

## **AR&IT Section**

### **Item no. XXX (A)**

On request of the Ministry and online training session has been taken by Shri Shailsh Kumar Soni, Assistant Director, ISTM, New Delhi. At the outset, he gave a brief overview of the RTI Act, 2005 and its salient features. He then highlighted scope of the Act, responsibilities of Public Authorities, need of proactive disclosure of information, duties of CPIOs, APIOs and other Government servants, provisions for the third party information and private party information, provisions of penalties for defiance, etc. through power point presentations (PPTs). He also explained the provisions of exemptions under the RTI Act and the grounds on which request for information can be rejected. Appeal process and role of Appellate Authority was also explained to the participants. Shri Shailsh Kumar Soni also informed the participants about various important decisions of the CIC.

2. The training sessions taken by Shri Shailsh Kumar Soni was very interactive and participative where all the queries and doubts of the participants were satisfactorily. The training programme was found to be very educative and useful for all the participants.