Chapter – 1

THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

OBLIGATIONS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Manual of PUBLIC LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

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INTRODUCTION

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The Right to Information Act. 2005 is an Act to provide for setting out the practical regime of Right to Information for citizens to secure and access to information under the control of Public Authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, the constitution of a Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions and for matters connected there with or incidental thereto.

Subject to the provisions of the 'Right to Information Act' all citizens shall have the right to information and Section 4 (1) (b) of the said Act casts an obligation on each public authority to publish a manual on the functioning of each Department.

This manual gives a comprehensive idea about the particulars, functions of "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC"

LIBRARIES " and also the powers and duties of the employees including the channels of supervision and accountability;

This manual contains 17 chapters in all which gives information about the functioning of the "Public Libraries"

Department".

Director of Public Libraries

Chapter 2 Organization, Functions & Duties (Section 4 (1) (b) (i) of Right to Information Act.2005

Sl. No.	Name of the Orga- nization	Address of the organization	Functions of the organization	Duties of the organization
01.	Dept. of	State	Under Section 5(1) of	Chairman, APGP:
	Public	Central	Andhra Pradesh Public	
	Libraries	Library	Libraries Act.1960, the	The Chairman shall be Head
		campus,	AP Grandhalaya	of the Parishad and shall preside
		Afzalgunj,	Parishad shall be the	over all its meetings. He shall
		Hyd12	principal policy	supervise the implementation of
			formulating body and	
			shall exercise the	the Parishad and exercise such
			following powers and	other powers and perform such
			1	functions as may be prescribed.
			functions:	
				Member Secretary (DPL):
			5 (1)	7(A) The Member-Secretary shall
			a) to evolve	
			perspective plans	
			for the development	
			of library services	
			and to coordinate	
				(1) implement all the
			standards of library service in Zilla	policies and programmes of Parishad;
			service in Zilla Grandhalaya	Farishau,
			Samsthas;	(2) exercise general
			Samstilas,	supervision and control over
			b) to prepare consoli-	the Parishad office staff, field
			dated programs in	
			accordance with the	employee of the Parishad and
			guidelines issued	1
			by the Govt. and	
			the Raja	3
			Rammohun Roy	
			Library Foundation	` /
			and also to	
			implement the	
			development	promotions and other
			programs;	disciplinary action of the
				staff of Parishad and Zilla
			c) to approve the	Grandhalaya Samsthas;

	d)
	e)
	f)
	g)
	h)

budget estimates of the Parishad & Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas;

- sanction the to opening of library branches. village libraries and book deposit centres, subject to the availability of funds and creation of full time posts with the approval of the Govt.;
- e) to accord admn. and financial sanction for the construction of buildings for the purpose of Public Libraries;
- f) to accord admn.and financial sanction for additional staff with the approval of the Govt.;
- g) to approve the shifting of Regional and Mobile Libs.;
- h) to accept gifts or endowments for any purpose connected with the library activities of a value upto Rs.5 lakhs and with the permission of the Govt. of a value exceeding Rs.5

- (4) run the day to day administration of the Parishad and conduct all its financial administrative transactions;
- (5) be the custodian of the finances of the parishad;
- (6) to prepare and present the audited statements of accounts and utilization certificates to the Parishad for its approval;
- (7) obtain audited statements of accounts of all the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas and place them before the parishad for its approval along with utilization certificates;
- (8) recommend administrative and financial sanctions for the creation of the posts of Officers and the other employees for the performance of functions of the Parishad.

Transfer of properties & staff:

7-D. The Government may at any time after the constitution of the Parishad transfer to it any properties of the public libraries along with the staff on such terms and conditions as it may deem proper.

Powers of Govt. to give directions:

7-E. The Parishad shall function

lakhs.

- i) to approve and submit to the Govt. every year the audited statements of accounts and utilization certificates of its funds;
- j) to approve the annual audited statements of accounts of the Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas;
- k) to approve the annual report on the working of public libraries under the Act. and cause to be placed before the Legislature;
- to decide the policy 1) for the selection and purchase of books required by the Public Libraries in the State and for this purpose to constitute subcommittees, which shall include one expert in the subject language concerned besides other eminent persons in the faculties concerned:

under the general supervision and the Government shall have powers to give such directions as it may deem fit from time to time and may review the actions of the Parishad.

