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# Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) is an independent, non-partisan, international non-governmental organisation, mandated to ensure the *practical* realisation of human rights in the countries of the Commonwealth. In 1987, several Commonwealth professional associations founded CHRI. They believed that while the Commonwealth provided member countries a shared set of values and legal principles from which to work and provided a forum within which to promote human rights, there was little focus on the issues of human rights within the Commonwealth.

The objectives of CHRI are to promote awareness of and adherence to the Commonwealth Harare Principles, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other internationally recognised human rights instruments, as well as domestic instruments supporting human rights in Commonwealth member states.

Through its reports and periodic investigations, CHRI continually draws attention to progress and setbacks to human rights in Commonwealth countries. In advocating for approaches and measures to prevent human rights abuses, CHRI addresses the Commonwealth Secretariat, member governments and civil society associations. Through its public education programmes, policy dialogues, comparative research, advocacy and networking, CHRI's approach throughout is to act as a catalyst around its priority issues.

The nature of CHRI's sponsoring organisations allows for a national presence and an international network.\* These professionals can also steer public policy by incorporating human rights norms into their own work and act as a conduit to disseminate human rights information, standards and practices. These groups also bring local knowledge, can access policy makers, highlight issues, and act in concert to promote human rights.

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## **PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS 2010-11**

### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (formerly Human Rights Advocacy)**

#### **❖ Objectives of the Programme**

**Commonwealth** - To advocate around police reforms and for a Commonwealth Expert group on Policing, human rights defenders with Commonwealth agencies, highlight human rights situations and provide a platform for human rights in the Commonwealth during the CHOGM 2011, assist Commonwealth Secretariat in its efforts to implement the Commonwealth Model National Plan of Action for Human Rights, undertake human rights centred fact-finding missions to Commonwealth countries, where necessary

**UNHRC** –Promoting accountability and cooperation of Commonwealth members of the UNHRC, sustain cross regional civil society networks to strengthen and influence the UNHRC, train and capacity build CSOs from the Commonwealth on the UNHRC and the UPR.

#### **❖ Activities**

- CHRI made submissions to the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group created by CHOGM 2009 to make recommendations on reforms of the Commonwealth
- CHRI with our partners requested the President of the UN Human Rights Council to allow NGO participation at the Retreat of the 'Working Group on the Council Review'. Eventually, CHRI also participated in the Retreat and presented before government delegations on the UPR. CHRI made presentations alongside partners at the retreat on sensitive issues including country specific scrutiny on human rights.
- In January 2011, CHRI issued a statement condemning the killing of David Kato, a leading Ugandan Gay activist.
- January-March, CHRI supported several campaigns around the revolutions in the Middle East, especially in Tunisia and Egypt, and participated in a successful campaign on the suspension of Libya from the UN Human Rights Council.
- March, made a submission to the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on the need for a Commonwealth Expert Group on Policing.
- March, launched *Easier Said Than Done – a report on the commitments and performances of Commonwealth countries at the United Nations Human Rights Council (2010)*, the third in the series. The media release of the report was timed with the Commonwealth Day 2011. The report was highlighted in the media in a number of countries including: India, Malaysia, Maldives, Rwanda and Ghana. The report was also widely disseminated and discussed at various fora in which CHRI participated.
- March, participated in a Regional Consultation organised by Solidarity for Asian Peoples Advocacy Working Group on UN Human Rights mechanisms from 30-31 March 2011 in Bangkok, and worked towards the identification of joint initiatives for 2011-2012 along with other participants.
- From September 2010 to January 2011, CHRI conducted about 75 long interviews to collect primary data from NHRIs and civil society organisations from all over the Commonwealth. The data will be used in CHRI's report to CHOGM 2011, that will examine NHRIs in the Commonwealth and the extent to which they protect civil society space and human rights defenders. From January to March 2011, CHRI has been tabulating the collected data and supplementing it with secondary research. The report is expected to be launched in May/June

2011.

- Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative released *Easier Said Than Done* – a report on the commitments and performances of Commonwealth countries at the United Nations Human Rights Council (2010). The report compares pre-election pledges made by 12 Commonwealth countries to the United Nations Human Rights Council, with each country's performance at the domestic and UN levels. This is the third report in its *Easier Said Than Done* series.
- CHRI is currently concerned with critiquing laws and attitudes within the Commonwealth regarding LGBTI advocates and supporting their fight against discrimination. This has led to first time discussion on this subject later at the recently held Law Minister's meeting.

