

Workshop with lawyers:

On 18th January 2003, CHRI conducted a workshop for lawyers at Tees Hazari Courts in association with the Delhi Bar Association. The aim was to introduce the Delhi Right to Information Act to the lawyers. The Bar Association in Delhi has always played an important role in setting the political and civic culture in the State. Their input on the strengths and weaknesses of a particular law is extremely valuable for subsequent improvements in it.

Outcome:

Most of the lawyers present for the workshop were not aware of legislation on RTI in Delhi and received information on it with enthusiasm. They also pointed out the problem areas like non-inclusion of private bodies, weaknesses with respect to the implementation of the penalty provisions etc. The exclusion of police forces was also criticized since there are many occasions when people imperatively need information from them. After this workshop some people were directed by the participating lawyers to CHRI regarding help on right to information related issues.