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No.MGSIPA/Third Party Audit/2022-23/5870Dated: 25 August, 2023

Subject:

Proactive disclosure package audited by Third Party by Central Public Information Officers (CPIOs) under Section-4 of Right to Information Act, 2005 for the FY 2022-23.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your Memo No.GMCH/RTI CELL/10/2023/029820 dated  $20^{th}$  June, 2023 and further Memo No. GMCH/RTI CELL/10/2023/034233 dated  $28^{th}$  July, 2023, forwarding us a revised copy of Proactive Discloure Package Proforma, duly filled in, in respect of your department for the financial year 2022-23, on the above subject.

In this connection, we hereby forward you a copy of our report on the subject, in respect of your department under Section 4 of Right to Information Act, 2005, for your reference and record.

Thanking you,

Encl: As above

(Dr. R.K. Sharma) Project Co-ordinator



# Report

Of

# Government Medical College & Hospital(GMCH), Sector-32 UT, Chandigarh

on

'Proactive Disclosure Package' under Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

for the Financial Year 2022-23



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#### PREFACE

The mandate of Right to Information Act, 2005 is to empower citizens, promote openness and accountability in government operations, combat corruption, and make our democracy truly function for the people. The present report is a part of third party audit process which is being conducted in all the departments of Union Territory, Chandigarh. The Department of Personnel and Training, U.T. Administration Chandigarh had requested the Institute to conduct a 'Proactive Disclosure Package' audited by third Party under Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 for the financial year 2022-23. The institute is conducting the same in the capacity of third party/auditor.

Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Punjab is grateful to the Government Medical College & Hospital(GMCH), Sector-32, UT, Chandigarh and its authorities to cooperate and contribute in the audit process. I am thankful to the MGSIPA project staff, Smt. Madhvi Gupta, Research Associate, contributed in data collection and data analysis, including preparation of first draft of the report, Sh. D.M.S. Bedi, Executive Assistant, provided assistance in coordination and typing work and Dr. Nayanika Singh, Assistant Professor, Psychology who has contributed at various stages of the project.

I hope that the basic interest i.e. providing information to the needy is served through this effort of third party audit and I urge all the stakeholders to take more and more participation and active interest in the process.

Dr. R.K.Sharma (Project Coordinator)

#### Government Medical College & Hospital(GMCH), Sector-32 U.T Chandigarh

The Right to information (RTI) Act, 2005 is a game changer act which has made significant improvements in the ways of departmental working and service delivery. In view of tremendous scope of public welfare via RTI tools, the Government of India is introducing new norms to ensure compliance of RTI mandate across the departments. Third party audit is one among such practices for pro-active RTI disclosures in the departments.

The Department of Personnel and Training, U.T. Administration Chandigarh had requested the Institute vide Chandigarh Administration Letter No. 03/19-IH(12)/Pers.& Trg. - 2023/3997 dated 22/03/2023 to conduct a 'Proactive Disclosure Package' audited by third Party under Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Institute carried out the project as per directions of the Government.

Section 4 (1)(b) of the RTI Act lays down the information which should be disclosed by Public Authorities on a *suo motu* or proactive basis. Based on Section 4(1)(b) of Right to Information Act, 2005, any Public authority is supposed to share a specific information on the public domain within 120 days of the enactment of the Act. Section 4(2) and Section 4(3) prescribe the method of dissemination of this information. The purpose of *suo motu* disclosure under section 4 is 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 promulgation of the Act in 2005, large amount of information relating to functioning of the government is being put in public domain. However, the quality and quantity of proactive disclosure should be more given priority with frequent updation by the respective departments. Further there is need to set up a compliance mechanism to ensure that requirements under section 4 of the RTI Act are met.

In Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector-32, UT, CHD, audit of section 4(1)b of RTI Act, 2005 was done by getting information through self-structured Transparency Audit Form (TAF).

The main objective of Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector-32, UT, Chandigarh is as follows:

• To provide health care services to patients and to provide medical education to students along with mandatory provisions of research and training.

