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Subject:	Memorandum on RTI in Orissa to the ARC

To
The Chairman
2nd Administrative Reforms Commission
Govt. of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

I had the opportunity to read the Memorandum on RTI in Orissa that was submitted to the ARC at a public hearing at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar on 12th April '07. I am attaching the same for your perusal. I expect that you will give it due attention and act on the demands.

The memorandum details the concerns that I as a citizen share. The State Government's utter contempt for the RTI Act is apparent from the continuation of the Orissa RTI Rules that are ultra vires the parent law. The memorandum elucidates this. Furthermore the State Information Commission's functioning is highly disappointing as is clear from the memorandum and various news reports from Orissa.

I request you to use your good offices to ensure that the RTI Act is implemented in letter and spirit in Orissa. Please do your bit to ensure that the people of Orissa are not denied the "Master Key to Good Governance".

I look forward to your immediate intervention.

Thank you.

Regards,
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