



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: 2013-14

Our networks in South Asia and East Africa on policing have been significantly strengthened. We have organized regional events, undertaken regional / multi-country research, our inputs are sought and welcomed by state bodies (e.g. NHRC Bangladesh, PCAs in India, Nepal Information Commission) and civil society (we have collaborated one way or another with nearly every group in South Asia and Commonwealth East Africa focusing on similar issues as us). We have made several submissions that have been appreciated in different circles, the contribution of our submissions on ATI, directly or by partners to strengthening ATI legislation have been acknowledged each time a law has been passed, particularly in South Asia. The use of RTI in our prison monitoring work has now become well-entrenched and routine, we now use RTI for all our data and information gathering work, as much as possible. Our publications continue to be in demand, some have been translated / adapted into several languages

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The Strategic Initiatives Programme (SIP) monitors Commonwealth member states' compliance with their human rights obligations, and uses international human rights mechanisms to advocate for compliance with international human rights standards.

The Commonwealth

Issues addressed included:

- Protecting Commonwealth Values – insisting that the Commonwealth is about human rights or it is about nothing at all in various forums, bringing out a research report on the need for a Commonwealth Commissioner for Human Rights, the missing link in the Commonwealth reform process, research papers exploring the Commonwealth's existing mechanisms in terms of responding to violations of its values, contributing a chapter on Working to reenergise the Commonwealth in CIVICUS' 2014 State of Civil Society Report.
- Calling for accountability for human rights violations in Sri Lanka, and resisting Sri Lanka as CHOGM venue and CHOGM chair in the absence of a clear path to accountability
- The deteriorating situation for human rights defenders in Commonwealth countries – for e.g. when COMANGO, a coalition of human rights defenders were targeted in Malaysia; when Sri Lankan HRDs were targeted post-CHOGM for speaking to the international press and delegations; when Bangladeshi HRDs were being targeted.
- The protection of sexual minorities in Commonwealth countries in the context of worrying developments on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights, people and activists across the African region.
- Protesting attacks on democratic space and civil society e.g. 'Public Order Management' legislation in Uganda that aims to regulate public protests and freedom of assembly.

United Nations Engagement

During the reporting period CHRI:

- Submitted its UN activity report to the ECOSOC committee detailing its UN engagement over a four year period, which is used by the Committee to review the organisation's ECOSOC status.
- Continued to monitor the performance of Commonwealth countries in the UNHRC
- Wrote to a number of United Nations Special Rapporteurs regarding reprisals against COMANGO urging the Special Rapporteurs to issue a joint statement condemning the ban.
- Was active at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) making written and oral submissions including: the need for independent international investigations into allegations of human rights and humanitarian law violations in Sri Lanka during the internal conflict, and on reprisals against human rights defenders in Sri Lanka, especially linked to the visit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in August; on the visit of the Special Rapporteur for Torture to Ghana; the draft resolution on Peaceful Assemblies; the UPR outcome of Nigeria; the UPR outcome of Malaysia; and on the OHCHR's report on Sri Lanka; Gambia Cameroon Bangladesh
- Being particularly concerned with regards to procedural matters relating to the UPR process, Special Procedures visits and participation of NGOs in high level UN summits, it joined civil society on various initiatives including joint civil society letters / statements on the proposed cuts to OHCHR funding, and on the candidates for the HRC elections and on the terms of reference for the Special Procedure vacancies.
- Wrote articles on the need for international investigations in Sri Lanka and on the Commonwealth's response to the constricting of space for civil society in the international arena
- Continued its close engagement with HRCNet during the UNHRC sessions. It collaborated with partner organisations to deliver joint statements and letters to diplomatic missions on: the draft resolution on peaceful assemblies, Sri Lanka, civil society space, Egypt and a round up of the performance of the Council during the session, on treaty body strengthening, and civil society participation at the General Assembly.
- Responded to calls from the United Nations Secretary-General for information about the death penalty, and submitted a paper detailing the use, law and practice of capital punishment throughout the Commonwealth.
- Designed and circulated a UPR pack to assist domestic grassroots organisations to engage with the UPR process; it contains information about the process, how to make submissions and a template for submissions.
- Continues to actively participate in the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the UN (WGHR), assisting with creation of a tool to monitor the implementation of UPR recommendations held out as a best-practice model, resourcing its regional training on engaging with the UN, inputting into reports and responding to technical queries on the UPR.

IBSA (India Brazil & South Africa Dialogue Forum)

- Expressed disappointment, along with partners in Brazil and South Africa, at the indefinite postponement of the IBSA Summit scheduled in 2013. The summer edition of CHRI's 2013 Newsletter focused exclusively on IBSA and has been widely disseminated in the Commonwealth and beyond.
- Continued to keep in touch with all its IBSA partners and contacts, including development groups, media, foreign policy think-tanks, academics, NGOs and partners in Brazil and South Africa
- Participated in the 13th International Human Rights Colloquium, organised by Conectas in Sao Paulo, Brazil on - 'A New Global Order in Human Rights? - Actors, Challenges and Opportunities'
- Actively participate in the *Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC)* by RIS, a government supported think tank based in Delhi
- Attempted to obtain information on the IBSA trust fund from governments and UNDP, which manages the Fund, using the right to information laws in India, South Africa and Brazil. Following up as the responses were not satisfactory
- Contributed to an interview regarding India's foreign policy to Conectas' SUR Journal on human rights. Provided input on Funding for human rights in India to the IRIN Journal.
- Contributed to an Oxfam study on India's development aid
- Invited to attend the first meeting with CSOs on priorities for BRICS development bank by the Indian Council of Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), a Government of India supported think tank.
- Developed papers on 'IBSA and the Global Order' and 'IBSA and Human Rights'

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: POLICE REFORMS PROGRAMME

CHRI urges a reformed vision of law enforcement based on upholding the rule of law and protecting civil liberties even as the police prevents and investigates crime and assures people's safety and security. The programme's geographical focus areas are South Asia and East Africa.