According to Sec.8 of the APPL

Director of Public Libraries are:

- (a) supervise the State Central Library and the branches of such library;
- (b) superintend and direct all matters relating to public libraries;
- (c) declare, in accordance with the rules made under APPL Act.1960, what libraries are eligible for aid from the Govt. and supervise and direct all matters relating to such libraries;
- (d) direct and control the work of all Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas under APPL Act. in the manner prescribed;
- (e) omitted
- (f) submit reports to the Committee on the working of libraries, whenever necessary;

- m) to organize and conduct library seminars and conferences;
- n) to set up subcommittees, as may be necessary from time to time to regulate the work;
- to co-ordinate all o) the activities concerned with the library service and also to supervise the proper utilization of funds allotted such to activities including the cess collection by the ZGSs; and
- p) to prepare consolidated programme in the sphere of the library service in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Govt. time to time.
- 2. The Parishad advise shall the Govt. on all matters arising under this Act and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed

- (g) publish annually a bibliography of all the books published in the State in any language other than English or Sanskrit;
- (h) perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as re impose or conferred on him by this Act or the rule so made there under;
- (i) arrange for centralized classification, cataloguing, inter-library loan, coordination of book selection and maintenance of copyright registry.

Chapter 3

Powers and Duties of Officers and Employees

[Section 4 (1)(b)(ii)]

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3.1 Details of the powers and duties of officers and employees of the authority by designation as follows:

Name of Officer	Designation	Duties allotted	Powers
Sarvasri			
1. Ch. Pullaiah	Director, Public Libraries	 the Director of Public Libraries shall be responsible for establishment and spread of library services in the whole State inclusive of 4 Government Libraries and 13 Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas and also responsible for its proper functioning. under the provisions of APPL Act.1960 the Director of Public Libraries shall be the Member-Secretary to AP Grandhalaya Parishad and to implement the policies and programs of the Parishad supervise the work of the staff of AP Grandhalaya Parishad, Directorate, Govt. Libraries and District Central Librarians. the Director of Public Libraries is the appointing authority for the posts of Deputy Director and equal categories in all unit offices, all staff of Directorate, Parishad, Grade-I Librarians of all unit offices and Gr.II Librarian or its equivalent categories in Govt. Libraries. to conduct annual inspections of 13 District Central Libraries, Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas and 4 Government Libraries every year and to make surprise visits to monitor the library services. 	As envisaged in the Andhra Pradesh Public Libraries Act. 1960 /AP Public Libraries Rules, 1961.

		 (6) to prepare plans and programmes for the functioning of libraries and place before the AP Grandhalaya Parishad for its approval and to implement them. (7) approval of budgets of ZGSs and according administrative sanction on various items of expenditure with the prior approval of the AP Grandhalaya
		Parishad and; (8) to permit recognized private institutions to conduct 5 months Certificate course inLibrary& Information Science twice a year.
		 (9) to implement various programmes of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata/Plan Schemes/permission to conduct seminars/conferences. (10) Ex-Officio Registrar of Publications.
2. P. Veera Babu	Dy. Director (FAC)	(1) to assist the Director of Public Libraries with the help of Assistant Director
		(2) shall sanction leaves/increments of NGOs in the Directorate office
		(3) assist the Director in all types of administrative/service matters of the Department.
		(4) any other work entrusted by the Director
3. P. Veera Babu	Asst. Director	(1) to assist the Deputy Director with the help of sections attached.
		(2) Responsible for the processing all files relating to inspections/audit/RRRLF

		schemes/Book Selection Committee matters to the Deputy Director
		(3) to monitor the work of staff working under her and to extract work.(4) to assist the Deputy Director with the help of sections attached.
		(5) to monitor the work of staff working in Audit, RRRLF/Book selection sections and to extract work.
		(6) to assist the Deputy Director with the help of sections attached.
4. V. Srinivasa Rao	Asst. Director	(1) responsible for the processing all files relating to approval of budgets of ZGSs/according admn. sanction for making various purchases in ZGSs/constitution of /AP Grandhalaya Pariahad/ZGSs/In-service training to the employees/constn.of buildings etc., to the Deputy Director
		(2) to monitor the work of staff working in Accounts/ZGS organization sections and to extract work.
		(3) any other work entrusted by superiors.
		(4) to assist the Deputy Director (Admin) with the help of section attached to him
		(5) assist the Deputy Director (Admin)in all types of administrative/service matters of the Department.
		(6) to monitor the work of staff working under him and to extract work.
		(7) any other work entrusted by the supervisors
5. Ch. Suresh	Accounts	(1)to assist the Deputy Director

- (2) responsible for the processing all files relating to accounts of Directorate office, Govt. Libraries and plan schemes to the Deputy Director
- (3) drawing and disbursing officer of Directorate office and AP Grandhalaya Parishad
- (4) any other work entrusted by superiors.