## **ACCESS TO JUSTICE: POLICE REFORMS**

### **❖ Objectives of the Programme**

To catalyse positive changes in policing across the Commonwealth, particularly in Ghana, East Africa, South Asia and India

### **❖ Activities**

#### **India:**

- CHRI continues to monitor independent oversight bodies' performance as well as liaise with them towards increasing efficiency and efficacy and brings out periodic reports. Besides the existing five functional Police Complaints Authorities (Kerala, Goa, Uttarakhand, Assam and Tripura) three new ones have been set up in Chandigarh, Haryana and Puducherry.
- Made a presentation in October before the Parliamentary Select Committee on the proposed Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010
- Met with the Home Secretary, Government of India, and the Joint Secretary (UT), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on the proposed amendments to Delhi Police (Amendment) Act, 2010
- Early this year the Kerala Police Act was passed in the Assembly. The Select Committee looking into the Bill took on board CHRI's suggestion and had held wide consultations in every district and as a result had proposed some 790 amendments to the original Bill. A long debate ensued in the House and 240 amendments were finally debated, discussed and passed. CHRI's seminal role in this process and our efforts duly acknowledged. Since then at CHRI's instance the J and K Chief Minister has agreed to a similar pre-legislative process.
- Recent policing publications in India range from (illustratively) policy briefs for government on designing oversight bodies, expert backgrounder for civil society activists, how to public primers on policing like "101 Things Things You Wanted To Know About Policing But Were Afraid To Ask", and a monthly broadsheet for constabulary called *Lok Police* that goes to police stations all across the Hindi belt.
- CHRI was invited to present at the International Police Executive Symposium Conference on Community Policing which was organised by the Kerala Police. CHRI was recognised at the conference by the Police Chief as the only organisation working in a sustained manner on systemic reforms of the police for over the last decade.
- Conducted monthly police trainings in Orissa, with Sub Inspector and Deputy Superintendent of Police level officers in accordance with an MOU with the Biju Patnaik State Police Academy (BPSPA) Orissa police for improved overall training of the police.
- CHRI challenged before the Kerala High Court a gruesome custodial death in the state which was marked with attempts by the police and government to cover up the issue and present barriers to an independent and impartial investigation. The High Court order transferring the investigation to the CBI was upheld by the Supreme Court on an appeal The Supreme Court

criticised heavily the role of the police as well as the government in trying to shield guilty officers and dismissed the appeal. This was a great victory for CHRI. It demonstrated that we could both engage with the police when possible, and confront them when required.

- Have held seminars to get youth involved in the campaign for police reforms

#### **South Asia:**

- In 2010, the South Asia program was able to achieve considerable success in its objectives, the most important being that of raising demand for, and understanding of, police reform in the region. During the period under review, the program maintained close contact with all its regional partners, consolidated Network for Improved Policing in South Asia (NIPSA - <http://www.nipsa.in>) as an important resource tool, and effectively implemented its commitments for the year 2010. This has given us the confidence to deepen our engagement on police reforms in the region in 2011.
- Published *Feudal Forces: Reform Delayed 2010, Moving from Force to Service in South Asian Policing*. The report is the third in the series that reviews political developments and their impact on police reforms in Commonwealth countries of South Asia. The reports have been very well received and will ground CHRI's future in-country advocacy for better policing.
- The second South Asia Visiting Programme was held in November 2010 in two Indian cities, New Delhi and Kochi. The idea of the Visiting Programme is to enable practitioners and civil society from the region to learn about police reform initiatives in India and draw lessons for their own work. The programme allowed the participants to deepen their knowledge on policing in the region. Following its success, it has been decided to repeat the programme again this year in October.
- In Bangladesh, following the training workshops organised last year on '*Role of Police in a Democratic Society and our Rights*,' there was considerable interest in, and demands for repeating such efforts on a regular basis. One such training was held in April 2011.
- 2010 proved to be a good year for us in terms of our work in the Maldives; we were able to generate interest on the subject of police reforms, publish the 101 Questions in Dhivehi (July 2010), conduct a training workshop (July 2010), and review police reform efforts in the Maldives in *Feudal Forces 2010*. This work has given us good grounding and understanding of policing issues in the Maldives and helped us build sustainable partnership with the Maldivian Democracy Network (MDN) and the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives (HRCM). We have also established good contacts with the Maldives Police Service and the Police Integrity Commission. We are now looking to build on the momentum generated and expand our reach beyond the capital Male. In February, developed a 2-part survey for the police and for civil society, to assess the efficacy of the Maldives Police Strategic Plan 2007-2011, before the new plan of 2011-2015 comes into action. The survey is to be administered with the help of the Maldivian Democracy Network (MDN). The Maldives police have also extended their cooperation.