The details of the Transparency Audit Form and the scoring pattern are as under:

The Transparency Audit Form comprises of six parts with a maximum score of 100 marks. The weightage among these six components is allotted as per the nature and significance of the questions. The components of the Transparency Audit Form are mentioned below:

#### First Part: Organization and Functions

The first part of the Transparency Audit Form is further divided into twelve sub-parts and each part consists of 5 to 8 questions i.e.

S.No.	Component	Section
1.1	Particulars of its organization, functions and duties	[Section 4(1)b(i)].
1.2	Power and duties of its officers and employees	[Section 4(1)(b)(ii)]
1.3	Procedure followed in Decision making process	[Section 4(1)(b)(iii)]
1.4	Norms of discharge of functions	[Section 4(1)(b)(iv)]
1.5	Rules, regulations, instructions manual, records for discharging functions	[Section 4(1)(b)(v)]
1.6	Categories of documents held by the authority under its control	[Section 4(1)(b)(vi)]
1.7	Boards, Councils, Committees and other Bodies constituted as part of the Public Authority	[Section 4(1)(b)(viii)]
1.8	Directory of officers and employees	[Section $4(1)(b)(ix)$ ]
1.9	Monthly Remuneration received by officers and employees including system of compensation.	[Section $4(1)(b)(x)$ ]
1.10	Name, Designation and other particulars of public information officers	[Section 4(1)(b)(xvi)
1.11	Number of employees against whom Disciplinary action has been proposed/ taken.	[Section 4(2)]
1.12	Programs to advance understandings of RTI	[Section 26]

# Second Part: Budget and Programme

This part consists of the following six sub-parts and contains 5 to 8 questions in each part.

S.No.	Component	Section
2.1	Budget allocated to each agency including all plans, proposed expenditure and reports on disbursements made etc.	[Section 4(1)(b)(xi)]
2.2	Foreign and domestic tours during 2022-23	
2.3	Manner of execution of subsidy programme	[Section 4(i)(b)(xii)]
2.4	Discretionary and non-discretionary grants during 2022-23	
2.5	Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits of authorizations granted by the public authority	[Section 4(i)(b)(xiii)]
2.6	Comptroller Audit General (CAG) and Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Paras	,,,,,

# Third Part: Publicity Band Public Interface

Publicity Band Public interface further contains five sub-parts with following questions:

S.No.	Component	Section
3.1	Particulars of any arrangement for consultation with or representation	
	by the members of the public in relation to the formulation of policy	
	or implementation thereof	9
3.2	Are the details of policies/ decisions, which affect public, informed to them	[Section 4(1)(c)]
3.3	Dissemination of information widely and in such form and manner which is easily accessible to the public	[Section 4(3)]
3.4	Form of accessibility of information manual /handbook	[Section 4(1)(b)]
3.5	Whether information manual/handbook available free of cost or not	[Section 4(1)(b)]

#### Fourth Part: E-Governance

E-Governance consists of seven sub-parts. Every sub-part contains 5 to 8 questions which are as follows:

S.No.	Component	Section
4.1	Language in which Information Manual/Handbook available.	
4.2	When was the information Manual/Handbook last updated?	
4.3	Information available in electronic form	[Section 4(1)(b)(xiv)]
4.4	Particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information	[Section $4(1)(b)(xv)$ ]
4.5	Such other information as may be prescribed	[Section 4(i)(b)(xvii)]
4.6	Receipt and Disposal of RTI applications and appeals.	7.2
4.7	Replies to questions asked in the parliament, if any	[Section 4(1)(d)(2)]

# Fifth Part: Information as may be prescribed.

The fifth Part of the Transparency Audit Form consists of only one question which is further divided into five sub parts.

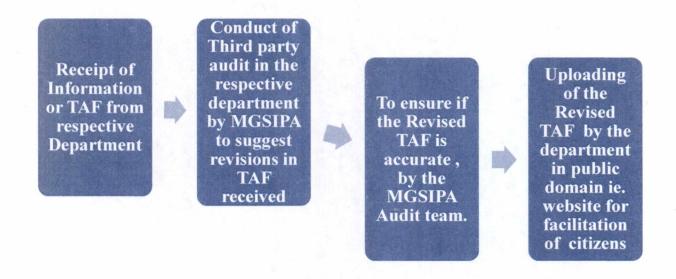
5.1 Such other information as may be prescribed

### Sixth Part: Information disclosed on own initiative.

This part also contains only one question on, items/ information disclosed by the self-initiative of departments so that public has minimum resort to use RTI Act to obtain information.

