flyovers, tunnels, aircraft maintenance hangars, runways, EHV sub-stations, electrical and mechanical works, commercial and residential properties, development of industrial areas, and other infrastructure activities. on EPC, BOT, HAM and Cost Plus basis. IRCON is headquartered in Saket, New Delhi and is having an overseas office in Malaysia. Additionally, IRCON hasproject offices in India and abroad (including in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, South Africa and Algeria) and five regional offices to support and manage our business operations.
- 4. The paid up equity capital of IRCON is Rs.94.05 crore as on 31.03.2019. During the Financial Year 2018-19, the President of India (Promoter) acting through Ministry of Railways, Government of India, divested its 10.53% stake in the Company (i.e. 9,905,157 Equity Shares of face value of Rs.10 each) through Offer for Sale to the public for cash at a

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price of Rs.475 each, aggregating to Rs.466.70 crore. A discount of Rs.10 per Equity Share on the Offer Price was offered to the Retail Individual Investors and Eligible Employee. The issue was oversubscribed by more than 9 times. After disinvestment, Government of India holds 89.18% of the paid-up equity. IRCON got listed at the BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited w.e.f. 28th September, 2018.

Operational Profile

The Company started its operations in 1977-78 and entered international market in a big way with a major breakthrough in Iraq followed by Algeria. Completion of project in time conforming to international standards earned for Ircon its reputation as one of the leading construction companies of India. Commencing its operations exclusively in the railway sector, the Company diversified its activities in 1985 to other constructions too. The scope was further enhanced in 1993 to include projects on BOT, BOOT, BLT etc., business relating to leasing, real estate, etc.

The core competences in order of priority are – Railways, Highways & EHT Sub-station Engineering and Construction. The Company has executed projects operated in the areas of Railways construction including ballast less track, electrification, tunneling, signal & telecommunication as well as leasing of locos, construction of roads, highways, commercial, industrial & residential buildings and complexes, airport runway and hangars, metro and mass rapid transit system, etc.

As on March 31, 2019, Company has made tremendous progress over the years and so far completed more than 128 projects in 24 countries across the globe and 383 projects in India.

COMPLETED FOREIGN PROJECTS:

During the year 2018-19, Company has competed one project in South Africa in December 2018, which was secured in November, 2015 for procurement of Plant Design, Supply and Installation of Overhead Track Equipments, Traction Sub-stations, Auxiliary Power Supplies Substation, Bulk Power Supplies Switching Stations and Signalling Systems for Majuba Rail Project, South Africa, for Eskom Holdings SOC Limited at a value of Rs.345 cores.

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ONGOING FOREIGN PROJECT:

Company is executing following two projects in foreign countries:

- 1. Bangladesh For construction of Embankment, trak, all civil work, major & minor bridges (except Rupsha) & culverts and implementation of EMP against Package WD1 under the project Construction of Khulna-Mongla Port Rail Line for Bangladesh Railway at a value of Rs.911 core. The physical progress upto March 2019 is 49.50%. The work was commenced in March 2016 and is schedule for completion in September 2020.
- 2. Algeria Installation of double track line (93 kms) in Algeria awarded by ANESRIF, Ministry of Transport, Government of Algeria, initially awarded at a value of Algerian Dinar Cr. 1628 (Rs.1003 crore converted) involving construction of sedone line and upgradation of existing line, with diversion of 10 kms from Ouedsly to Yellel in Algiers-Oran section of Algerian Railways. The value of contract including addition works for realization of double line has been revised to Rs.1747 crore (converted). The project was awarded in 2008 and is likely to be completed in June 2020.

COMPLETED DOMESTIC PROJECTS:

During the financial year 2018-19, following three projects in India got completed:

Widening and Strengthening of existing Bikaner-Phalodi section to Fourlane from Km4.200 to Km55.250 and Two-lane with paved shoulder from Km 55.250 to Km 163.500 of NH 15 on BOT (Toll) basis in the State of Rajasthan, for Ircon PB Tollway Limited (IrconPBTL) at a value of Rs.681 crore.