#### **East Africa:**

- Building on research and well received publications that highlighted little known police structures and weaknesses in accountability mechanisms in East Africa, CHRI in partnership with APCOF, has engaged in the last couple of years with stakeholders including the Eastern Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO), the national police forces, government, national human rights institutions, media, academia, the donor community and civil society in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi toward articulating common standards for policing for these countries as they evolve into the East African Community.
- The Common Standards publication, an outcome of these efforts, is now being disseminated widely and is in the process of being integrated into the design of all policing projects in the region, both at the regional and national levels. Most recently CHRI and APCOF resourced a

Mombassa conference of East African police personnel tasked with taking forward the integration of these standards into their work.

- In Kenya, a Task Force was formed by the President and mandated to investigate police reform needs. They released an interim report and now a final report. The Police Reform Implementation Commission (PRIC) has been established to implement the recommendations. We have submitted critiques of bills, which have been well received by the Commission and they have indicated they are taking them into consideration.
- CHRI Africa attended a sub-regional conference on policing organised by APCOF in Dakar, Senegal from 22-24 November 2010.

## **ACCESS TO JUSTICE: PRISON REFORMS**

### **❖ Objectives of the Programme**

To promote better responses from the criminal justice system to prisoner's legal rights and remedies and compliance with minimum standards of incarceration

### **❖ Activities**

- CHRI took up the case of a mentally ill patient Roy Verghese housed in Jaipur Central Prison for 18 years. In January 2011, Roy was released into the care and custody of his family, and has since been shifted to a mental health care facility near his family. CHRI drew the court's attention to the conditions of Baba Khan's imprisonment and mental health in addition to the procedural delay that had taken place for 7 years.
- CHRI had written in May 2010 drawing the court's attention to the inhuman conditions existing in Maharashtra's sub-jails. We based our letter on the report CHRI had prepared titled *Maharashtra's Abandoned Prisons* which was published in 2010. It played a significant role in informing the court about the degrading jail conditions, and prompted them to take steps to improve the situation. We are monitoring compliance with the Bombay High Court judgement that formulated a 6-month action plan to improve appalling conditions in sub-jails of Maharashtra.
- There was positive progress on the promotion of CHRI's Evaluation of the Period of Detention (EPoD) software or the addition of EPoD-like features into existing and new systems where it can be made. After discussions with the Department of Justice and the National Informatics Centre, it was agreed that NIC will incorporate EPoD-like features in their e-courts project in India.
- The IG-Correctional Services, West Bengal, issued directions for speedy implementation of newly amended sections in the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.P.C) relating to mentally ill prisoners within a week of CHRI writing to him urging him to intervene as it could benefit several such prisoners unnecessarily detained in correctional homes across the state.
- CHRI initiated a collaborative project with the Legal Aid Society of the National University of Juridical Sciences' (NUJS), titled *Shadhinota – Towards Legal Empowerment*. The project, currently operating in Presidency Correctional Home, one of the largest correctional facilities in the state, aims to build a bridge between the inmates in need of legal help and the legal aid lawyers from the Legal Aid Services who are mandated to render free legal aid. In addition to some releases on bail owing to our intervention, we are also pursuing underlying problems with the criminal justice system that came up from our interactions with the inmates, such as vacancy in courts, non-appearance of legal aid lawyers, allegations of demands for money by legal aid lawyers.
- CHRI has joined hands with *International Bridges to Justice (India) Trust* to organise training workshop for trial-court lawyers in Rajasthan



- CHRI Africa presented on “Ensuring compliance to international protocols on adherence to human rights in the treatment of detainees” at a conference for officials from various African countries on Correctional Services and Prisons Reforms held in Johannesburg from 25-28 October 2010.

## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

### **❖ Objectives of the Programme**

To advocate for the institutionalisation of a regime of transparency at all levels of Government in Commonwealth countries – provide technical assistance, monitor implementation, create awareness and increase information available in the public domain - particularly in Africa, South Asia, India

### **❖ Activities**

#### **India:**

- CHRI strategically litigated before the Central Information Commission for compliance with section 4(1)(c) vis-à-vis the Delhi Police Amendment Bill and the *Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Persons Making Disclosure Bill, 2010* (also known as the Whistleblower Bill). As a result, the Commission issued landmark decisions recommending the government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Central Government for creating spaces for public consultation on draft Bills and draft Rules and Regulations before they are approved by the respective cabinets and introduced in the respective legislatures.
- CHRI was one of the civil society organizations to be invited by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice to make a deposition on the Whistleblower Bill on 14 February, 2011. CHRI made a presentation demonstrating the shortfalls in the Bill with respect to most of the international best practice standards as well as those recommended in the *Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers Bill* prepared by the Law Commission of India in 2003.
- In January 2011, the coordinator's RTI paper and recommendations were included in the civil society draft report that provided inputs to the approach paper for the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan drafted by the Planning Commission of India.
- In March CHRI attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> 'National RTI Campaign' of The National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information (NCPRI) in Shillong. CHRI's Access to Information Programme Coordinator was appointed Co-convenor of NCPRI at the meeting.
- Civil society efforts (in which CHRI played an active part) to resist proposed negative amendments to the RTI Act - including a 250-word limit, one subject matter restriction and abatement of an appeal on the death of an applicant besides other changes - have prevailed.
- CHRI had published and disseminated the first of the series of analysis of RTI Rules in the Judiciary – RTI Rules in the Supreme Court, the Delhi High Court and the subordinate Courts of Delhi.
- CHRI sends regular e-mail alerts to RTI e-discussion groups and list-serves on a wide range of RTI related issues. We have received several messages in appreciation of the contents of these email alerts. Some journalists have informed us that they used this database of email alerts as a resource for doing their articles on issues related to RTI, transparency and accountability. These email alerts are uploaded on our website for future reference.

#### **South Asia:**

- CHRI organised its fourth 10-day South Asia learning programme from 7 to 17 November, 2010 with the support of FNF. The programme was attended by nine representatives of civil society

organisations from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Maldives. The purpose of the learning programme was to familiarise the participants with the right to information movement in India and educate them about the experience of implementing the RTI Act in India. Several of the participating members have become resource persons on RTI in their respective countries. There has been a growing demand from our partners in these countries to accommodate their representatives in the learning programme.

- Membership and postings to the South Asian Right To Information Advocates Network (SARTIAN) membership has increased significantly, and CHRI is looking at ways to institutionalise and strengthen the network.
- In Bangladesh, CHRI organised and resourced a two-day capacity building workshop on Bangladesh's Right to Information Act 2009 in September 2010 for representatives of civil society organizations and elected members of a few Union Parishads and Upa Zila Parishads in collaboration with Nagorik Uddyog, Bangladesh; attended a workshop by the Bangladesh Information Commission and Article XIX for designated officers in various ministries of the Government; invited to the inaugural program of a week long RTI campaign in Dhaka city; resourced a Manusher Jonno workshop for members of a group who are working with migrant workers at Daudkandi Union Parishad in Comilla district; made a presentation on the opportunities and limitations of the use of ICT for RTI at a round table organised by the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability – South Asia Region (ANSA-SAR), D.Net, World Bank Institute and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
- CHRI collaborated with the Sharique project of InterCooperation based in Dhaka towards developing two training manuals on Right to Information, for Union Parishads and government line agencies, and for community members. The training modules were launched officially by the Chief Information Commissioner of Bangladesh at a national sharing event held in Dhaka in August 2010. CHRI collaborated with Nagorik Uddyog on publishing a RTI User Guide on Bangladesh's RTI Act 2009, and with Transparency International-Bangladesh on publishing the Bengali version of its publication, *Implementing Access to Information*.
- In March 2011, facilitated visit of Prof. Sadeka Halim, Information Commissioner of Bangladesh to her meeting with Mr. S.N. Mishra, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, India
- In Sri Lanka, taking forward suggestions from our earlier consultation in 2009 to broaden the campaign for RTI legislation among the grassroots and not limit to a few Colombo based organisations, CHRI organised a two-day consultation on "*Securing an Access to Information Legislation in Sri Lanka*" on 22-23 November 2010 in collaboration with Sarvodaya, the largest grassroots NGO in the country, at their headquarters at Moratuwa. Findings from a CHRI-sponsored study of the disclosure provisions in local government laws were presented at this workshop to educate participants about RTI-based interventions they could undertake even in the absence of an over-arching RTI law, and participants showed a lot of enthusiasm about this.
- CHRI is collaborating with Transparency International-Sri Lanka to adapt and translate three chapters of CHRI's flagship publication Open Sesame: Looking for RTI in the Commonwealth into Sinhala and Tamil. The six booklets will be printed soon and launched at an event to be held in Colombo.
- In Maldives, CHRI resourced a sensitisation workshop organised by the Human Rights Commission of Maldives on RTI.