#### THIRD PARTY AUDIT PROCESS

The complete process followed by Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Chandigarh is depicted by following flowchart:



Government Medical College & Hospital(GMCH), Sector-32, UT, Chandigarh, sent the Transparency Audit Form vide Memo No GMCH/RTI CELL/10/2023/029820 dated 30/06/2023 and sent revised Transparency Audit Form vide Memo No GMCH/RTI CELL/10/2023/034233 dated 28/07/2023. It has been verified from the website and found that they have uploaded the RTI information on the website link of Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector-32 i.e., <a href="https://gmch.gov.in/rti/rti-info-under-section-41b-proactive-disclosure">https://gmch.gov.in/rti/rti-info-under-section-41b-proactive-disclosure</a>.

Under RTI Act, Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector-32, UT, CHD, has updated the whole Transparency Audit Form along with annexures and all the necessary information under Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005.

The scoring of the Transparency Audit Form sent by the department was done by using the following format:

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table I AUDIT OF PART I

	V.	(Organization and Function)	
S. No.	Item	Details of disclosure	Weightage to the Variables
1.1	Particulars of its organization,	(i) Name of the Organization and its website	0.16
	functions and duties	(ii) Head of the organization	0.16
	[Section 4(1)(b)(i)]	(iii) Vision, Mission and Key objectives	0.16
	.(1)(0)(1)]	(iv) Function and duties	0.16
1.0		(v) Organization Chart	0.16
1.2	Power and duties of its	(i) Powers and duties of officers (administrative, financial and judicial)	0.16
	officers and employees	(ii) Power and duties of other employees	0.16
	[Section 4(1) (b)(ii)]	(iii) Rules/ orders under which powers and duty are derived and Exercised	0.16
		(v) Work allocation	0.16
1.3	Procedure followed in	(i) Process of decision making. Identify key decision making points	0.16
	decision making process [Section 4(1)(b)(iii)]		0.16
		(iii) Related provisions, acts, rules etc.	0.16
		(iv) Time limit for taking a decisions, if any	0.16
		(v) Channel of supervision and accountability	0.16
1.4	Norms for	(i) Nature of functions/ services offered	0.16
	discharge of functions	(ii) Norms/ standards for functions/ service delivery	0.16
	[Section 4(1)(b)(iv)]	(iii) Process by which these services can be accessed	0.16
		(iv) Time-limit for achieving the targets	0.16
		(v) Process of redress of grievances	0.16

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1.5	regulations,	(i) Title and nature of the record/	0.20
	instructions manual and	(ii) List of Rules, regulations, instructions manuals and records.	0.20
	records for discharging	(iii) Acts/ Rules manuals etc.	0.20
	functions [Section 4(1)(b)(v)]	(iv) Transfer policy and transfer orders	0.20
1.6	Categories of documents held	(i) Categories of documents	0.41
	by the authority under its control [Section 4(1)(b) (vi)]	(ii) Custodian of documents/categories	0.41
1.7	Boards, Councils,	(i) Name of Boards, Council, Committee etc.	0.10
	Committees and	(ii) Composition	0.10
	other Bodies constituted as part of the Public Authority [Section 4(1)(b)(viii)]	(iii) Dates from which constituted	0.10
			0.10
		(v) Powers and functions	0.10
		(vi) Whether their meetings are open to the public?	0.10
		(vii) Whether the minutes of the meetings are open to the public are available?	0.10
1.0	7	(viii) Place where the minutes if open to the public are available?	0.10
1.8	Directory of officers and	(i) Name and designation	0.41
	employees [Section 4(1) (b) (ix)]	(ii) Telephone, fax and email ID	0.41
1.9	Monthly Remuneration	(i) List of employees with Gross monthly remuneration	0.41
	received by officers & employees including system of compensation [Section 4(1)]	(ii) System of compensation as provided in its regulations	0.41
	(b) (x)]	*	

