

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.DITEC/R/E/24/00069/2

Applicant Name

Anam Ahmad

Text of Application

To, Public Information Officer, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Electronics Niketan, 6, Lodhi Rd, CGO Complex, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi, Delhi 110003 From, Anam Ahmad H-1, 2nd floor, Al Hamd Gulmohar Suites, Sir Syed Nagar Date: 15-01-2024 Subject: RTI Application regarding Deepfakes and Consumer Protection Dear Public Information Officer, I am writing to file an RTI request under the Right to Information Act, 2005, seeking information on the following matters related to deepfakes and consumer protection: 1. Existing Laws and Policies: a) Are there any specific laws or policies currently in place in India to address the misuse of deepfakes and protect consumers from harm? If so, please provide details of such laws and policies, including their scope and effectiveness. b) Are there any pending proposals or draft legislation currently under consideration to tackle the emerging challenges posed by deepfakes? If so, please provide details of these proposals and the status of their development. 2. Awareness and Education Initiatives: a) What steps is the department taking to raise awareness about deepfakes and educate consumers about how to identify and report them? Please provide details of any ongoing awareness campaigns, educational materials, or public outreach programs. b) Does the department offer any training or workshops for stakeholders such as consumer organisations, law enforcement agencies, or NGOs, on deepfake detection and consumer protection strategies? If so, please provide details of such initiatives. 3. Support for Affected Consumers: a) What resources are available to support consumers who have been harmed by deepfakes? Please provide details of any legal aid, identity theft protection, or other assistance programs specifically designed for victims of deepfake-related scams or attacks. b) Does the department have any dedicated complaints mechanism or reporting platform for deepfake-related incidents affecting consumers? If so, please provide details of the process and contact information. I believe that understanding the current legal landscape, educational efforts, and available support mechanisms is crucial to effectively address the growing threat of deepfakes to consumer safety and trust. I request that you provide me with all relevant information in response to my RTI request, within the stipulated timeframe of 30 days. Thank you for your cooperation. Sincerely, Anam Ahmad

Reply of Application

the information w.r.t. HRD Division, MeitY is attached.

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	01/02/2024	Raushan Kumar (Cyber Security Division)	Forwarded to CPIO Surendra Singh(HRD) by CPIO Raushan Kumar (Cyber Security Division)
2	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	06/03/2024	Surendra Singh(HRD)-(CPIO)	

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Government of India
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(HRD Division)

Dated: 29th February, 2024

Subject: **Reference RTI Application Reg. No.DITEC/R/E/24/00069/2**
of Shri Anam Ahmad dated 15.01.2024 under RTI Act, 2005 -
reg.

Reference RTI Application Reg. No. DITEC/R/E/24/00069/2 of Shri Anam Ahmad dated 15.01.2024 received from Scientist 'E' (SS) & CPIO -HRD Division vide communication no.3(2)/2011-HRD (Vol. VII) dated 09.02.2024 under RTI Act, 2005.

2. In this connection, the requisite information in respect of HRD Division & IT for Masses are enclosed herewith.
3. This issues with the approval of GC (HRD)


(Sonia Rana)
Section Officer

To:

Scientist 'E' (SS) & CPIO (HRD Division)

HRD INPUTS FOR RTI REG. No. DITEC/R/E/24/00069/2

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educational materials, or public outreach programs.

(b) Does the department offer any training or workshops for stakeholder such as consumer organisation, law enforcement agencies, or NGOs on deepfake detection and consumers protection strategies? If so, please provide details of such initiatives.

(3) Support for Affected Consumers:

(a) What resources are available to support consumers who have been harmed by deepfakes? Please provide details of any legal aid, identity theft protection, or other assistance programs specifically designed for victim of deepfake related scams or attack.

Does the department have any dedicated complaints mechanism or reporting for provide deepfake-related incidents affecting consumers. If so, please provide details of the process and contact information

IT FOR MASSES PROGRAMME INPUTS FOR RTI REG. No. DITEC/R/E/24/00069/2

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