South Asia

Activities included:

Women in Policing Report

CHRI is conducting a regional study in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and the Maldives to examine issues around women in policing in South Asia. The research for the report is being spearheaded by CHRI in close collaboration with our regional partners, namely the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (Bangladesh), Maldivian Democracy Network (Maldives), and Individualland (Pakistan). This has involved a series of interviews and focus group discussions with women police of different ranks, in each country. A regional conference on the subject was also organized, which will feed into the study. Serving women police officers participated and shared experiences and insights. The report is slated for release by mid-2014.

Network for Improved Policing in South Asia (NIPSA)

NIPSA is a regional civil society driven initiative, moderated and facilitated by CHRI, to bring to the fore the need for better policing in South Asia in the commonwealth

countries of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives. The revamped website (www.nipsa.in), run by CHRI, went online in June 2013 and includes new features like a multimedia section, fortnightly updates that provide quick analysis on topical developments that impact policing in the region, and a commentary section. These features add to the already existing ones such as country-wise resource section, quarterly newsletter and a news tracker. Through a sustained outreach effort, NIPSA readership is slowly expanding.

Pakistan Forum for Democratic Policing

CHRI is partnering with the Pakistan Forum for Democratic policing, a coalition of civil society organisations and experts working on mobilising debate and public opinion on better policing. The group is spearheaded by Rozan, an independent non-governmental organisation based in Islamabad. They held their first meeting on 11 October 2013 to discuss the objectives and agenda of the coalition. The group agreed that they will focus on Sindh province as the government has set up a committee to prepare a new police bill. Activities and events have been organized around this.

India

Police Complaints Authorities

CHRI continues to be the go-to resource for the Police Complaints Authorities (PCAs) as the only civil society organisation that has continuously engaged with, monitored, criticised, supported, reported on, and convened these bodies right from the beginning. In the last year, CHRI organised two platform meetings of the Police Complaints Authorities. The PCAs shared significant developments through the platforms. CHRI's role in convening meetings of the PCAs has been well appreciated and the PCAs made a commitment to convening meetings themselves. Following up on the commitment, the Assam Police Accountability Commission organised a regional consultation inviting its counterpart from the only other PAC in the North East, the Tripura Police Accountability Commission, and the Home Secretary of Meghalaya to discuss initiatives for police accountability commissions in the North East. This was followed by a national level seminar on police reforms organised by the Tripura Police Accountability Commission to which all the other PCAs were invited. CHRI contributed significantly to both events.

Tripura Police Accountability Commission has notified rules (they have adopted the model rules that CHRI had developed almost as is, barring two sections for logistical reasons).

Membership of Committee to amend the Model Police Act 2006

CHRI is a member of the Committee constituted for carrying out amendments in the Model Police Act, 2006. This committee was set up by the National Police Mission, Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPRD), Ministry of Home Affairs. CHRI contributes substantially to the discussions, and is drafting a new section on police accountability.

In the States

- Supporting and capacity building Police Reforms Watch Mumbai, an informal civil society group of committed citizens exclusively focussed on monitoring police reform and trying to build public concern for it.
- Invited to resource an interactive workshop on better policing with police station level staff by Sneha, a women's group, which works with domestic violence victims in the largest slum in Mumbai, Dharavi.
- Organised a workshop in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with the Administrative Staff College on Better Policing – People's Participation.
- Initiated the development of a unique first-of-its-kind 360 degree interactive police station training tool which aims to facilitate police training and public education. The Director General of Police, Rajasthan and Director of the Rajasthan Police Training Academy facilitated access to police stations in Jaipur for this. The technology and content are currently being developed.

East Africa

Report on state of policing in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

CHRI brought out a report titled '*A Force For Good? Improving The Police In Kenya, Tanzania And Uganda*'. Human Rights Network - Uganda (HURINET- U) partnered with CHRI on the report. The report analyses the current status of policing, the challenges facing policing and the initiatives undertaken to improve the police in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda since CHRI's last reports in 2006, and makes recommendations to continue to build on these. The report will be launched in Nairobi and Kampala in April and May 2014.

Other activities included:

- Publishing and launching the public education booklet '101 Things that you wanted to know about the police but were afraid to ask' in Uganda with partners HURINET-U. The booklet was published in English, Luo and Luganda and is being disseminated throughout Uganda by HURINET-U
- Publishing media articles in Uganda and Kenya regarding current issues
- Making a submission on the draft Tanzania constitution as part of criminal justice coalition *Haki na Usalama Forum*
- Releasing press statements as necessary and appropriate, e.g. during President Obama's visit to Tanzania - calling on him to reinforce what good security means (with Haki na Usalama Forum) and on the need for Commonwealth to stand for its values at CHOGM re Sri Lanka and Kenya
- Sending letters to relevant international and national bodies for domestic legislation to be in line with international standards and best practice

ACCESS TO JUSTICE: PRISON REFORMS PROGRAMME

This programme is presently limited to India. It is national in character with deeper interventions in Rajasthan and West Bengal. It works to ensure better responses from the criminal justice system to prisoner's legal rights and remedies.

During this period, CHRI's Prison Reform programme continued with its legal aid reform work in Rajasthan and West Bengal and also tried to step up the implementation and institutionalisation of the Undertrial Review Mechanism. In both states the work with legal aid lawyers and paralegal volunteers is moving towards better results in terms of reducing unnecessary detention. Particular attention was given to observing and keeping a watch on pre-trial practices of the court, police and legal aid to influence an environment of early and effective representation. Additionally, we revived our work on the sub-jails in Maharashtra with an RTI enquiry into the compliance of the court order on the Board of Visitors (BOVs).