1.10	Name,	(i) Name and designation of the public	0.41
	designation and	information officer (PIO), Assistant	0.41
	other particulars	Public Information (s) & Appellate	
	of public	Authority	
	information	(ii) Address, telephone numbers and	0.41
	officers	email ID of each designated	0.41
	[Section 4(1)	official.	
	(b) (xvi)]	official.	
1.11		No. of employees against whom	0.41
	employees	disciplinary action has been	0.41
	against whom	(i) Pending for Minor penalty or major	
	Disciplinary	penalty proceedings	
	action has been	(ii) Finalised for Minor penalty or	0.41
	proposed/taken	major penalty proceedings	
	(Section 4(2))		
1.12	Programmes to	(i) Educational programmes	0.20
	advance		
	understanding of	(ii) Efforts to encourage public	0.20
	RTI	authority to participate in these	
	(6)	programmes	
	(Section 26)	(iii) Training of CPIO/APIO	0.20
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		(iv) Update & publish guidelines on	0.20
		RTI by the Public Authorities	
	TD 1	concerned	
	Total		9.7/10

Part I consisted of organizational characteristics and functions of various officers/ officials in hierarchy. The total marks allotted to this part were 10. The information provided by the department in this part was <u>fully met</u> as this part scored 9.7 out of 10 marks.

Table II
AUDIT OF PART II

#### (Budget and Programme)

S.	Item	Details of disclosure	Weightage to the
No.			Variables
2.1	Budget allocated	(i) Total Budget for the public authority	0.33
	to each agency	(ii) Budget for each agency and plan &	0.33
	including all	programmes	
	plans, proposed	(iii) Proposed expenditures	0.33
	expenditure and	(iv) Revised budget for each agency, if	0.33
	reports on	any	
	disbursements	(v) Report on disbursements made and	0.33
	made etc.	place where the related reports are	*
	[Section	available	
	4(1)(b)(xi)]		
2.2	Foreign and	(i) Budget	0.55
	domestic tours	(ii) Foreign and domestic Tours by	0.55
	during 2022-23	ministries and officials of the rank of	
		Joint Secretary to the Government	
	9	and above, as well as the heads of	
		the Department.	
		a) Places visited	
		b) The period of visit	
		c) The number of members in	
		the official delegation	
		d) Expenditure on the visit	

		(iii) Information related to procurements	0.55
		a) Notice/tender enquires, and	
		corrigenda if any thereon,	
		b) Details of the bids awarded	
		comprising the names of the	
		suppliers of goods/ services	
		being procured,	
		c) The works contracts concluded	
	*	- in any such combination of	3
		the above- and	
		d) The rate /rates and the total	
		amount at which such	
		procurement or works contract	
		is to be executed.	
2.3	Manner of	(i) Name of the programme of	0.20
	execution of	activity	
	subsidy	(ii) Objective of the programme	0.20
	programme	(iii) Procedure to avail benefits	0.20
	[Section	(iv) Duration of the	0.20
	4(i)(b)(xii)]	programme/scheme	
		(v) Physical and financial targets of	0.20
		the programme	
		(vi) Nature/ scale of subsidy	0.20
		/amount allotted	0.20
		(vii) Eligibility criteria for grant of	0.20
		subsidy	
		(viii) Details of beneficiaries of	0.20
		subsidy programme (number, profile	
		etc)	

2.4	Discretionary an	d (i) Discretionary and non-	0.83
	non-discretionar	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	0.63
	grants.	to State Govt./ NGOs/other	
		institutions	
		(ii) Annual accounts of all legal	0.00
			0.83
		entities who are provided grants	
2.5	Particulars of	by public authorities	
2.5		(-) Concessions, permits of	0.83
	recipients	authorizations granted by public	
	of .	authority	
	concessions,	(ii) For each concessions, permit	0.83
	permits of	a) Eligibility criteria	
	authorizations	b) Procedure for getting	
	granted by the	permits of authorizations	
	public authority	c) Name and address of the	
	[Section 4(1) (b)	recipients given concessions/	
	(xiii)]	permits or authorizations	
		d) Date of award of	
		concessions/permits of	
		authorizations	
2.6	CAG &PAC	CAG and PAC paras and the action taken	1.66
	paras	reports (ATRs) after these have been laid on	2.00
		the table of Administrator, U.T.,	
		Chandigarh.	
	Total		9.88/10