Four-laning of Shivpuri to Guna from Km 236.00 to Km 332.100 (Package I) in the State of Madhya Pradesh to be executed on BOT (Toll) on DBFOT pattern under NHDP Phase –IV), for Ircon Shivpuri Guna Tollway Limited (IrconSGTL) at a value of Rs.670 crore.

The work of system improvement, strengthening and augmentation of distribution system to bring down AT&C losses and improve quality of consumer supply of Meerut town of Uttar Pradesh, to be carried out under



RAPDRP Part-B scheme on turnkey basis including supply of material, for PVVNL, at a value of Rs.329 crore.

NEW PROJECTS IN INDIA:

During 2018-19, Company took the following projects in India for a total value Rs.7635 crores in its order book.

Construction of New BG Electrified Rail Line between Dharamjaigarh to Korba (Urga) of Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited (CERL-II) at total value of Rs.1138 crore;

Construction of Corridor-III of East West Corridor between Gevra Road to Pendra Road in the State of Chhattisgarh for Chhattisgarh East-West Railway Limited (CEWRL) at value of Rs.260 crore;

Survey, Feasibility study, Detailed Design and Construction of various identified Rail Coal Connectivity Project(s), for Jharkhand Central Railway Limited (JCRL), at value of Rs.1139 crore as per approved DPR.

Survey, Feasibility study, Detailed Design and Construction of various identified Rail Coal Connectivity Project(s), for Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited (MCRL), at value of Rs.1079 crore.

Execution of rail connectivity projects identified by Bastar Railway Private Limited (BRPL), at value of Rs.1513 crore.

Construction of Eight Lane Vadodara Kim Expressway from Km 323.00 to Km 355.00 (Sanpa to Padra Section of Vadodara Mumbai Expressway) in the State of Gujarat under NHDP Phase-VI on Hybrid Annuity Mode (Phase IA-Package II), for Ircon Vadodara Kim Expressway Limited (IrconVKEL) at value of Rs.1378 crore.

Additional work under the Construction of SivokRangpo New BG Rail Link Project, for North-East Frontier Railway at a value of Rs.1128 crore.

FINANCIAL PROFILE

During the financial year 2018-19, Ircon achieved a total operating income of Rs.4415 crore, registering 13.47% increase over previous year's operating income of Rs.3891 crore.

Some important indicators of financial performance of the Company for the year 2018-19 vis-à-vis 2017-18 are given below:

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	(Rs.	in crore)			
	SI. No.	Particulars	2018- 19	2017- 18	Increase / (Decrease) [in %]
_	1.	Total income / turnover	4680	4123	13.56
-	2.	Total Operating income / turnover	4415	3896	13.47
	3.	Operating income from Foreign Projects	585	601	(2.50)
æ	4.	Operating income from Indian Projects	3829	3295	16.38
	5.	Profit before tax	615	533	16.04
	6.	Profit after tax	445	391	14.69
	7.	Net worth	3950	3752	5.31
1	8.	Dividend	202.63	192.40	5.32

SHARE CAPITAL / DEMATERIALIZATION:

As on 31st March, 2019, the Authorized share capital of the Company was Rs.400 crore consisting of 40 crore equity shares of Rs.10/- each and the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company was Rs.94.05 crore consisting of 9,40,51,574 equity shares of Rs.10/- each. All the shares (except only 17 shares in physical form) are held in dematerialized form.

The details of dematerialization of shares, Demat Suspense Account / Unclaimed Suspense Account is provided in Corporate Governance Report.

ORDER BOOK

The Company has secured works worth Rs.7635 crore during the year 2018-19. The order book as on 31st March 2019 stood at Rs.33,901 crore (approx) as compared to Rs.22,407 crore (approx.) as on 31st March 2018.

CSR & SUSTAINABILITY

During the year, Company has spent Rs.8.75 crore towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in promoting flagship programmes like Skill India, Digital India, Serva Shiksha Abhiyan, Swachh Bharat, Namami Gange etc. and areas like gender equality and women empowerment, environment sustainability, employment enhancing

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vocational skills, welfare activities for SC/ST/OBCs, minorities and women, etc.