In all three states, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, CHRI is making efforts to obtain court directives or compliance to orders already availed. While the Rajasthan High Court, Police and High Court Bar Association have opened up to the initiatives of CHRI, in West Bengal, this period proved particularly difficult with change of guard in Prisons, SLSA, and SHRC. Accordingly, strategies are being crafted for the next phase of our work around the availability of opportunities or their temporary closure.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROGRAMME

The programme works to promote the institutionalisation of a regime of transparency at all levels of Government in Commonwealth countries. The current geographical focus is on South Asia and Commonwealth African countries.

South Asia

Learning Programme

The 7th Annual Right to Information Learning Programme was organised by CHRI in September, 2013. This year 11 participants from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Ghana and the Maldives participated in this event. Most of the learning programme was in New Delhi, with a field visit to Rajasthan. This is a flagship programme, much appreciated and valued by South Asian partners who get a good understanding of the different stages, facets, actors and perspectives of RTI in India from the times of the movement to where it stands currently. Several participants have been active in striving for a strong RTI regime in their countries.

South Asia Right to Information Advocates Network (SARTIAN)

Since 2007, CHRI has anchored the South Asia Right to Information Advocates Network (SARTIAN), a web platform for Right to Information enthusiasts to talk, discuss, share and contribute to the resource database. This is emerging as a strong resource base and forum for interaction for practitioners across South Asia.

In-country activities included:

The Maldives: CHRI is happy to report that our partners in the Maldives, Transparency Maldives have succeeded in their advocacy efforts to get a strong RTI law passed by Parliament. We trained several CSO representatives from the Maldives in the course of 4 years at our South Asia Learning Programmes apart from providing them with detailed critiques of the RTI Bill at different points of time and resourcing

their awareness raising and capacity building workshops. The President signed the RTI Bill into law in January, 2014. CHRI is advising its local partners to hold a national level implementation conference for discussing strategies to prioritise implementation of the transparency regime. We will also help TM conduct capacity building workshops specifically based on the new law for all potential RTI practitioners and also help them develop a training manual during the course of this year

Bhutan: The National Assembly of Bhutan passed the Right to Information Bill on February 5, 2014. In September 2013, CHRI sent a comprehensive critique in line with international standards and best practice of the RTI Bill drafted by the Government of Bhutan and uploaded on the weblog of the Prime Minister. CHRI made almost 50 comments to the draft bill with a view to promoting a strong RTI law that will improve transparency and good governance in the country. CHRI was happy to note that several of its suggestions sent in September had found mention in the revised version of the Bill. In January 2014, QED, a think tank in Bhutan and a member of the RTI coalition invited CHRI to conduct a workshop on the RTI Bill with representatives from civil society, Government, the media and academia. The Coordinator of CHRI's ATI Programme had extensive meetings with several key persons impressing upon them the importance of a strong RTI regime for good governance and for democracy to flourish.

Nepal: The National Information Commission (NIC) of Nepal visited CHRI in October 2013 with a request to conduct two workshops for government officers as well as its own staff. CHRI partnered with the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management- a Government of India established officer training institute, to conduct the first workshop in Delhi. In January, 2014 two resource persons from the ATI team visited Kathmandu to conduct a 3-day intensive training workshop for 60 senior officers appointed as Information officers in more than 30 departments across Nepal. This workshop was also supported by NIC of Nepal.

Pakistan:

- ATI team Coordinator participated in a video conference organised by the World Bank with the Chief Information Commissioner of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Pakistan and members of the ATI programme, in the Pakistan office of the Bank. He answered several queries that the CIC raised about interpretation and implementation of the KPK RTI Act. The ATI team sent relevant documents and circulars to the World Bank office for sharing with the KPK CIC as promised during the VC. CHRI has shared its popular user guide and implementation guidelines with civil society organisations and with the Information and Broadcasting ministry (the ministry responsible for implementing the Act) to serve as a model that can be adapted to the law and context there.
- CHRI has made submissions and engaged with CSO partners to promote strong RTI legislation at the federal and provincial levels, and will share its expertise and experience with implementation as laws get passed. CHRI provided non-partisan analysis and feedback, based on international standards, principles and best practice for RTI legislation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and the federal bill of Pakistan.
- Launch of the study on transparency of the municipal corporation of Karachi: CHRI commissioned three studies in South Asia to assess the level of transparency in the working of Municipal Corporation in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. The study reports were launched and consultations held around the

findings both in Bangladesh and Pakistan. The Bangladesh event was organised in collaboration with Research Initiatives Bangladesh (RIB) and the event in Pakistan was organised in Karachi in collaboration with our partner Shehri, who did the Karachi study. The platform was used to discuss the status of transparency in the municipal corporation and the level of compliance. The event was attended by government officials, civil society groups and journalists, and our partner organisation was able to draw out detailed recommendations, and an action plan. CHRI could not present at the launch as we did not get visas.

Afghanistan: UNDP Afghanistan requested CHRI to critique the Government of Afghanistan's draft Access to information Law and CHRI sent detailed comments and examples of other model laws that should be used.