#### **Africa:**

- Liberia passed its Right to Information Bill in August 2010 making it the first West African country to have an information access law. This has led to strengthening of the demand for information access legislation in Ghana and Nigeria. The Right to Information Coalition in Ghana which was spearheaded by CHRI has been persistently urging the Government of Ghana to act on the pending access to information legislation in the Parliament and has been



advocating for the adoption of the best practice standards in their legislation.

- CHRI Africa was chosen to be a member of the Steering Committee of Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC)
- CHRI Africa is a member for the Governance Sector Working Group in Ghana and in a meeting held in the reporting period made a presentation on the status of the RTI Bill in Ghana.
- CHRI was invited to make a presentation on the situation regarding RTI and national security related information in India at a conference on National Security and Access to Information in October, 2010. This meeting was co-organised by OSJI and the Institute for Security Studies, South Africa and was attended by academics and representatives of CSOs and government security agencies.
- On request from a Rwandan Civil Society Platform, CHRI organised a six day study tour in April similar to our South Asia learning visit for three representatives from Rwanda, a part of the organisation's exchange visit in collaboration with the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA). The study tour is to learn about the Indian RTI campaign and implementation of the law.



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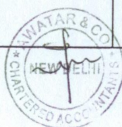
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## BALANCE SHEET AS ON MARCH 31, 2011 (CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT)

LIABILITIES				ASSETS		
As at 31.03.2010 (Amount Rs.)	Particulars	As at 31.03.2011 (Amount Rs.)	As at 31.03.2010 (Amount Rs.)	Particulars	As at 31.03.2011 (Amount Rs.)	
37,093,540	<b>General Fund</b>		4,625,039	<b>Fixed Assets</b> (As per Schedule-1)		4,991,033
	As per last accounts	37,093,540				
	Add: Fixed Assets purchased during the year	396,994				
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,823,187	39,313,721	<b>Current Assets</b>		
				<b>a) Fixed Deposits</b>		
				- Bank of India	7,008,894	
				- State Bank of India	2,978,327	
				- HDFC Bank Ltd	6,149,478	
				- ICICI Bank Ltd	14,214,250	30,350,949
500,000	<b>SPECIAL PROJECT FUND</b> (u/s 11(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961)	500,000		<b>b) Investment in Mutual Funds</b>	-	
	Less: Utilized during the year	500,000	-	<b>c) Bank Balances</b>		
	<b>Corpus Fund</b>			In accounts with:		
	Donations for Corpus received during the year		280,000	- State Bank of India	2,260,042	
				- Bank of India	101,277	2,361,318
37,593,540	Total c/f	39,593,721	32,276,768	Total c/f		37,703,300



LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
As at 31.03.2010 (Amount Rs.)	Particulars		As at 31.03.2011 (Amount Rs.)	As at 31.03.2010 (Amount Rs.)	Particulars		As at 31.03.2011 (Amount Rs.)
37,593,540	Total b/f		39,593,721	32,276,768	Total b/f		35,499,751
				3,691,780	- Bank of India- SDTT	66,698	
				610,049	- HDFC Bank Ltd	751,917	818,614
	<u>Current Liabilities :</u>				<u>d) Cash Balances</u>		
1,139,505	Sundry creditors for expenses		655,323	117,668	- Cash in hand	48,231	
				20,498	- Foreign Currency in hand	147,110	195,341
				387,981	<u>e) Tax Deducted at Source</u>		390,655
				1,628,302	<u>f) Sundry Debtors</u> ( Considered good, receivable in cash or in kind )		1,141,134
38,733,045	Total		40,249,044	38,733,045	Total		40,249,044

