



MAKE RTI MOVEMENT AN ENGINE OF DEVELOPMENT" .CIC.

ONE DAY ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE ON RTI HELD IN BUDGAM

An awareness Cum round table session on implementation and monitoring of RTI Act 2009 was held today under the chairmanship of Chief Information Commissioner Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Ganie at Conference Hall DC Office Budgam.

The meeting cum conference was attended by District Development Commissioner Budgam Mr. Mohammad Harun Malik, Registrar CIC, Addl SP, RTI activist Raja Muzaffar, all FAA's, all PIO's, APIO's from all departments and RTI activists from different areas of the valley.

In his welcome address the District Development Commissioner apprised the CIC that since 2009 when the RTI Act came into existence an amount of Rs11170 including revenue receipts was collected on account of RTI related matters. Accordingly up to March 2017, 1460 applications relating to different RTI seeking issues including 558 revenue related matters concerned to different departments have been received and are under process of decisions' and dispose off.

On the occasion Chief Information Commissioner Mr. Khursheed Ahmad Ganie in his address appreciated the role of District Administration in organizing such a kind of round table conference on RTI implementation were apart from concerned Public Authorities Administrators and information seeking activist could get apprised and aware as how to use

and implement this Act in the best interest of common people. The Chief information Commissioner stressed upon the Information seekers who want any information under Ambit of RTI Act shall use this Act only where interest of general public in implementing the developmental and welfare schemes introduced by the Govt. are utilized in a transparent manner. He said the RTI Act means that we should secure any information under the control of public authority to promote transparency and accountability and also intend to provide citizens. With legal mandate and mechanism in obtaining Govt. records for welfare governances. He said the aim of conducting such conferences is to sensitize the Officers and make them prepared to push up for E- governance. He said we should make this Act as engine of development in district Budgam, and not use it as a tool of harassment or abusement.

At the end of the round table conference RTI Activists present discussed threadbare the various dimensions of the Act and emphasized the need for its awareness implementation and monitoring in a proper manner.