Part II consisted of Budget and programmes of the department. It was divided into six sub parts. 10 marks were allotted to this part. The total marks obtained in this part by the department were 9.88 out of 10 marks. The department <u>fully achieved</u> the result in part II, under *suo motu* disclosure of Information under Section 4 of Right to Information Act, 2005.

# Table III AUDIT OF PART III

# (Publicity Band Public interface)

S.	Item	Details of disclosure	Weightage to the
No.			Variables
3.1	Particulars for	Arrangement for consultations with	2.5
	any arrangement	(i) Relevant Acts, Rules, Forms and	
	for consultation	other documents which are	
	with or	normally	
	representation by	accessed by citizens	
	the members of	(ii) Arrangements for consultation	2.5
	the public in	with or representation by	
	relation to the	a) Members of the public in	
	formulation of	policy formulation/ policy	
	policy or	implementation	
	implementation	b) Day & time allotted for	
	thereof	visitors	
		c) Contact details of Information	
	[Section	& Facilitation Counter (IFC)	
	4(1)(b)(vii)]	to provide publications	
	9	frequently sought by RTI	
		applicants	
		Public- private partnerships (PPP)	
		(i) Details of Special Purpose	
		Vehicle (SPV), if any	
		(ii) Detailed project reports(DPRs)	
		(iii) Concession agreements.	
		(iv) Operation and maintenance	
		manuals	
		(v) Other documents generated as	
		part of the implementation of the PPP	

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		(vi) Information relating to fees, tolls, o	or
		the other kinds of revenues that	
	,	may be collected under	
		authorization from the	
		government	
		(vii) Information relating to outputs	
		and outcomes	
		(viii) The process of the selection of the	ne
		private sector party	
		(concessionaire etc.)	
		(ix) All payment made under the PPF	
		project	
3.2	Are the details of	Publish all relevant facts while formulating	1.66
	policies /	important policies or announcing decisions	
	decisions, which	which affect public to make the process mor	e
	affect public,	interactive;	
	informed to them	(i) Policy decisions/ legislations taken	n
	[Section 4(1) (c)]	in the previous one year	
		(ii) Outline the Public consultation	1.66
		process	
	-	(iii) Outline the arrangement for	1.66
		consultation before formulation of policy.	
3.3	Dissemination of	Use of the most effective means of	5
	information	communication	
	widely and in	(i) Internet (website)	
	such form and		
	manner which is		
	easily accessible		
	to the public		
	[Section 4(3)]		
3.4	Form of	Information manual/handbook available in	2.5
	accessibility of	(i) Electronic format	2.3

	information	(ii) Printed format	
	mioimation	(ii) Frinted format	2.5
	manual/		
	handbook		
	[Section 4(1)(b)]		
3.5	Whether	List of materials available	2.5
	information	(i) Free of cost	
	manual/	(ii) At a reasonable cost of the	2.5
	handbook	medium	
	available free of		
	cost or not		
	[Section4(1)(b)]		
	Total		25/25

Part III indicated the Publicity Band Public Interface of the department. In this part the department scored 25 marks out of 25 which showed that the department provided relevant information with regard to publicity band and public interface and the result was <u>fully met.</u>

# Table IV AUDIT OF PART IV

(E-Governance)