As per our report of even date



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*Sanjay Agrawal*

(Sanjay Agrawal)  
Partner M. N. 087786

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Date :

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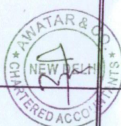
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2011

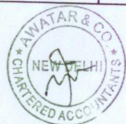
(CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT)



2009-2010 (Amount Rs.)	Expenditure	2010-2011 (Amount Rs.)	2009-2010 (Amount Rs.)	Income	2010-2011 (Amount Rs.)
	Grantwise Expenses - As per Schedule -2			Grant Receipts	
7,310	Action Aid-Developing Capacity & Resource on Right to Information	-	1,105,903	British High Commission - Access to Justice - Gujarat	-
4,931,592	British High Commission-Promoting equality before the law for disadvantaged groups	4,231,994	4,916,321	British High Commission-Promoting equality before the law for disadvantaged groups	4,881,044
440,335	Democracy Coalition Project ( DCP) USA-Travel support for Human Rights Council Advocacy Mission-	47,069	479,534	Democracy Coalition Project ( DCP) USA-Travel support for Human Rights Council Advocacy Mission-	61,105
2,930,759	Friedrich Naumann Stiftung - Promoting RTI and Police Reforms in South Asia	2,724,688	2,696,179	Friedrich Naumann Stiftung - Promoting RTI and Police Reforms in South Asia	3,276,428
2,522,239	Ford Foundation- New York - Institutional Grant	7,103,611	3,618,427	Ford Foundation- New York - Institutional Grant	11,600,483
135,013	NZ Agency for International Development-Right to Information Programme- Pacific	-	264,168	NZ Agency for International Development-Right to Information Programme- Pacific	-
2,361,232	Netherland Minister for Development Cooperation-Access to Justice for Marginalised Communities with a Special Focus on Religious Minorities	2,515,154	3,634,623	Netherland Minister for Development Cooperation-Access to Justice for Marginalised Communities with a Special Focus on Religious Minorities	1,729,275
-	Open Society Institute-RTI Act to gather information on under-trial prisoners and the functioning of the legal aid system	1,193,069	-	Open Society Institute-RTI Act to gather information on under-trial prisoners and the functioning of the legal aid system	1,330,834
-	Open Society Institute-RTI - National Security and Access to Information	138,350	-	Open Society Institute-RTI - National Security and Access to Information	1,122,438
13,328,480	Total c/f	17,953,935	16,715,155	Total c/f	24,001,607



2009-2010 (Amount Rs.)	Expenditure	2010-2011 (Amount Rs.)	2009-2010 (Amount Rs.)	Income	2010-2011 (Amount Rs.)
13,328,480	Total b/f	17,953,935	16,715,155	Total b/f	24,001,607
501,125	Open Society Institute-Bangkok - Capacity building training to Sri Lankan Civil Society	2,083,878	1,433,240	Open Society Institute-Bangkok - Capacity building training to Sri Lankan Civil Society	2,552,886
2,874,012	Open Society Institute - Institutional Grant	3,222,329	233,031	Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation-Police Reforms- Chattisgarh	-
629,152	Open Society Institute-RTI - Promoting effective access to information regimes in countries of South Asia	876,016			
12,207,679	Sir Dorabji Tata Trust - Institutional Grant	8,614,745	14,700,000	Sir Dorabji Tata Trust - Institutional Grant	6,100,000
85,819	General Expenses	148,285		<b>Other Receipts :</b>	
		32,899,188		Interest on :	
	Less: Special Project Fund (U/S 11 (2) of Income Tax Act. 1961) utilized during the year	500,000	1,837,461	- Fixed Deposits	1,783,081
349,655	Fixed Assets transferred to Balance Sheet out of Grants- As per contra (Schedule-1)		259,164	- Saving Bank Accounts	470,134
32,000	Loss on sale of Assets	14,800	317,755	-Dividend From Mutual Funds	114,989
501,095	Loss on redemption of Mutual Funds	338,522	582,302	Miscellaneous Receipts	488,849
	Less: gain	69,692	16,099	Sale of books	140,864
913,500	Refund of Grant - OSI-Bangkok	1,349,110	-	General Donations	600,000
4,671,690	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to General Fund	1,823,187			
36,094,207	<b>Total</b>	36,252,409	36,094,207	<b>Total</b>	36,252,409



