

Comment on ADB's 1994 Disclosure and Information Policies

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Subject: For making available project related documents in ADB financed projects in states having comprehensive RTI (right to information) laws like Rajasthan in India and correction of references on page 2 of draft PCP document

Ref: Despite depositing fees as per RTI - documents are not being revealed in ADB assisted project RUIDP

Dear Sir,

On para 5 of page 2 of PCP draft 28 Feb 04 as well as footnotes 5 & 6, central government of India as well as eight states have been declared to be having right to information laws which need correction. Central government of India have passed freedom of information Act 2002 in 2003 but still awaiting proper notification by central government not implemented so far. Similarly, U.P. state does not have enacted right to information laws.

My humble request - ADB should make initiative in implementing disclosure of project related documents in all projects especially in states having comprehensive transparency rules like Rajasthan. My registered letters as well as fees deposited by money order (previously deposited in cash but returned after two months for denying information) have still been waiting copy of information for the last three months.

I hope that PCP will ensure flow of information keeping in view already existing transparency rules but being suppressed by benefiting local press and bureaucracy.

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