India:

- Monitoring and reporting on attacks on RTI users and activists including a comprehensive report on the number of such attacks reported in the English language media
- Strategic litigation, including one before the Central Information Commission (CIC) on the issue of disclosure of information relating to extra-judicial killings in the State of Chhattisgarh in June 2012 for establishing the accountability of the security forces involved. After a 2-hour long hearing in this matter the CIC reserved its decision in August 2013. The CIC has given its decision agreeing with the contention that the extra-judicial killings did amount to allegations of human rights violation however access to almost all information except on one point were denied on the basis of various exemption clauses in Section 8(1) of the RTI Act.
- Advocacy in defending the Right to Information Act Amendment Bill, 2013: On June 3, the Central Information Commission in a full bench decision passed an order bringing the six national political parties under the purview of the RTI Act. The decision was a major blow to the political parties and they opposed the decision vehemently and decided to amend the RTI law. However intensive advocacy efforts spread over several weeks involving civil society organizations (including CHRI), people's movements, activists, academics and most importantly, unorganised citizens have resulted in the RTI (Amendment) Bill being referred to a Parliamentary Committee for wider public consultation. Currently the bill is with the standing committee and CHRI has made its written submission to the standing committee.
- Rapid study on the use of RTI in India: CHRI did a rapid study on the use of RTI in India based on the information provided in the Annual Reports of the Information Commissions in the States of India and the compliance to the corresponding provisions in the RTI Act i.e. Sec 25(3). The report was received well by the media and other civil society actors interested in good governance and transparency.
- Uttarakhand – the government had replaced the progressive simple rules of 2005 with a new set of rules; after a prolonged engagement on the issue, CHRI's recommendations were accepted and notified.
- NCPRI Campaign with the Times of India: Times of India, a leading Indian daily, in collaboration with the National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI), ran a nation-wide campaign on the Right to Information as part of their flagship "I Lead India" campaign in October 2013. CHRI's Access to

Information Programme Coordinator is a co-convenor of NCPRI, and was a key resource for the campaign, conducting six workshops over a three day period for raising awareness and skill building.

- Participation in a google hangout as an expert on Right to Information.

Africa

- Learning Programme: CHRI organised a Learning Programme on the Right to Information (RTI-LP) for representatives of civil society, media and academia from Commonwealth member States- Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in East Africa in March 2014. The learning programme received a lot of positive feedback from the participants. This needs to be followed up by further engagements and collaborations.
- Presented on the RTI campaign and the implementation experience in India in a video conference organized by the World Bank Institute with CSOs and academics in Egypt
- Presented RTI developments at the international level, and international RTI law standards along with the status of implementation in India at a World Bank Egypt workshop
- Symposium on Freedom of Information in Nairobi: The symposium was organized by Transparency International Kenya (TI-K) and the International Commission of Jurists, Kenya Section (ICJ-K), and was attended by members of the Kenya Freedom of Information Coalition. CHRI staff attended and held a session entitled "Lessons that can be learned from the Indian experience under the RTI Act 2005". The session was well-received and was followed by a screening of CHRI's short film which documents the efforts of CHRI and its partners in promoting proactive transparency in rural Gujarat. CHRI also submitted its comments on the latest version of the Kenya Freedom of Information Bill to the Coalition and held bilateral meetings with senior members of the coalition and representatives of government.

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CHRI STAFF PROFILE – 2014

HEADQUARTERS, INDIA

Ms. Kirsty Welch, *Programme Officer*, studied law at the University of Glasgow and has subsequently studied international law and human rights at the University of Aberdeen, the United Nations University of Tokyo and the Indian Society of International Law. Before joining CHRI Kirsty worked for the Scottish Government, where much of her focus was on human rights litigation and law reform. Kirsty has also been posted to the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials and the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. At CHRI Kirsty is responsible for the organisation's United Nations engagement.

Ms. Vrinda Choraria: *Programme Officer*, has a BA (Hons.) in Political Science from the University of Delhi, and an MA in Global Affairs from the University of Buckingham, England. Vrinda has earlier worked with the Access to Information programme in CHRI. Vrinda currently focuses on our IBSA, Commonwealth and NHRI advocacy.

Mr. Sukrit R. Kapoor, *Research Officer*, graduated from the Gujarat National Law University and then successfully pursued a post-graduate degree in international law with a focus on human rights and humanitarian issues from the University of Essex. He has previously worked with a human rights organisation in the Gaza Strip as an international law researcher and with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in New Delhi as a refugee status determination assistant. He is currently working with CHRI's Strategic Initiatives Programme as a Research Officer and assists the team in its tasks by undertaking legal and human rights related research.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROGRAMME

Mr. Venkatesh Nayak: *Programme Coordinator*, is presently a key public training resource on Right to Information across South Asia, Africa & the Caribbean. He has trained more than 6000 officers of government and more than 600 executives of public sector enterprises for implementing India's new transparency law. Previously a Doctoral Research Fellow in History, he has authored research and public education documents on the right to information, the basic structure of the Indian Constitution, issues of social justice, electoral reforms, efficacy of public audit mechanisms and fact-finding mission reports on human rights violations.

Ms. Suchismita Goswami: *Project Officer*, has a Masters in social work from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). She previously worked in Dantewada as a Project Leader in a project of UNICEF ensuring child rights and child protection for children in the relief camps. At CHRI, She is engaged in research, advocacy and analysis of issues relating to right to information in South Asian countries, she is also the moderator of SARTIAN.

Ms. Amrita Paul, *Project Officer*, has Masters in Law (LL.M.) Human Rights from National Law School of India University, Bangalore. In my last term, she was awarded the Linnaeus-Palme scholarship and completed her exchange study at KTH, Stockholm.

She has previously worked at the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal. She was involved in organizing national and international workshops and conferences at all the levels of the Indian Judiciary. At CHRI, she undertook research and analysis of issues related to Access to Information (ATI), monitoring the status of ATI across the Commonwealth, contributing analytical articles, organizing workshops and conferences among others.

Ms. Seema Choudhary, *Project Officer*, completed her B.A. LLB (Hons) from Chanakya National Law University in 2011 and was the topper of her batch and Gold-medallist in IPR Laws. Prior to joining CHRI, she worked with a senior advocate of the Supreme Court, and with All India Reporter, Nagpur. She is currently involved in research and advocacy for strengthening of Freedom of Information Laws in India and Commonwealth Countries.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAMME

Police Reforms

Ms. Devika Prasad: *Programme Coordinator*, has a bachelor's degree in political science, a master's in Comparative Legal Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, and a master's in Human Rights and Criminal Justice from Queen's University Belfast. After several years with the police reforms programme at CHRI, Devika has taken over as the Coordinator of the programme. Devika has also worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the UN.