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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2011**

**(CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT)**

2009-2010 (Amount Rs.)	Receipts	2010-2011 (Amount Rs.)	2009-2010 (Amount Rs.)	Payments	2010-2011 (Amount Rs.)
	<b>Opening Balance :</b>		1,180	Audit Expenses	400
1,783,898	State Bank of India	2,018,991	758,035	Advertisement Expenses	436,086
1,094,346	Bank of India	910,979	79,487	Bank Charges	54,900
6,534	Bank of India - UNDP - SAJI-1	-	2,698,090	Boarding & Lodging Expenses	1,885,557
1,318,884	Bank of India - SDTT	3,691,781	84,119	Books & Periodicals	90,737
440,750	HDFC Bank	610,050	4,067,924	Consultancy Charges	5,123,495
183,975	Cash in hand	117,668	947,437	Conveyance Expenses	869,567
148,719	Foreign Currency in hand	20,498	402,932	Electricity & Water Charges	516,553
20,031,258	Fixed Deposits	21,725,101	127,520	Equipment Hire Charges	197,484
3,500,000	Investment in Mutual Funds	2,996,658	63,465	Fee & Subscription	92,855
<b>28,508,364</b>		<b>32,091,726</b>	291,173	Honorarium	386,100
	<b>Grants Received :</b>		131,376	Insurance Expenses-Staff	208,399
1,105,903	British High Commission - Access to Justice - Gujarat	-	8,282	Insurance Expenses-Office	8,106
4,916,321	British High Commission-Promoting equality before the law for disadvantaged groups	4,881,044	387,684	Internet Expenses	320,442
479,534	Democracy Coalition Project ( DCP) USA- Travel support for Human Rights Council Advocacy Mission-	61,105	144,791	Legal & Professional Charges	135,563
2,696,179	Friedrich Naumann Stiftung - Building awareness on RTI	3,276,428	8,817	Leave Encashment	-
3,618,427	Ford Foundation -New York -Institutional Grant	11,600,483	57,727	Miscellaneous Expenses	46,660
264,168	NZ Agency for International Development - Right to Information programme-Pacific	-		Membership & Subscription	600
3,634,623	Netherland Minister for Development Cooperation-Access to Justice for Marginalised Communities with a Special Focus on Religious Minorities	1,729,275	184,863	Meeting Expenses	1,143,294
1,433,240	Open Society Institute-Bangkok - Capacity building training to Sri Lankan Civil Society	2,552,886	279,860	Office Expenses	498,253
	Open Society Institute-RTI Act to gather information on under-trial prisoners and the functioning of the legal aid system	1,330,834	468,840	Postage & Telegrams	786,340
<b>46,656,759</b>	<b>Total c/f</b>	<b>57,523,781</b>	<b>11,193,602</b>	<b>Total c/f</b>	<b>12,801,391</b>

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2009-2010 (Amount Rs.)	Receipts	2010-2011 (Amount Rs.)	2009-2010 (Amount Rs.)	Payments	2010-2011 (Amount Rs.)
64,614,571	Total b/f	69,124,827	29,975,922	Total b/f	33,296,182
			501,095	Loss on Sale of Mutual Fund	268,830
			462,002	Increase/Decrease - Sundry Debtors	
			670,326	Increase/Decrease - Sundry Creditors	484,182
			913,500	Refund of Grant	1,349,410
				<b>Closing Balance :</b>	
			2,018,991	State Bank of India	10,659
			910,979	Bank of India	147,110
			3,691,781	Bank of India - SDTT	66,698
			610,050	HDFC Bank	751,917
			117,668	Cash in hand	29,379,321
			20,498	Foreign currency in hand	-
			21,725,101	Fixed Deposits	58,233,388
			2,996,658	Investment in Mutual Funds	-
64,614,571	<b>Total</b>	69,124,827	64,614,571	<b>Total</b>	69,124,827
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