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Chapter 4

.Procedure followed in Decision-making process

[Section 4 (1)(b)(iii)]

Activity	Description	Decision making process	Designation of final decision making authority
1. Opening of public Libraries	Permission to open new libraries under Zilla Grandhalaya	 The decision making is in accordance with the provisions of 	Chairman, AP Grandhalaya Parishad.
2. Shifting/closing of Public Libraries	Samsthas Permission to shift /close Public Libraries functioning under Zilla Grandhalaya	Andhra Pradesh Public Libraries Act.1960 & AP Public Libraries Rules, 1961 and as per the resolutions of the	Chairman, AP
2 Curation of	Samsthas or Regional Libraries	Parishad.	1 ADCD
3.Creation of full time posts	Creation of regular full time posts in Public Libraries	 Wherever the necessary under the provisions of Act and Rules, the prior approval of the APGP 	with the prior
		will be obtained by the Director in the capacity of Member-Secretary before implementation.	case Public Libs. in ZGSs.
		The general/Govt. is tappals after perusal of the Director will be	2. Govt. n case of Govt. Libs./Direct orate/APGP

4. Appointing/transfer authority.	1. All categories of posts in Directorate	routed to the officer concerned.	1. Director
authority.	2. District Central Librarians/supdt. /Gr.I Librarians /Sr.Assts. in ZGS	• Officer concerned record and hand over the tappals to the Supdt and thereon to the seat in-charge.	2. Director
	3.Gazetted Libns/ Hd.Clerks/Grade -I Libns. and Gr.II Libns. and of equivalent	PR, the seat in-charge submit files to the Supdt.	3. Director.
	category posts of Govt. Libraries.	 Supdt. forward files to the Asst. Director with precedent 	
5. Admn./fin. sanctions.	1. ZGSs (buildings, all purchases exclu-	cases dealt, rules and provisions of Act. and Rules.	
	ding stationery) 2. Govt. Sector	 Asst. Director process files to the Dy. Director with remarks 	2. Director
6. Gifts and immovable properties	Acceptance of all gifts and immovable properties in ZGSs	indicating the decision to be taken according to rules and provisions of Act. and Rules.	APGP: Up-to Rs.5 lakhs Govt.: above Rs.5 lakhs
7a. Issue of citation Numbers for selection of Books	1. for purchase by ZGSs.	• Dy. Director confirm the rule poison etc., quoted already and pass on the file to the DPL.	4 4505
7b. Selection of books in Govt. Libraries	2. for purchase by Govt. Libraries	Director is the decision making authority basing on the resolutions of the APGP/Rules/Provisions	2. Committee headed by

8. Constitu-	Constitution of	of ActRules.	1. Govt.
tion of	Non-Official		
APGP/	bodies under Sec.3	 Decisions will be 	
ZGSs.	& 10 of APPL	communicated through	
	Act.1960	the officer/section	
	respectively.	concerned to the unit	
		offices for execution.	

Chapter 5 Norms set for the discharge of functions [Section 4 (1)(b)(iv)]

Function /Service	Norms/Standards set for function
1. Office working hours	10.30 AM to 5.00 PM
	(All Sundays, 2 nd Saturdays are holidays, apart from Public Holidays declared by the Govt.)
2. To get information on:	
1. Routine matters	15 days
2. Matters linked with old	30 days
records verification etc.,	
3.Government letters	02 days
/GOs./Memos./DOs. of this	
Dept.	
4. Departmental data	01 to 30 days
5. Policies of the Dept.	07 days
Note: Information /documents will	he made available on payment of charges as

Note: Information/documents will be made available on payment of charges as fixed by the Department.