S.No	o. Item	Details of disclosure	Weightage to
			the Variables
4.1	Language in	(i) English	1.4
	which Information	(ii) Vernacular/ Local Language	1.4
	Manual/Handbook		
	Available		
4.2	When was the	Last date of Annual Updation	2.8
	information		
	Manual/Handbook		
	last updated?		
4.3	Information	(i) Details of information available in	0.93
	available in	electronic form	
	electronic form	(ii) Name/ title of the document/record/	0.93
	[Section	other information	
	4(1)(b)(xiv)]	(iii) Location where available	0.93
4.4	Particulars of	(i) Name & location of the facilities	0.7
	facilities available	(ii) Details of information made available	0.7
	to citizen for	(iii) Working hours of the facility	
	obtaining		0.7
	information	(iv) Contact person & contact details	0.7
	[Section	(Phone, fax, email)	
	4(1)(b)(xv)]		
4.5	Such other	(i) Grievance redressal mechanism	0.35
	information as	(ii) Details of applications received under RTI	0.35
	may be prescribed	and information provided	
	under section 4(i)	(iii) List of completed	0.35
	(b)(xvii)	schemes/projects/Programmes	0.23
		(iv) List of schemes/ projects/programme	0.35
		under way	0.00

		(v) Details of all contracts entered into	0.35
		including name of the contractor, amount of	f
		contract and period of completion of	
	*	contract	
		(vi) Annual Report	0.35
		(vii)Frequently Asked Question(FAQs)	0.35
		(viii) Any other information	0.35
4.6		(i) Details of applications received and disposed	1.4
	of RTI applications & appeals	(ii) Details of appeals received and orders issued	1.4
4.7	Replies to questions asked in the parliament, if any. [Section 4(1)(d)(2)]	Details of questions asked and replies given	2.8
	Total		19.59/20

Part IV demonstrated E-governance. Weightages assigned to this part were 20. The department scored 19.59 out of 20 marks which indicated that the result remained <u>fully met</u>.

Table V AUDIT OF PART V

(Information may be prescribed)

information as may be prescribed  App 1.1.2  (ii) Detail disclo  (a) Da  (b) Re  (iii) Appoint the ran Direct  (a) Da  (b) Na  (iv) Consun holder  (a) Da  (b) Na  (v) Comme experies sought  (a) Da  (b) Na  (v) Comme experies sought  (a) Da  (b) Na	disclosure	Weightage to the Variables	
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holder  (a) Da (b) Na (v) Comm experies sought  (a) Da	ointment of Nodal Officers not below ank of Joint Director/ Additional ctor Date of appointment Name & Designation of the officers	2	
experie sought  (a) Da	oultancy committee of key stake ers for advice on <i>suo-motu</i> disclosure eates from which constituted fame & Designation of the officers	2.	
	mittee of PIOs/FAAs with rich rience in RTI to identify frequently at information under RTI rates from which constituted	2	
	ame & Designation of the fficers	10/10	

The Part V dealt with the information on name and details of current Central Public Information Officers and First Appellate Authority, details of third party audit of voluntary disclosure, appointment of Nodal Officers etc. 10 marks were allotted to this part. 10 out of 10 marks were obtained by the department in this part. The reason for such good marks is attributed to the fact that the information provided by the department in all the parts was <u>fully</u> met

Table VI AUDIT OF PART VI

(Suo motu disclosure of Information under section 4 of RTI Act, 2005/ Information Disclosed on own Initiative)

S.No.	Item	Details of disclosure	Weightage to the Variables
6.1	Item / information disclosed so that public have minimum resort to use of RTI Act to obtain information		25
	Total		25

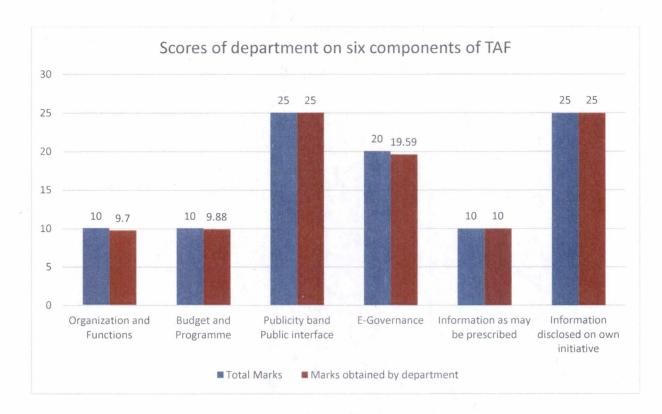
Part VI indicated one question pertaining to *suo motu* disclosure of Information under section 4 of RTI Act, 2005/ information disclosed so that public had a minimum resort to use RTI Act to obtain information. Weightages assigned to this part were 25 and the department provided full information with regards to this part on their website link, <a href="https://gmch.gov.in/rti/rti-info-under-section-41b-proactive-disclosure">https://gmch.gov.in/rti/rti-info-under-section-41b-proactive-disclosure</a>. Hence, in this part also, the department scored full marks and the requirements of the institute in this part were <a href="fully met.">fully met.</a>

#### **SUMMARY**

Table VII
Total marks obtained pertaining to each section.

