

PARLIAMENT QUESTION: DISPOSAL OF RTI REQUESTS

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As per the Annual Reports of the Central Information Commission (CIC), the overall trend in disposal of RTI requests, since 2021, is as under: -

Disposal of RTI requests			
Year	Replied	Rejected	Transferred
2021-22	11,31,757	53,733	2,04,607
2022-23	13,15,222	52,662	2,13,162
2023-24	14,30,031	67,615	2,37,671
2024-25	13,80,509	58,501	2,80,353

Central Information Commission (CIC) has informed that data regarding partially answered applications and remaining unresolved cases are not collected/compiled. Further, the information may be denied/refused to an applicant on the grounds laid down in various Sections of the RTI Act, 2005, including on the grounds of 'personal information' (Section 8(1)(j) of the Act).

Public-Authority-wise data on rejected RTI requests are available in **Annexure-1** of the Annual Reports of the CIC, which can be accessed at URL - <https://cic.gov.in/circular-reports-conventions>. The percentage of rejection of RTI applications, in respect of various Public Authorities such as Ministries, Department, Attached Offices, Subordinate Offices, Autonomous bodies etc., has come down to 3.26% in the year 2024-25 from 7.21% in the year 2013-14.

The number of second Appeals and complaints pending before the Central Information Commission, as on 01.02.2026, is 29034 and 3577 respectively. Central Information Commission (CIC) has informed that the data on average time taken for disposal of second appeals/complaints is not maintained.

This information was given by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

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