Ms. Aditi Datta: *Senior Programme Officer*, holds an M.Phil degree in Political Science, and has previously worked as a journalist in India Abroad News Service, Indo-Asian News Service, Katha Publishing House and Centre for Science and Environment. After several years as Media and Communications Officer at CHRI, Aditi has moved into the police programme as Senior Programme Officer.

Ms. Devyani Srivastava: *Programme Officer*, has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science (Hons.) from, Hindu College, University of Delhi and a Master's degree in International Relations from University of Warwick, UK. Following her Master's degree, she worked with the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, a policy analysis think-tank based in New Delhi, as a Research Officer. At IPCS, she worked on issues such as terrorism, counterterrorism, low intensity conflicts and conflict resolution. At CHRI, she works on policing issues in the South Asian region.

Mr. Anirudha Nagar: *Programme Officer*, South Asia. He advocates for institutional reform of the police through research, writing and legal analysis. Prior to joining CHRI, he worked for the Office of the Prosecution at the International Criminal Court. He obtained double degrees in Law and Commerce from the University of Melbourne.

Mr. Vivek Trivedi: *Programme Officer*, is an American lawyer with a background in human rights, media, and advocacy. He's previously worked in New York in the area of asylum litigation as well as advocacy on behalf of American Sikhs facing persecution based on their religion. He's also worked to reform prisons, specifically for immigrants in removal proceedings, as well as advocated for their right to work permits and status adjustments. He's also helped organise literature festivals and has edited and written for

internationally recognized authors and advocates in New York, specifically in the area of women's rights.

Mr. Rikky Minocha: *Programme Officer*, has Bachelor's degrees in Law and Science from the University of Auckland, and a Master's degree in Law from the University of Melbourne. He has worked as Solicitor, Corporate Services, Ministry for Primary Industries (New Zealand), and Judicial Clerk, District Court Wellington (New Zealand). At CHRI, he works on Police Reforms in East Africa and Access to Justice in Kenya

Ms. Shikha Chibbar: *Research Officer*, has an LL.M. (specialization in **Human Rights**) from National Law Institute University, Bhopal. Prior to joining CHRI, Shikha has practised in Bhopal District Court, Industrial Tribunal and Labour court, Bhopal. She has done internships with the Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission, Bhopal; Human Rights Law Network, Bhopal; and the National Human Rights Commission.

Ms. Tahmina Laskar: *Programme Officer*, has done her graduation in law from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and her post graduation in law from Manav Bharati University, Solan. She has an experience of legal research and advocacy and has been working with the social sector since last 4 years.

Ms. Deepa Rathore: *Administrative Assistant*, has a BA from the University of Delhi. She has more than 11 years experience in back office.

Prison Reforms

Ms. Sana Das: *Programme Coordinator*, has a Masters in Sociology from JNU, New Delhi, a background in Cultural Studies from the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore and is pursuing a PhD in Philosophy and Cinema from IIT, Delhi. She has worked with human rights organisations like Amnesty International, funding organisations like the Heinrich Boell Foundation and educational trusts. Her areas of experience are in human rights education, advocacy, policy and social movements' research, designing and directing educational courses, guiding youth activism, editing publications, outreach and media activities.

Ms. Sugandha Mathur: *Consultant*, is a law graduate from ILS Law College, Pune, has a B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science from the University of Delhi. She also holds a Diploma in Human Rights and Law. She has also participated in the Feminist Jurisprudence course conducted by the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. She has previously worked with World Health Organization (WHO), on the project 'Mental Health Law and Human Rights'. She has been working in CHRI for almost four years now and mainly involved in research, advocacy and capacity building tasks.

Ms. Madhurima: *Consultant*, External Collaborator, West Bengal, is a law graduate and has a postgraduate degree of LLM in Criminal Justice from the University of Nottingham, UK. She has practised criminal law in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh. She has studied prisons in detail during her post-graduate course, which prompted her to join CHRI and work on prison reforms.

Mr. Raja Bagga: *Consultant*, is a lawyer. He is a graduate in Economics & a post – graduate in Law from Delhi University. He has worked with Standard Chartered Bank as

a Credit Analyst for two years. He is a Project Officer at the Prison Reforms Programme and his work primarily entails legal research.

Ms. Mrinal Sharma: *Consultant*, has an Honors Degree in Philosophy and is a Law graduate from University of Delhi. She also holds a diploma in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) from International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) and NALSAR University, Hyderabad. She has prior internship experiences with Information Commissioner Shailesh Gandhi, Women's Rights Initiative of Lawyers Collective and Senior Advocate Rajiv Dutta besides others. Her work at CHRI currently focuses on urgent action for early deportation/repatriation of foreign national prisoners back to their native country.

Ms. Smita Chakravurthy: *Programme Officer*, is a Ph.D scholar at the University of Calcutta, Dept of Anthropology, Human Rights Programme and is working on the human rights violations in Kashmir. She has a prior background in teaching human rights at the Loreto College in Kolkata and as an examiner with the Calcutta University. She has also worked with MASUM in West Bengal as Researcher and Project Manager for the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the Victims of Torture (UNVFVT). Her current responsibilities are in expansion of legal aid clinics through law universities, executing responsibilities under the Oak Foundation project, and assisting in surveys and research of the West Bengal programme.

Ms. Aphune K. Kezo, *Project Officer*, has a B.A.L.L.B. (International Law Hons) from National Law University, Jodhpur. She has interned with the Red Cross Society, Nagaland, and with a senior advocate prior to joining CHRI.

