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RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2005 - A BRIEF

The dictum “Knowledge is Power” is truly applicable to the modern world and information is the most important means to acquire knowledge.

The information in the possession of the Public Authorities, by itself does not give any added value to the public. This information belongs to the public and held for the benefit of the public.

UN General Assembly realized this and has resolved that the Freedom of information is a fundamental human right and touchstone for all freedoms to which the UN is consecrated. The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative propounds that the right to information underpins all other human rights.

In this direction, the Right to Information Act 2005, which came into effect from 12th October 2005, empowers the people of India with free flow of information from the Government.

Further details are accessible at

<http://www.hindustanpetroleum.com/righttoinformationact>

HPCL has prepared its Information Manual as per requirements of Section 4 of the RTI Act 2005, which is accessible at http://www.hindustanpetroleum.com/rtiinfo_manual

HPCL values suggestions for development of the Information Manual. You can submit your suggestions to the Nodal Officer, Shri P. U.Rao PURAO@HPCL.IN.

Nodal Officer as per requirements of DOPT circular No.1/32/2007-IR dated 14th November, 2007 for RTI Queries is GM-RTI. He can be contacted at HPCL, Petroleum House, 17 Jamshedji Tata Road, Churchgate, Mumbai -400020. Telephone 022 2788415.