

KERALA GRAMIN BANK

AUDIT REPORT ON SUO MOTU DISCLOSURES MADE UNDER
THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2005



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**COMPLIANCE REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES
ON SUO MOTU DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION 4(1)(b) OF THE
RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005**

Background

In order to promote transparency and accountability in administration, the Indian Parliament enacted the Freedom of Information Act, 2002, which was repealed later and a new act, The Right to Information Act, came into force on 12 October 2005. The new law empowers Indian citizens to seek information from a Public authority, thus making the Government and its functionaries more accountable and responsible. The Act has now been in operation for more than a decade and has benefited many, including the poor and the underprivileged.

Under the provisions of the Act, all public authorities (including bodies owned, controlled or substantially financed by Central/State Governments such as Nationalized Banks) are expected to provide for furnishing certain information to citizens who desire to have it.

Section 4(1)(b) of the Act provides for disclosure by public authorities on a Suo Motu or proactive basis additional information beyond what is expected under Section 4(1)(b) of the Act, in order to place large amount of information in public domain on a proactive basis to make the functioning of the Public Authorities more transparent and also to reduce the need for filing individual RTI applications. Since the implementation of the Act in the year 2005 a large amount of information is being put up in the public domain. However, it was felt by the Government that the quality and quantity of such disclosure is not up to the desired level. To set right the situation, government issued fresh guidelines based on the recommendations of the Task Force constituted to address the issues pertaining to Suo Motu disclosures.

Audit Scope

Disclosure of information required under section 4(1)(b) on the web site.

With this background the **Kerala Gramin Bank, Malappuram** had engaged **M/s. Ahammed Sha & Co.**, for assessing and evaluating the level of implementation of guidelines on suo motu disclosure under section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.



REPORT

This report is based on the disclosure of information as required under section 4(1)(b) of the Act made by the Bank on its web site and the information provided by way of various documents and orally during the interaction with officials of the Bank during the course of the audit.

RTI Act Section No	Provision of the Act	Remark	Our Observation	URL Ref No.
4(1)(b)(i)	The particulars of its organisation, functions and duties	Complied	Hyperlink has been provided to the Organisational structure of the Bank	https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/ https://www.keralagbank.com/contactus/
4(1)(b)(ii)	The powers and duties of its officers and employees are to be given in the website	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/rightfile/Service%20Regulation%20of%20Kerala%20Gramin%20Bank.pdf
4(1)(b)(iii)	The procedure followed in the decision making process, including channels of supervision and accountability	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/
4(1)(b)(iv)	The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/



4(1)(b)(v)	The rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/
4(1)(b)(vi)	A statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/
4(1)(b)(vii)	The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof;	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralagbank.com/about-us/financial-results/ https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/
4(1)(b)(viii)	A statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/
4(1)(b)(ix)	Directory of its officers and employees	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/



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4(1)(b)(x)	The monthly remuneration received by each of its officers and employees, including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations	Complied	Complied		https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/rightfile/Service%20Regulation%20of%20Kerala%20Gramin%20Bank.pdf
4(1)(b)(xi)	The budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Not Applicable
4(1)(b)(xii)	The manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes;	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Not Applicable
4(1)(b)(xiii)	Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorisations granted by it;	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Not Applicable
4(1)(b)(xiv)	Details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in electronic form;	Complied	Complied		https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/
4(1)(b)(xv)	The particulars of facilities available	Not Complied	The bank is not		https://www.keralagbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-



	to citizens for obtaining information, including working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use		maintaining any Library/ Reading room for Public	<u>information-act/</u>
4(1)(b)(xvi)	The names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers	Complied	Complied	https://www.keralapbank.com/customer-relationship/right-to-information-act/
4(1)(b)(xvii)	Such other information as may be prescribed; and thereafter update these publications every year