Kakoli Jadala: *Administrative Assistant*, has a Bachelor's degree from the University of New Delhi. Before joining CHRI, Kakoli has been working in the field of anti-human trafficking for eight years, including at STOP (Stop Trafficking and Oppression of Children and Women). At CHRI she provides extensive support to the prison reforms programme in its day-to-day functioning, including the organising of workshops and consultations in Rajasthan, assisting with the filing of RTIs, maintaining database and dealing with service providers.

Mr. R.K. Saxena: *Honorary Consultant*, is a retired Inspector General of Prisons. He has been a Director in the All India Committee on Prison Reforms (1980 – 83) and is at present, the Vice President of People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL). He has completed a full study on Prison Conditions and the Prison Visiting System in Rajasthan.

PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION & ACCOUNTS

Mr. Mohan Sundaram: *Manager-Administration*, has a Bachelor of Arts qualification and has several years of experience in both government and non-government organizations. He is in-charge of the overall administration of the office.

Mr. K S Rautela: *Manager-Accounts*, has several years of experience of keeping accounts in the commercial sector and is responsible for designing and implementing systems for maintaining of accounts keeping in view the statutory/donors and individual project requirements. He oversees the audits and the day-to-day flow of finances into the programmes.

Ms. Vinu Sampath Kumar: *Coordinator, Planning*, holds a Doctorate in International Politics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She has worked for several years in the development sector. She works closely with the Director on organisational matters, including reporting to and liaising with the Boards; making funding applications, following grant progress etc. She coordinates between Headquarters, and the Ghana and London offices, and provides support where needed.

Mr. P. Prasad: *Accounts Officer*, has a B.Com degree from Kerala University. Prasad has 13 years experience in accounts.

Mr. Bruce Lee: *Accounts Assistant*, has an M.Com degree from Kerala University. Bruce has 2 years experience in accounts.

Mr. Subhash Kumar Patra: *Office Assistant*, renders his priceless help to all office staff in routine works. He mainly handles the photocopy section of the office.

Ms. P. Ajay Babu: *Office Assistant*, renders his invaluable help to all office staff in all routine works. He mainly handles postage and courier department of the office.

Ms. R. Rajeshwari: *Office Help*, who looks after hygiene and cleanliness of the office and ensures good hospitality to the visitors.

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BALANCE SHEET AS ON MARCH 31, 2014 (CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS)

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
As at 31.03.2013 (Amount Rs.)	Particulars	As at 31.03.2014 (Amount Rs.)		As at 31.03.2013 (Amount Rs.)	Particulars	As at 31.03.2014 (Amount Rs.)	
53,411,386	General Fund As per last accounts	53,411,386		5,719,553	Fixed Assets (As per Schedule-1)		28,861,313
	Add: Fixed Assets purchased during the year	23,299,025			Current Assets		
	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	(5,459,733)	71,250,678		a) Fixed Deposits		
				21,111,332	- Bank of India	18,914,374	
				4,304,938	- State Bank of India	4,656,131	
				5,713,914	- State Bank of Travancore	6,206,485	
				10,816,333	- ICICI Bank	-	
				16,821,725	- Vijaya Bank	-	
				-	- Andhra Bank	15,717,075	45,494,065
					b) Bank Balances		
					In accounts with :		
				2,554,320	- State Bank of India	1,703,716	
				1,745,089	- Bank of India	1,436,116	
				10,000	- Bank of India-EU-FNF	1,043,785	
				336,931	- HDFC Bank	276,348	
				73,562	- Bank of India - SDTT	76,534	
							4,536,499
	SPECIAL PROJECT FUND (u/s 11(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961) As per last accounts	17,500,000					
17,500,000	Add : Accumulated during the year	-					
	Less : Utilised during the year	8,000,000	9,500,000				
697,662	Corpus Fund As per last accounts	697,662					
71,609,048	Total c/f	81,448,340		69,207,697	Total c/f		78,891,877



LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
As at 31.03.2013 (Amount Rs.)	Particulars		As at 31.03.2014 (Amount Rs.)	As at 31.03.2013 (Amount Rs.)	Particulars		As at 31.03.2014 (Amount Rs.)
71,609,048	Total b/f		81,448,340	69,207,697	Total b/f		78,891,877
	<u>Current Liabilities :</u>				<u>c) Cash Balances</u>		
				77,815	- Cash in hand	185,155	
248,546	Sundry creditors for expenses		458,292	186,628	- Foreign Currency in hand	62,872	248,027
				996,220	<u>d) Tax Deducted at Source</u>		979,588
				1,389,235	<u>e) Sundry Debtors</u> (Considered good, receivable in cash or in kind)		1,787,140
71,857,595	Total		81,906,632	71,857,595	Total		81,906,632

As per our report of even date



**For Awatar & Co
Chartered Accountants**

Sanjay Agrawal

**(Sanjay Agrawal)
Partner M. N. 087786**



For and on behalf of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

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Treasurer

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Place : New Delhi
Date : 12/09/2014

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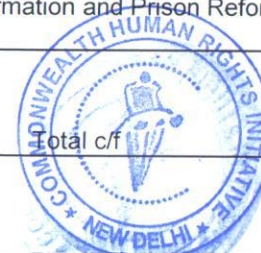
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

(CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS)