SUBSIDIARIES AND JOINT VENTURE COMPANIES

Presently, Ircon comprises of five subsidiaries (viz. Ircon Infrastructure & Services Limited, Ircon PB Tollway Limited, Ircon Shivpuri Guna Tollway Limited and Ircon Davanagere Haveri Highway Limited and Ircon Vadodra Kim Expressway) and seven JVCs in India (viz. Ircon-Soma Tollway Private Limited, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited, Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited, , Chhattisgarh East-West Railway Limited, Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited, Jharkhand Central Railway Limited, and Bastar Railway Private Limited).

Awards

During the year 2018-19, the Company has won following awards:

S.No.	Name of the	For the Project/	Brief about the Award
	Award &	Category	
	Received on		
1.	ET Now Stars of	Best Corporate	IRCON has implemented a
	the Industry	CSR Practices	range of CSR activities in varied
	Award		developmental areas like Skill
	(21.12.2018)		Development, Education,
	5		Health, Sanitation &
			Cleanliness, Sports & Culture
			and many other fields creating
	,		and evident impact to the
			society in the financial year
	~	15	2017-18. The detailed
			information on Ircon's CSR
7 = -	⇒ × ∨		Activities is on the company's
2	TD 0 1		website.
2.	IBC Award for	For MFC	Indian Building Congress (IBC)
	Excellence in	Raebarely	presented this Award at their
	Built	Project	23rd Convention organized at
	Environment		Patna. The Modern Coach
	(28.12.2018)	-	Factory (MFC), Raebarely is
			equipped with latest plant and
		-	machines with the highest level
			of automation & robotics for

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			producing 1000 coaches per
2			annum.
3.	Governance	In value Growth	IRCON's consolidated total
	Now 6th PSU	Category for	revenue for the Fiscal Year
	Awards	Mini Ratna I	2016, 2017 and 2018 were
	(17.01.2019)	Companies	29,08.63 crore, 33,01.34 crore,
	- N		and 4212.40 crore, respectively.
			It's Net Profit after tax
			(excluding OCI)-for Fiscal Year
		-	2016, Fiscal Year 2017 and
	2	1	Fiscal Year 2018 were 3,93.10
	***	122	crore, 383.97 crore, and 411.58
			crore respectively.
4.	Rail Analysis	Infrastructure	
= =	Award	Project	IRCON has so far completed more than 380 infrastructure
	(23.01.2019)	Excellence in	
	(23.01.2017)	India & Abroad	projects in India and 127
		Iliula & Abroau	projects across the globe in
5.	8th EPC Word	For 2nd Dl 1	more than 24 countries.
J.	Award	For 2nd Bhairab	IRCON has successfully
		Bridge,	completed and commissioned
	(07.02.2019)	Bangladesh	the project of Construction of
		Ç ²	2nd Bhairab Railway Bridge
			with Approach Rail Lines (US\$
	D : 1 CIVD		40.10 million)
6.	Pride of HR	To Ms. Jaishri	Ms. Jaishri Sharma is serving
	Professional in	Sharma by	IRCON as AGM/HRM. This
	PSU	World HRD	individual award was a
	(16.02.2019)	Congress	recognition for her strategic
5			perspective, track record,
		χ.	future orientation and integrity
		18	& ethics.
7	Amity	To CMD for best	The award was conferred upon
	Excellence	practices in the	Shri S.K. Chaudhary, CMD,
	Award	construction	IRCON who has over 35 years
	(21.02.2019)	and	of experience in the
	£	infrastructure	Construction Sector. He
		section.	started his career with IRCON
	V	Section.	and worked about 23 years in
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			various capacities. He later
		-	worked with HUDCO as Sr.
	=		Executive Director and then
			NBCC before he joined back