Chapter 6 Norms set for the discharge of functions [Section 4 (1)(b)(v)]

Description Gist of contents		Price of the publication if priced
1. Rules,	Besides administrative and financial	
Instructions,	matters of the Department the following	
Manuals	documents are available	
& Records.	1. AP Public Libraries Act.1960	
	2. AP Public Libraries Rules, 1961	As fixed by the
	3. Resolution of APGP	Dept.
	4. State Administrative Report	

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Categories of Documents held by the Public Authority, under its control

[Section 4 (1)(b)(vi)]

Category of Document	Title of the Document	Designation and address of the custodian (held by/ under control of whom)
1. Acts.	Andhra Pradesh Public Libraries Act, 1960 (as amended from time to time.)	Deputy Director (Inspections)
2. Rules	Andhra Pradesh Public Libraries Rules, 1961	Deputy Director (Inspections)
3. Service Rules	Service Rules of the posts held in the Department	Deputy Director (Administration)
5. Govt. Orders/ Memos etc.	Govt. orders/Memos. pertains to the Department of Public Libraries	State Public Information Officer
5. Drafts of Misc./Routine nature issued by the Director	Letters, drafts, UO Notes etc., addressed to other offices and sent to sub- ordinate offices, APGP documents etc., held in the office of the DPL	State Public Information Officer
6. Book Lists	Book Lists approved by the AP Grandhalaya Parishad for purchase by Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas.	Deputy Director (inspections)
7. Adm. Report	State Administrative Report (as per availability)	Asst. Director (audit)
8. Data	Statistical data on libraries.	Asst. Director (administration)
9. Information	Any other information on the Department	Ass. Director (admn./audit/tech.)



Arrangement for consultation with, or representation by, the Members of the Public in relation to the Formulation of policy or implementation thereof

[Section 4 (1)(b)(vii)]

Function/service	Arrangements for consultation with or representation of public in relations with policy formulation	Arrangements for consultation with or representation of public in relations with policy implementation
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Aggrieved Public in case of delay in issue of information etc., at libraries level, may approach any officer from Assistant Director and above rank. The staff of the office are not allowed to entertain any visitors who come for their personal.

Chapter - 9

Boards, Councils, Committees and other Bodies Constituted as part of Public Authority.

[Section 4 (1)(b)(viii)]

			Whether its meetings
Name of the		Powers	open to
Board, Council,	Composition	&	Public/Minutes of its
Committee etc.,		functions	meetings accessible
			for public

Government/ Department will constitute committees on various issues to render service to the public as well as services of its employees in regard to selection of books language wise and State Level Committees for purchase by Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas in the State.



Directory of Officers and Employees Constituted as part of Public Authority. [Section 4 (1)(b)(ix)]

Name of Office/ Administrative Unit	Name, Designation of Officer/employee (Sarvasri)	Address of Officer	Office Telephone & Fax Nos.
Directorate Office	1. Ch. Pullaiah, Director	1 st floor, State Central Library Building, Afzalgunj, Hydøbad-12	040-2461 9128
	2. P. Veera Babu Dy. Director (FAC) & Asst. Director	-do-	040-2461 9128
	3. V. Srinivasa Rao Asst. Director	-do-	040-2461 9128
	4. Ch. Suresh Babu, Accounts Officer	- do -	040-2461 9128
	5. D. Rojaramani, Superintendent	-do-	
	6 V. Poli Reddy, Assistant Librarian Gr. I	-do-	
	7. Y. Naga Sailaja, Assistant on Outsourcing	-do-	
	8. K. Kavitha Asst. On ourtsourcing	-do-	
	9. GVV Lakshmi, Date Entry Operator	-do-	

$Chapter-11\\ Monthly Remuneration received by each of Officers and Employees including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations [Section 4 (1) (b)(x)]$

Designation	Monthly remuneration (Scale of Pay)Rs.	System of compensation to determine Remuneration as given in regulation
1. Director	52590-103290	-
2. Deputy Director	46060-98440	-
3. Assistant Director	37100-91450	
3. Accounts Officer	40270-93780	-
4. Superintendent	28940-78910	-
5. Auditor	28940-78910	-
6. Librarian Grade-I	29760-80930	-
7. Junior Assistant	16400-49870	-

8. Record Assistant	15030-46060	-
9. Office Subordinate	13000-40270	-
10. Night Watchman	13000-40270	-
11. Worker	13780-42490	-
12. Jr. Steno	16400-49870	-
13. Junior Assistant on	8400/- per month	-
Outsourcing		
14. Data Entry Operator on	9500/- per month	-
Outsourcing		

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Chapter - 12 Budget allocated to each Agency including Plans etc., [Section 4 (1)(b)(xi)]

Agency	/Project/Activity /Purpose for which budget is allocated	Proposed Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)	Expected Outcomes	Report on disbursements made or where such details are available (website, reports, notice boards etc.,)
Directorate/	Payment of	Plan- 5.00	Payment	Reports on surrender
Govt. Libs./	salaries, plan	Non-Plan-	of salaries	statements
ZGSs	schemes and	4231.78	on	
	office expenses		mainte-	
			nance of	
			Public	
			Libraries.	

