

MP Implements Right to Information

Finally, people in Madhya Pradesh will have the right to information. The State Government is all set to implement the Right to Information Act 2005 from Wednesday.

The Government has already appointed a chief information commissioner (CIC) and the officials have also finalised the process of seeking information from various offices. The newly-appointed commissioner TN Shrivastava is likely to take the oath of office on October 14.

A format has been finalised in which people can seek certain information by depositing the prescribed fee with the treasury. The proforma has been made available to all the places including stationery shops, post offices and banks.

Principal Secretary Khushiram told The Pioneer that the new system would certainly bring transparency in the functioning of the Government. "All the officials would be bound to furnish information. If any officer fails to provide any information within 45 days, a fine of Rs 250 per day would be imposed on him," he said.

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