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		_	IRCON as Chairman &
			Managing Director.
8.	Award of	For best	The award was presented
	Excellence	practices in the	jointly from the University of
	(23.02.2019)	Corporate -	Engineering & Management
		Sector	(UEM), Jaipur and University of
	8.		Engineering & Management
			(UEM), Kolkata for IRCON's
			immense contribution to the
e:			corporate world.
9.	Rajbhasha	For best	This award was presented
	Encouragement	implementation	during 48th meeting of Nagar
	Award	of Hindi	Rajbhasha implementation
	(28.02.2019)		Committee (Enterprise -1) at
	- 6* == -		Delhi
10.	11th CIDC	For CSR	In one of the CSR activities of
	Vishwakarma	practices	IRCON, the company
	for Social	inRaigarh	contributed Rs. 33 lakh to
	Development &	(Chhatisgarh)	NBCFDC skill development
	Impact		training programmes for
	(07.03.2019)	2,2	backward classes' youths of
		5.5	Chhattisgarh.
11.	11th CIDC	In > Rs. 1,000	IRCON has a distinction of not
	Vishwakarma	crore turnover	making loss since its inception
	for Best	category	in 1976. The company has
	Professionally	7	never left any project
	Managed		uncompleted. It has
	Company		consistently been a dividend
	(07.03.2019)		paying company. The company
	.~	1	is growing in a competitive
			environment as a truly
			professional company.

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12.	11th CIDC	For Shivpuri-	IRCON has successfully
	Vishwakarma	Guna project	completed the four laning
	for Best Construction Project (07.03.2019)		project of Shivpuri to Guna on NH 46, well before the schedule time. The construction of 85 km road, the first phase of the project, costing of Rs.759 Cr was done on Design, Build, Finance, Operate & Transfer (DBFOT) basis. The
	ė e	-	achievement was appreciated by the Hon'ble Union Minister Sh. Nitin Gadkari.
13.	CIDC Parterns in Progress _ Trophy 2019 (07.03.2019)	For display of utmost commitment and drive to create a vibrant work environment	The CIDC Partners in Progress Trophy is a token of- appreciation to honour organizations that have been partners in the progress of CIDC and have displayed their utmost commitment and drive to create a vibrant work environment for the construction fraternity especially for achieving targets

2.0 Implementation of the RTI Act.2005

IRCON as per the records available in the RTI cell, had started the implementation of the RTI Act 2005 immediately after the enactment of the RTI Act in 2005. As per the records the company had nominated the Appellate Authority (AA), Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) & State Level Public Information Officer (SPIO) during the year 2005 and also notified the same on their website.

As per the system being followed for the implementation of the RTI act in IRCON, there is one centralise monitoring cell at Corporate Office, under the General Manager (CIVIL). There are 4 State Level Public Information Officers responsible for their respective region. There is one Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO) assisting to CPIO at corporate Centre. There is one centralised First Appellate Authority (FAA) for all business unit heads, Corporate & Regional offices.

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All the applications for information are received by the CPIO, correspondence or information to the applicant is being provided by respective CPIO or State Level Public Information Officers only. First Appellate Authority (FAA) is independently receiving the appeals related all the areas/departments/business unit and disposing of the same in line with the provisions in the act within 30 days. List of the FirstAppellate Authority, CPIOs, and State PIOs& APIO is attached at **Annexure "I"**

At present following officers are directly responsible for smooth implementation of the RTI act 2005 in IRCON

Mr. S.K.Chaudhary	Chairman& Managing Director
Mr.A.K.Goyal	Executive Director & Appellate Authority
Mr. Masood Ahmad	General Manager.(Civil) & CPIO
Mr.Devendra Sohaya	Joint General Manager(Civil) & APIO
Four	State Level PIOs
Business units	ED/HEADS
All Departments	Nominated Officers
All Employees	As Custodians of Information

3.0 Officers contacted for the Audit;

In order to conduct the RTI audit of the IRCON, Corporate Office & Northern Region following officials has been contacted for discussions and obtaining the relevant inputs such as information, documents etc. for smooth audit.

