APPENDIX 1

Survey Questionnaire on Right to Information Act

1. Name : 

2. Age : 

3. Gender :  1) Female  2) Male

4. Educational Qualification:

   1) Undergraduate  2) Post graduate  3) 10th std  4) 12th std
   5) Below 10th std  6) Diploma  7) Above PG

5. Please indicate your occupation:

   1) Government Servant  2) Private Sector
   3) Private business  4) Industrial Labourer
   5) Professional  6) House Wife  7) Others__________

6. Are you aware of RTI Act? (If no goto question no:8)

   1) Yes  2) No

7. If yes, how do you come to know about RTI Act?

   1) Television/Radio broadcast  2) Newspaper/magazines
   3) Internet/SNS/Blogs  4) Word of mouth (Colleagues, friends, family)
5) others ____________

8. If No, are you interested to know about RTI Act?

1) Yes 2) No

Media Habits of the respondents:

Newspaper

9. Do you read Newspaper?

1) Yes 2) No

10. Frequency of reading newspaper:

1) Daily 2) Once or twice a week 3) More than three times a week

4) Rarely 5) Occasionally

11. Language of newspapers read by you

1) English 2) Regional 3) Others

12. Which newspapers do you read?

1) The Hindu 2) New Indian Express 3) Deccan Chronicle
4) Times of India 5) Dinathanthi 6) Dinamalar
7) Dinakaran 8) Dinamani 9) Others ____________
13. Have you observed any RTI related news in newspaper?
   1) Yes  2) No

14. Which among the following in newspaper has raised your awareness in RTI the most?
   1) General information about the Act  2) RTI process – how to file RTI, appeal etc.
   3) Discussions on RTI related cases  4) RTI expert interview
   5) Editorial  6) Article by experts  7) Any other __________

15. In which newspaper do you come across RTI coverage the most?
   1) The Hindu  2) New Indian Express  3) Deccan Chronicle
   4) Times of India  5) Dinathanthi  6) Dinamalar
   7) Dinakaran  8) Dinamani  9) Others __________

**Television:**

16. Do you watch television?
   1) Yes  2) No

17. If yes, what kind of channels do you watch?
   1) News  2) Infotainment  3) Entertainment
18. How often do you watch television?

1) Daily  
2) 4-6 days in a week  
3) 2-3 days in a week

4) Less than two days in a week

19. How long do you spend on watching television?

1) More than 12 hrs  
2) 6-12 hours  
3) 2-5 hours  
4) Less than 1 hour

20. Do you watch news?

1) Yes  
2) No

21. In what channels do you watch news?

1) English News channel  
2) Regional News channel

3) Others ______________

22. Which News channels do you watch?

1) Sun News  
2) Kalaignar News  
3) Pudhiya Thalaimuram

4) Jaya News  
5) CNN-IBN  
6) NDTV

7) Times Now  
8) Others __________

23. Have you come across RTI related news in news telecast?

1) Yes  
2) No
24. In which news channels do you observe RTI related news?

1) Sun News   2) Kalaignar News   3) Pudhiya Thalaimuram

4) Jaya News   5) CNN-IBN   6) NDTV

7) Times Now   8) Others __________

25. Which among the following in television has raised your awareness on RTI the most?

1) News   2) Speech by experts   3) Interviews

4) Talk shows   5) Others __________

Internet

26. Do you use Internet?

1) Yes   2) No

27. How often do you use Internet?

1) Daily   2) 4-6 days in a week   3) 2-3 days in a week

4) Less than two days in a week

28. Are you aware of Social Networking Sites (SNS) and blogs?

1) Yes   2) No
29. Do you have account in SNS? (If no, goto question no. 31)

1) Yes 2) No

30. If yes, which SNS do you use?

1) Facebook 2) Twitter 3) Both 4) Others___________

31. Do you read web blogs related to RTI?

1) Yes 2) No

32. Which among the following in Internet has raised your awareness on RTI the most?

1) Government websites 2) NGO Website 3) Blogs or website of activists
4) Online newspaper 5) Social Networking Sites 6) Any other __________

33. In which site, do you come across information on RTI the most?

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34. When a message is carried by media it reaches the people easily

1) Strongly agree 2) Agree 3) Disagree 4) Strongly Disagree

35. Media is creating awareness on RTI

1) Strongly agree 2) Agree 3) Disagree 4) Strongly Disagree
36. Which media among the following reaches you the most? (Rate the different medium with 1 to 5 numbers, where 1 is the top rank and 5 is the least rank)

1) Print Media 3) Internet 5) Others
2) Electronic Media 4) Folk Media

37. Do you think RTI is used effectively by the applicants?

1) Yes 2) No

38. Who/What has provided you the maximum information awareness on RTI?

1) Mass Media
2) NGOs
3) Government Organisations
4) Activists
5) Others ________________

39. Have you used RTI for obtaining information?

1) Yes 2) No

40. If yes, for what purpose have you used RTI?

1) Educational related information
2) Job-related queries
3) Quasi – judicial information (Municipal bodies, corporation etc)

4) Government Ministries (Department operation related information, tax related)

5) Others_________________

41. What suggestions can be useful for the citizens to use this Act?

1) By having facilitation centers, the details of the process of filing RTI can be explained.

2) By publishing user manual and giving it to each department, so that people may read it and understand.

3) Advertisements in media such as TV and Newspaper.

4) Prominent display in all Government offices spreading awareness about the RTI Act.

5) Others ____________________

42. How can media spread RTI related awareness?

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