Chapter - 13

Manner of execution of Subsidy Programmes [Section 4 (1)(b)(xii)]

Name of the program/activity	Nature/sale of subsidy	Eligibility criteria for grant of subsidy	Designation of officer to grant subsidy
No subsidy programmes/activities implemented in this Dept.			

Name of the	Application	Sanction	Disbursement	
program/activity	procedure	procedure	procedure	
No subsidy programmes/activities implemented in this Dept.				

Chapter - 14

Particulars of Recipients of Concessions, Permit or Authorization granted by Public Authority [Section 4 (1)(b)(xiii)]

1. Institutional beneficiaries.

Name of the Programme/Scheme:				
Name & address of recipient institutions	Nature/quantum of benefit granted	Date of grant	Name & Designation of granting authority	
No subsidy programmes/activities implemented in this Dept.				

Name of the Programme/Scheme:				
Name & Address of recipient institutions	Nature/quantum of benefit granted	Date of grant	Name & Designation of granting authority	
No subsidy programmes/activities implemented in this Dept.				

Individual Beneficiaries					
Name & Address of recipient institutions	Nature/quantum of benefit granted	Date of grant	Name & Designation of granting authority		
	NIL				

Name of the Programme/Scheme:				
Name & Address of recipient institutions	Nature/quantum of benefit granted	Date of grant	Name & Designation of granting authority	
No subsidy programmes/activities implemented in this Dept.				

Name of the Programme/Scheme	•		
Name & Address of recipient institutions	Nature/quantum of benefit granted	Date of grant	Name & Designation of granting authority
No subsidy programmes/activities implemented in this Dept.			

Chapter - 15 Information available in Electronic Form [Section 4 (1)(b)(xiv)]

ABOUT US

Department of Public Libraries

Regional Libraries

Zilla Grandhalaya Samsthas

District wise Branch Libraries

State wide Library Service

Registrar Of Publications

Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements

Building Accommodation

Development Activities

Staff position

Acts & Rules

Notifications

GENERAL INFORMATION

Digital Library

Chapter - 16 Particulars of facilities available to Citizens for Obtaining Information [Section 4 (1)(b)(xv)]

Facility	Description (Location of Facility/Name	Details of information made	
	etc.,)	available.	
Notice	Office of the Director of Public	Recruitment notifications, selection	
Board	Libraries, Afzalgunj, Hydøbad-500 012.	lists and results etc.,	

Chapter - 17

Names, Designations and other particulars of Public Information Officers

[Section 4 (1)(b)(xvi)]

Public Information Officers:

Name of Office/Administrative Unit	Name & Designation of PIO	Office/Res. Telephone and Fax Nos.	E-mail address
1. Directorate of Public	Sri V. Poli Reddy	(O) 24619128	directoraplibraries@g
Libraries, State Central	Asst. Libn. Gr.I		mail.com
Library Building, Afzalgunj, Hyderabad- 500 012			

Assistant Public Information Officers:

Name of office/admn.unit	Name & Designation of APIO	Office/Res. Telephone and Fax Nos.	E-mail address
1. Directorate of Public Libraries, State Central Library Building, Afzalgunj, Hyderabad- 500 012	Smt. D. Rojaramani Superintendent	(O) 24619128	directoraplibraries@g mail.com

Appellate Authority:

Name, Designation & address of Appellate officer	Jurisdiction of Appellate Officer	Office/Res. Telephone and Fax Nos.	E-mail address
1. Directorate of Public	Sri Ch. Pullaiah	(O) 2461 9128	directoraplibraries@g
Libraries, State Central Library Building, Afzalgunj, Hyderabad-500 012	Director	(C) 9849909182	mail.com

Other Useful Information

[Section 4 (1)(b)(xvi)]

Such Other Information as may be prescribed and thereafter update these publications every year

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