Mr.A.K.Goyal Executive Director(Projects) &FAA Mr.Masood Ahmad, General Manager Civil) & CPIO Mr.Devendra Sohaya Joint General Manager (Civil) & APIO Mr. B.K.Thakur, Joint General Manager (Legal) & SLPI Mr.P. Likhar, Dy. Manager, RTI Cell

4.0 Compliance of RTI act in IRCON (Compliance of Section 4(1)(b)

In accordance with the act it was the obligations of all the public authorities to comply with the provisions of the section 4(1) (b) on proactive disclosures and to publish the same within 120 days from 15-06-2005 for smooth implementation of the RTI act from the date of its enactment that 12-10-2005, accordingly, IRCON has to proactively disclose all the

information as mentioned in 17paras i.e. 4(a) i to xvii, IRCON has provided data/details/ information with respect to 15 points on their website except 2(Two) items, which are not applicable to IRCON. Detailed point wise status is given in the Annexure II.

5.0 Details for obtaining of information by citizen of India

As per the act requirement at clause 4(1)(b)(xv) detailed procedure for obtaining information by the citizen of India from IRCON, it has been provided under RTI portal, including particulars & contact details of FAA/CPIO/State Level PIO and APIO.

For making first appeal as per section 19 of the act, IRCON has also provided the complete details of the First Appellate Authority (FAA) along with his contact details.

6.0 Acceptance of cash by IRCON for RTI Fee

IRCON is accepting cash against application fee as well as for additional fee for providing information, as per the RTI act Fee Rules, 2005.

7.0 Compliance of Section 4(1) (a)

Detailed discussions were held with heads of three departments for implementation of the act & compliance of the section 4(1) with respect maintaining of the records. We contacted three departments i.e. RTI Cell, Civil Division and the Legal & Arbitration Cell.

All the three departments' have confirmed for maintaining the proper records management in their respective departments for faster retrieving of the information and providing the same to the concerned PIO. For RTI cell there is separate record retention policy in place as per circular dated **26-07-2016.**

It has been told that all the departments are ISO Certified, and the ISO procedures are being followed in decision making process & with respect to the retention of the documents and weed out of the same as per the life of documents mentioned in the respective procedures which are being followed.

Computerisation of the documents & records indexing & cataloguing are under consideration.

-8.0 Suo-motu disclosures under section 4(2), 4(3) & 4(4)

IRCON as per requirement of Suo-motu disclosures under 4(2), 4(3) & 4(4) has provided adequate information on the web site as well as in their annual report. In addition to above, details of all type of projects being executed or under execution in India or globally have been adequately given on the website. The website also contains the details about domestic & global markets, future plans, annual report also covers all the financial parameters, operational highlights, order book positions, awards etc.

9.0 Status of RTI applications for the year 2018-19

Opening Balance as on 01-04-2018	= 10
No. Of applications received during the year	= 185
No. Of applications disposed of during the year	= 185
No. Of applications disposed of within 30 days	= 180
No. Of applications disposed of after 30 days	= 05
No. Of applications pending if any	= 10*

Note: 10 no. of applications under process received during the month of March 2019, (Delay due to holiday, Saturday & Sunday. Mostly all applications processed within 30 working days)

10.0 Status of RTI appeals to first appellate authority for the year 2018-2019

Opening Balance as on 01-04-2018	= 03
No. of appeals received during the year	= 30
No. of appeals disposed off during the year	= 33 (3of the last year)
No. of appeals disposed of within 30 days	= 33
No. of appeals pending if any	= Nil

11.0 Status of RTI second appeals to CIC for the year 2018-2019

No. of hearings received during the year	= 6
No. of hearings disposed of during the year	= 6

12.0 Annual & Quarterly Reports (section 25)

As per the records physically seen related to the Quarterly Reports of IRCON, they are regularly submitting quarterly reports to CIC, in the prescribed Performa of DoPT. (Quarterly Reports for all the four quarters for the year 2018-19are enclosed at **Annexure III**). Quarterly Reports are being collected by the RTI Cell from the four state level PIOs, records for

those is available with the RTI-Cell. Based on these reports consolidated single report is being prepared and forwarded to the concerned authorities by centralised RTI Cell functioning under the CPIO.

13.0 Update of information (Section 4 (xvii)

IRCON has confirmed & seen that, it is updating the information every year & as and when required. Presently, updated information is available on the website as on 20-01-2020.