2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Expenditure	2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)	2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Income	2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)
	Grantwise Expenses - As per Schedule -2			Grant Receipts	
54,460	Australian High Commission - Publish a monthly tabloid for the police constabulary in India -		1,794,160	British High Commission - Promoting equality before the law for disadvantaged groups -	
5,076,811	British High Commission- Police Complaints Authority, improving police accountability 21,587		5,098,398	British High Commission - Strengthening Police Oversight Mechanisms -	
-	Department for International Development (DFID) 1,763,474		1,957,817	British High Commission - Towards Better Policing in Jammu & Kashmir -	
974,473	European Union -FNF - Civil Society and Police Reforms in South Asia 8,827,552		-	European Union -FNF - Civil Society and Police Reforms in South Asia 11,020,198	
2,343,217	Friedrich Naumann Stiftung - Promoting RTI and Police Reforms in South Asia 1,356,414		2,198,657	Friedrich Naumann Stiftung - Promoting RTI and Police Reforms in South Asia 1,350,650	
3,364,867	Ford Foundation- New York - Institutional Grant 1,932,896		13,257,784	Ford Foundation- New York - Institutional Grant -	
764,693	General Expenses 777,405		1,575,180	Institute of Governance Studies - ANSA- Supporting peer knowledge on RTI through South Asia RTI Advocates Network (SARTIAN) 1,622,895	
2,850,352	Institute of Governance Studies - ANSA- Supporting peer knowledge on RTI through South Asia RTI Advocates Network (SARTIAN) -		-	National Information Commission - Nepal - Learning Visit cum Training Workshop 200,000	
15,428,873	Total c/f 14,679,328		25,881,996	Total c/f 14,193,743	



2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Expenditure		2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)	2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Income		2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)
15,428,873	Total b/f	14,679,328		25,881,996	Total b/f	14,193,743	
-	National Information Commission - Nepal - Learning Visit cum Training Workshop	376,991		6,719,570	OAK Foundation- Reducing Arbitrary Detention through Strengthened Oversight	-	
444,066	OAK Foundation- Reducing Arbitrary Detention through Strengthened Oversight	3,794,774		8,917,193	Open Society Institute - Institutional Grant	17,308,692	
11,015,242	Open Society Institute - Institutional Grant.	15,657,970		3,122,381	Open Society Institute - IBSA - To facilitate experience sharing amongst civil society in three IBSA Countries.	-	
1,330,438	Open Society Institute - IBSA - To facilitate experience sharing amongst civil society in three IBSA Countries.	731,651		4,030,364	Open Society Institute(SA-RTI)-Promoting effective access to information regimes in the countries of South Asia and Commonwealth Africa	4,708,930	
2,289,278	Open Society Institute(SA-RTI)-Promoting effective access to information regimes in the countries of South Asia and Commonwealth Africa	2,535,195		-	Open Society Institute - Assessment of the quantity & quality of information proactively disclosed on Police websites	2,256,150	
4,389,499	Open Society Institute-RTI Act to gather information on under-trial prisoners and the functioning of the legal aid system	2,989,548		-	Open Society Institute - International Human Rights Training Programme	361,793	
559,076	Open Society Institute _ Promoting effective access to information regimes in country of South Asia	-		3,887,706	Open Society Institute-RTI Act to gather information on under-trial prisoners and the functioning of the legal aid system	3,802,665	
326,977	Open Society Institute - National security and access to information	-		-	Open Society Institute- Advocacy for access to information and Prison Reforms	1,508,157	
35,783,449	Total c/f	40,765,457		52,559,210	Total c/f	44,140,130	-



2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Expenditure		2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)	2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Income		2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)
35,783,449	Total b/f	40,765,457		52,559,210	Total b/f	44,140,130	-
-	Open Society Institute - International Human Rights Training Programme	329,595		-	Department of International Development (DFID)	585,209	44,725,339
35,783,449		41,095,052		5,176,661	Interest on :		
16,000,000	Transfer to Special Project fund	-			- Fixed Deposits	5,257,302	
-	Less: Utilised during the year	8,000,000	33,095,052	332,584	- Saving Bank Accounts	340,038	
329,568	Fixed Assets transferred to Balance Sheet out of Grants- As per contra (Schedule-1)		23,299,025	1,647,362	Miscellaneous Receipts	160,808	
198,338	Loss on sale of Assets		117,765	1,000,000	Other Donations	-	
	Refund of Grant :			169,505	Publications Receipts	600,790	6,358,938
1,178,309	-Open Society Institute - NSAI		-				
-	-Open Society Institute - IHRTF		32,168				
7,395,658	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to General Fund		-	-	Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to General Fund		5,459,733
60,885,322	Total		56,544,010	60,885,322	Total		56,544,010



As per our report of even date
For Awatar & Co
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Sanjay Agrawal
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Partner M. N. 087786



For and on behalf of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

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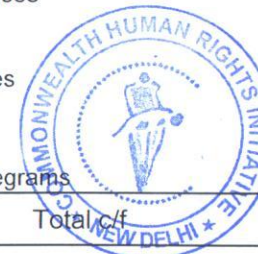
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

(CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS)

