

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4226  
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AWARENESS ABOUT RTI  
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**Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether only 13 percent rural people and 33 percent of urban population have benefited from RTI awareness campaigns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness amongst rural and urban population of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (c): An independent study on the basis of a sample survey has observed that 13 percent of rural population and 33 percent of urban population are aware of the RTI Act, and that there has been a lack of initiative of the part of the appropriate Governments in this regard. However, the Central Government, in order to create awareness amongst masses has launched awareness campaigns through radio and television and display of posters in rural areas. It has also published a Guide for the Information Seekers and is implementing a Centrally sponsored Scheme for giving financial help to the State Information Commissions to propagate the Right to Information.