14.0 Training on RTI (Section 26)& OM dated 24-06-2008

IRCON time to time is deputing its officers for RTI Programs & Seminars. It was suggested to have in house training on RTI for creating awareness as per section 26 of the RTI Act & OM dated 24-06-2008 .It is necessary as all the officers, who are custodians of the information must have awareness about the provisions of the act in order to implement in right spirit to provide information within prescribed 30 days.

15.0 Availability of latest circulars, guidelines and notifications on RTI

IRCON is maintainingall therelevant circulars, it has been advised to maintain all the important circulars/ guidelines in the separate file for day to day references.

16.0 Update of Replies on Website

Regarding Update of RTI replies on website, IRCON is uploading the RTI replies on the website in order to comply with the DoPT Circular No. 1/1/2013-IR, Dated: 21-10-2014. It was examined and found updated on the website for the year 2017-18.

17.0 CITIZEN CHARTER

IRCON have put adequate para regarding citizen charter on the website.

18.0 PPP CONTRACTS/ AGREEMENTS

IRCON has to publish the information regarding PPP contracts/Agreements on the website as per DoPT Circular dated 15-04-2013. IRCON, is presently having few such agreement/ assignments, which have been given on the website.

19.0 PROCUREMENTS / BID AWARDS

IRCON has to publish the information regarding contracts/bid awards on the website as per DoPT Circular dated 15-04-2013. IRCON, is putting the information related to procurement giving complete details of the awards such as name of the contractor and value.

20.0 CAG & PAC PARA

IRCON have included the CAG & PAC para in their annual report at page no.186 & 272 available on the web site of the company. **Annexure IV**.

21.0 RTI para in Annual Report Circular 15-04-2013

IRCON in their Annual Report have included a para on implementation of RTI Act 2005 at page no.14 of the annual report as per provision of the DoPT circular of 15-04-2013. Annexure V.

22.0 Transfer Policy & Transfer Orders

The transfer policy of employees is available on the website of IRCON, however, the transfer orders are being put on the intranet of IRCON, which is available only to the employees. In case any applicant seeking for the specific transfer order of the employee is being provided as per the provision under the act after applying the section 8 of the RTI Act 2005 if applicable.

23.0 Discretionary and Non-Discretionary Grants

No Discretionary and Non-Discretionary Grants being granted by IRCON.

24.0 Foreign Tours of Foreign Tours of PM/Ministers

There is no rank of Joint Secretary in IRCON, however, in case information related to foreign / domestic official tour is sought is being provided as per the provisions under the RTI Act 2005.



25.0 Examination/Audit of CPIO Office/AA Office

In order to examine for the purpose of Auditing of the implementation of the RTI in IRCON, in line with DoPT OM dated 15-04-2013 , detailed discussions were held in the office of CPIO, SPIO& FAA on 22-01-2020 & 03-02-2020 along with full team of RTI Cell& First Appellate authority(FAA) Officers. The discussions were held with all the officials mentioned at para 3.0 as well as the clarification if any were provided by them.

The process of RTI application receipt till disposal or despatchedbyIRCON including obtaining of information from other departments/custodians of information were checked and examined, which has been found very satisfactory. RTI receipts register is being maintained properly by concerned CPIO/SPIO. The dispatch register is also being properly maintained by IRCON.

The CPIO is regularly and promptly furnishing the information to the applicants within the prescribed time of 30 days, in accordance with the provisions under the RTI act. **During the period 2018-19**, 99.9 % applications have been consistently disposed of within 30 days.

Detailed discussions were also held in the office of FAA, Shri A.K.Goyal, ED, on 03-02-2019 with respect to implementation of RTI Act & First Appeal disposal process of IRCON. The orders passed by the First Appellate Authority were examined and found in order. During the period 2018-19, 100% First Appeals have been consistently disposed of within 30 days. The First Appellate Authority is issuing clear speaking orders with reasoning.

It also include the details of the Second Appellate Authority in the order issued by First appellate authority for the benefit of the applicants.

Records of documents, availability of relevant circulars /guidelines, training of officers on RTI etc were also examined, observation during the audit have been highlighted below under the observations.