Sr.no	Activity	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained	Results
1.	Organization and Functions	10	9.7	Fully met
2.	Budget and Programme	10	9.88	Fully met
3.	Publicity band Public interface	25	25	Fully met
4.	E-Governance	20	19.59	Fully met
5.	Information as may be prescribed	10	10	Fully met
6.	Information disclosed on own initiative	25	25	Fully met
	Grand Total	100	98.2	

The above table indicates the total marks obtained by the Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector-32, UT, Chandigarh, relating to each section. The explanation of which is as follows:



In <u>organizational characteristics and functions of various officers/ officials in hierarchy,</u> the department scored 9.7 out of 10 marks which indicated that the department provided information pertaining to their organization and its functions which was <u>fully met</u>. In <u>Budget and Programme</u>, the department scored 9.88 out of 10 marks which indicated that the department uploaded information with regards to budget and programme which was <u>fully met</u>. In the third part i.e. <u>Publicity band Public interface</u>, the department scored 25 out of 25 marks which indicated that the department provided relevant information relating to publicity band and public interface and the result remained <u>fully met</u>.

In the next part that dealt with <u>E-Governance</u>, the department got 19.59 out of 20 marks which indicated that the result was <u>fully met</u>. In part V i.e. <u>Information as may be prescribed</u>, the department again scored 10 out of 10 marks. The reason for such good marks is attributed to the fact that the information provided by the department in this part was <u>fully met</u>. In the last part, which dealt with <u>Suo motu</u> disclosure of <u>Information under section 4 of RTI Act</u>, <u>2005/Information disclosed on own initiative</u>, the department had given relevant information for the convenience of the litigants on their official website and thus scored 25 out of 25 marks in this part. Hence, in this part the department scored full marks and the requirements of the institute in this part were <u>fully met</u>.

The department obtained an aggregate of **98.2** out of **100** marks, which indicated that the department had furnished relevant information pertaining to every domain mentioned in the TAF. It was also found that the department used user friendly language and had also uploaded Transparency Audit form along with annexures timely on their website link, <a href="https://gmch.gov.in/rti/rti-info-under-section-41b-proactive-disclosure">https://gmch.gov.in/rti/rti-info-under-section-41b-proactive-disclosure</a>.

In view of above discussion, it can be assessed that Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Sector-32, UT, Chandigarh, has completed third party audit process conducted by MGSIPA, Chandigarh as part of 'Proactive Disclosure Package' Audited by Third Party under Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 across all the departments of Union Territory, Chandigarh for the financial year 2022-2023.

#### SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Right to Information Act is an act with practical usage. It helps citizens to stay informed and also ensures transparent working in Government administrative structures. The obligation to share information with the citizens adds additional responsibility on the public officers to manage, maintain and monitor records efficiently and effectively. There is immense need of awareness among all frontiers of Governance so as to ensure the effective implementation of Right to Information Act. There are some general suggestions that can be referred by the departments to create mass awareness among citizens and Government authorities regarding RTI Act:

- 1. The digital and social media platforms can serve as effective agents to generate mass awareness among people.
- 2. Print media like magazines, pamphlets, hoardings, boards and newspapers can also be used to share RTI related information among the public.
- 3. Government authorities can organize educational programmes such as street plays, Nukkad Nataks etc. to further advance the understanding of the act.
- Government authorities should bring out comprehensive guidelines and information in the form of booklets and handbooks related to RTI Act 2005.

The acts like RTI Act need widespread publicity so as to increase its outreach and to ensure that information is available on public domains for transparent Government working.