2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Receipts	2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)	2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Payments	2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)
	Opening Balance :		543,350	Advertisement Expenses	-
180,978	State Bank of India	2,554,320	-	Audit Expenses	8,350
301,645	Bank of India	1,745,089	37,633	Bank Charges	72,471
-	Bank of India - EU FNF	10,000	2,216,329	Boarding & Lodging Expenses	2,345,384
359,506	HDFC Bank	336,931	33,394	Books & Periodicals	104,688
70,698	Bank of India - SDTT	73,562	-	Cartage Expenses	11,834
89,140	Cash in hand	77,815	4,334,028	Consultancy Charges	3,027,235
141,158	Foreign Currency in hand	186,628	1,182,280	Conveyance Expenses	992,353
39,193,348	Fixed Deposits	58,768,243	634,345	Electricity & Water Charges	1,317,694
			60,897	Equipment Hire Charges	127,377
40,336,473		63,752,588	58,903	Fee & Subscription	269,343
	Grants Received :		-	Gratuity	402,289
1,794,160	British High Commission - Promoting equality before the law for disadvantaged groups	-	132,154	Honorarium	254,858
5,098,398	British High Commission - Strengthening Police Oversight Mechanisms	-	192,686	Insurance Expenses-Staff	200,709
1,957,817	British High Commission - Towards Better Policing in Jammu & Kashmir	-	9,367	Insurance Expenses-Office	9,724
-	European Union -FNF - Civil Society and Police Reforms in South Asia	11,020,198	506,138	Internet Expenses	363,443
2,198,657	Friedrich Naumann Stiftung - Promoting RTI and Police Reforms in South Asia	1,350,650	86,776	Legal & Professional Charges	291,146
13,257,784	Ford Foundation- New York - Institutional Grant	-	11,367	Miscellaneous Expenses	63,516
3,122,381	Open Society Institute - IBSA - To facilitate experience sharing amongst civil society in three IBSA Countries.	-	1,202,421	Meeting Expenses	1,761,294
6,719,570	OAK Foundation- Reducing Arbitrary Detention through Strengthened Oversight	-	414,775	Office Expenses	598,220
1,575,180	Institute of Governance Studies - ANSA- Supporting peer knowledge on RTI through South Asia RTI Advocates Network (SARTIAN)	1,622,895	565,472	Postage & Telegrams	591,086
76,060,420	Total c/f	77,746,331	12,222,315	Total c/f	12,813,014



2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Receipts	2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)	2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Payments	2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)
76,060,420	Total b/f	77,746,331	12,222,315	Total b/f	12,813,014
-	National Information Commission - Nepal - Learning Visit cum Training Workshop	200,000	129,330	Per-diem Expenses	227,900
8,917,193	Open Society Institute - Institutional Grant	17,308,692	3,437,069	Printing & Publications	2,208,824
4,030,364	Open Society Institute(SA-RTI)-Promoting effective access to information regimes in the countries of South Asia and Commonwealth Africa	4,708,930	2,200,287	Rent,Rates & Taxes	1,949,254
-	Open Society Institute - Assessment of the quantity & quality of information proactively disclosed on Police websites	2,256,150	32,792	Recruitment Expenses	13,500
-	Open Society Institute - International Human Rights Training Programme	361,793	470,189	Repair & Maintenance	697,248
3,887,708	Open Society Institute-RTI Act to gather information on under-trial prisoners and the functioning of the legal aid system	3,802,665	12,018,438	Salary & Benefits	16,549,576
-	Open Society Institute- Advocacy for access to information and Prison Reforms	1,508,157			
	Department of International Development	585,209	10,800	Software Expenses	43,502
	Other Receipts		79,943	Security Expenses	113,343
	Interest :		-	Staff training	6,000
5,176,661	Interest on Fixed Deposits	5,257,302	394,714	Telephone Expenses	391,815
332,584	Interest on Savings Bank Accounts	340,038	4,432,496	Travelling Expenses	5,094,968
1,647,362	Miscellaneous Receipts	160,808	155,783	Visa Expenses	163,623
169,505	Publications Receipts	600,790	157,387	Venue Charges	250,042
42,100	Sale of Assets	39,500	39,326	Web Expenses	333,099
417,662	Corpus Donation	-	-	Amount written off	239,344
1,000,000	Other Donations	-	-	Building	22,746,540
			9,724	Computer and Printers	301,140
			-	Furniture & Fixture	15,800
27,785	Increase/Decrease in Sundry Creditors	209,746	16,749	Office Equipment	60,845
			248,600	UPS , Invertor & Battery	166,500
			20,995	Software	-
101,709,344	Total c/f	115,086,111	36,076,937	Total c/f	64,385,877



2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Receipts	2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)	2012-2013 (Amount Rs.)	Payments	2013-2014 (Amount Rs.)
101,709,344	Total b/f	115,086,111	36,076,937	Total b/f	64,385,877
			33,500	Fridge	8,200
			2,580	Currency conversion chages	-
			661,064	Increase/Decrease - Sundry Debtors	381,274
			4,366	Increase/Decrease - Sundry Creditors	-
			1,178,309	Refund of grant	32,168
				Closing Balance :	
			2,554,320	State Bank of India	1,703,716
			1,745,089	Bank of India	1,436,116
			10,000	Bank of India - EU-FNF	1,043,785
			336,931	HDFC Bank	276,348
			73,562	Bank of India - SDTT	76,534
			77,815	Cash in hand	185,155
			186,628	Foreign currency in hand	62,872
			58,768,243	Fixed Deposits	45,494,065
101,709,344		115,086,111	101,709,344	Total	115,086,110

As per our report of even date

For Awatar & Co
Chartered Accountants



Sanjay Agrawal

(Sanjay Agrawal)
Partner M. N. 087786



For and on behalf of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

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Chairperson

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Treasurer

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Director

Place : New Delhi

Date : 12/09/2014

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Schedule-1

SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS - 2013-14

Amount in Rs.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Balance as on 01.04.2013	Additions during the year	Sale/ Adjustment	Balance as on 31.03.2014
1	Furniture & Fixtures	581,871	15,800	-	597,671
2	Office Equipments	531,208	60,845	12,800	579,253
3	Fax Machine	47,562	-	-	47,562
4	Computer & Printer	2,793,492	301,140	-	3,094,632
5	Photocopier	137,390	-	-	137,390
6	UPS & Inverter	1,057,194	166,500	144,465	1,079,229
7	Refrigerator & other Appliances	93,034	8,200	-	101,234
8	Air Conditioners	322,037	-	-	322,037
9	Grant in kind- Furniture	44,500	-	-	44,500
10	Software	111,265	-	-	111,265
11	Building	-	22,746,540	-	22,746,540
	Total	5,719,553	23,299,025	157,265	28,861,313