26.0 Observations;

All the documents such as receipt & despatch registers, files, proactive disclosures under section 4 and as per DoPT OM 15-04-2013, website of IRCON including RTI Portal, record management system, obtaining

information from the custodian or deemed CPIO were examined /audited,the detailed observations are as given below;

- 1.0 The pro active disclosures for sections 4(1)(b) have been adequately provided for all the XVII points. Where not applicable, it has been mentioned with the reasoning. Refer Annexure II. In addition, most of the provisions applicable to CPSEs have also been complied of the DoPT Circular dated 15-04-2013.
- 2.0 Under Chapter4 (1) (b) (xi), Budget Allocations, budgets and actual expenditures details have been provided up to 2018-19.
- 3.0 On examinations of records of replies & information provided to the applicants it has been found that IRCON is consistently providing the replies /information for 99.9% % within 30 days and only few applicationswere disposed beyond 30 days due to non receipt of the additional fee from the applicants. The applications were delayed because of seeking additional fee as per the RTI Fee Rules 2005; however, all the applications have been disposed of within 30 working days by excluding the time for obtaining the fee.
- 4.0 On examinations of first appeals management, it has been found that 100% appeals were disposed of within 30 days during the period 2018-19.
- 5.0 Regarding Update of RTI replies on Web site of IRCON for 2018-2019 has been uploading the RTI replies & FAA Orders which are in the interest of the public, in order to comply the DoPT circular No. 1/1/2013-IR, Dated: 21-10-2014.
- 6.0 IRCON has not deputed CPIO/APIO/Nodal officers and other officials for RTI training during the year 2018-2019 as per the section 26 of the RTI Act 2005 and DoPT OM 24-06-2008.
- It was suggested to conduct region wise RTI Program for the concerned officers.
- 7.0 The details of the foreign& Domestic tours of the officers of the rank of Jt. Secretary needs to be disclosed as per OM dated 15-04-2013. There is no rank of Joint Secretary in IRCON, however, in case information related to foreign / domestic official tour is sought is being provided as per the provisions under the RTI Act 2005.

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27.0 Final Conclusions / Recommendation to IRCON

IRCON is implementing the RTI ACT 2005 across all its offices at Corporate Office, State Regional Offices& Projects as per the provisions under the RTI Act 2005 from the enactment of the statue that from 2005 itself.

IRCON has fully complied the obligations of public authority by pro active disclosures of the information as per section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act by providing information on the web site.

In addition, most of the provisions applicable to CPSEs have also been complied of the DoPT Circular dated 15-04-2013. Detailed status is given in the attached Annexure II.

IRCON is implementing RTI ACT 2005 in right and true spirit, may be seen from the status of applications and appeals that all the applications have been disposed of by CPIO within the time limit of 30 days and also all the appeals were dispose of by the first appellate authority within 30 days as per the provisions in the act.

Following needs to be complied at the time of revision or before the next year audit.

1.0 Considering the quantum of applications are being received related to various projects, in house awareness program for employees of IRCON on RTI needs to be organised for faster disposal of applications and saving of the administrative time & cost.

It was suggested to conduct region wise RTI Program for the concerned officers of the regions.

2.0 The details of the foreign & Domestic tours of the officers of the rank of Jt. Secretary and above needs to be disclosed as per OM dated 15-04-2013. There is no rank of Joint Secretary in IRCON, however, in case information related to foreign / domestic official tour is sought it must be provided as per the provisions under the RTI Act 2005.

In view of above, IRCON has fully complied all the parameters of the audit for the year 2018-2019.

28.0 Certification

In view of the above, it is concluded that IRCON for the audit period 2018-19 is meeting all the requirements of the provisions of RTI act that compliances for section 4 (1)(b), DoPT OM/circular dated 15-04-2013 for Suo-Motu Disclosures and other provisions of the act. IRCON is providing the information against all the RTI applications within stipulated time of 30 days and all the first appeals have also been disposed of within stipulated time of 30 days clearly indicate implementation of RTI Act in true spirit.

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