

Advocacy

RTI

Right to Information Act is implemented from 12/10/2005 all over India except Jammu & Kashmir. Paryavaran Mitra has used the Act to get information in environmental sectors to monitor and follow up of environmental laws. Also to testify the RTI Act and its clause.

Applications filed under RTI Act during this year by Paryavaran Mitra members are as below

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Date

Subject & department

Objective

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15.05.09

Process being done after the direction of GIC to DOEF.

Department of Environment and Forest , Gandhinagar

To find out what steps were taken after our letter under Mahiti Adhikar Pagla Samti to remove Sanjiv Tyagi as appellate authority and PIO.

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23.05.09

First appeal RTI application dated 7.03.09

CIC, New Delhi

To monitor the implementation of the CDM projects an RTI Application was filed, in which partial information was provided.

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7.06.09

Grazing and Government barren lands given to pipeline projects & compensation given
District Panchayat Office,

- Ahmedabad,
- Patan
- Mehsana
- Banaskantha

To find out how much grazing land was given to the industry and proper compensation.

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9.06.09

Grazing and Government barren lands given to IOCL project & compensation given
Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
Rajkot

To find out how much grazing land was given to the industry and proper compensation.

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23.06.09

Grazing and Government barren lands given to GAIL project & compensation given
Gas Authority India Ltd

Baroda

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23.06.09

Grazing and Government barren lands given to ONGC project & compensation given
Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
Baroda

To find out how much grazing land was given to the industry and proper compensation.

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29.06.09

Discharge of treated effluent, discharge point of hazardous solid waste, construction & start of project activity of Nandesari TSD site, honor ship of this site, duration of ECP project, carrying capacity of this channel, complains received during 3 years and steps taken on it, quantity of effluent being discharged in this channel, extra land acquired for this project and mode of land acquisition, etc
Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Baroda

To find out main original source of polluted ground waters at Padra. Whether ground water is being polluted by industries through reverse bore well or ECP channel's improper maintenance

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29.06.09

chemical industries discharging effluents, standards of treated waste, steps taken in case of violation of the standards, charges in case of pollution load, capacity of ECP channel- discharge point, sampling and analysis report, renovation work, steps taken after receiving complains of people, duration of ECP project, carrying capacity of this channel, quantity of effluent being discharged in this channel, extra land acquired for this project and mode of land acquisition, etc
ECP channel, Baroda

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6.06.09

Complain files for providing partial information for earlier RTI Application.

CIC, New Delhi

On 19.02.09 RTI Application was done to Ministry of Environment and Forest for information about states/UT which has not formed SEIAA, SEAC and steps taken by MoEF for not implementing SEIAA, SEAC.

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CIC, New Delhi

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File inspection
13.07.09

Information of CDM revenue and projects was asked from MoEF, Bhopal

Ministry of Environment and Forest, Bhopal

File inspection of RTI Application done to MoEF, Bhopal.

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13.10.09

Information about United Phosphorous plant

GPCB, Bharuch

Information about incident at UPL, unit no. 5, 750 GIDC, Jhagadia on January 2nd 2009----

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15.10.09

Actions taken on letter written to PM office regarding breach of privilege in Loksabha,

Prime Minister Office, New Delhi

In a 14th Loksabha session held on 17.10.08, a question was asked regarding the pending pollution related cases.

In response to this question, Minister of state in the MoEF - Mr. Namo Narayain Meena stated that the state governments of UP, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and NCT Delhi have set up a designated courts to deal with the environment related cases.

While in response our RTI to GPCB there is no single environmental court in Gujarat.

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15.10.09

Actions taken on letter written to PM office regarding breach of privilege in Loksabha,

Loksabha, New Delhi

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Actions taken on letter written to PM office regarding breach of privilege in Loksabha,

MoEF, New Delhi

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4.11.09

Actions taken on letter written to MoEF regarding violation of EC conditions by Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd, Panchmahal.

MoEF, New Delhi

It was mentioned in conditions of Environmental Clearance issues on 14.09.2007 by MoEF, New Delhi that GFL have to put six monthly compliance status reports on the company's website but it was not fulfilled. So a letter was written to Joint Director of MoEF to take action on this issue.

(2) Academic inputs

Invited by academies

Sr. No

Date

Organizer and venue

Subject

Role/Target group

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29.04.09

Centre for Environment Planning and Technology University

Evolution of different Environment project prepared by post graduation student

Jury

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4.08.09

Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Patan.

Political Science and legal framework

M.S.W students

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7.08.09

J.C. Kumarappa Mahavidhyalay, Bhavnagar

Environmental problems in Gujarat and solutions

M.S.W students

4

1.10.09

L.D. Engineering college, Ahmedabad

Climate Change : An Indian Perspective from NGO point of view

Engineering students

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26.11.09

Nirma University, Ahmedabad

Expert lecture on
International Issues associated with CDM projects

Chemical and Environment Engineering students

Invited By Organizations

Sr. No

Date

Organizer and venue

Subject

Role

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28.06.09

Senior citizen Club, Saraspur, Ahmedabad

Old age people and climate change

Speaker

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30.06.09

Anhad

Programme on occasion of Vasant-Rajab Jayanti

Speaker

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22.09.09

24.09.09

NEG FIRE, Pune

One year fellowship program in Maharashtra using RTI as basic tool

Lecturer

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2.12.09

BISAG, Gandhinagar

Lecture on climate change

Resource person

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13.12.09

DSK, Nani Devti

RTI and climate change

Resource person

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18.12.09

Eco-Sarjan

Bioremediation of polluted sites

Resource person &
Panel member

Other activities:

Letters to various Authorities

- A letter was written to the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh & speaker of Loksabha Ms. Meera Kumar for the Breach of privilege in Loksabha on date 15.06.09. (There are no environmental Courts in Gujarat as per information given by Government of Gujarat but in assembly question it was said that there are environmental courts in the state.)

Achievements

- In Dabhasa village of Padra taluka Nova Dyechem Company had closed down the path of 13 farmers leading to their fields.
- A letter with signature of 13 farmers was submitted to district collector Vadodara on 22.7.09. Also Paryavaran Mitra wrote to district collector Vadodara about same on date 3.08.09. Due to this fruitful effort these 13 farmers got justice and the path was again put open for them.
- Prepared a letter on 17.08.09, for Mr. Natwarbhai Padhiyar, presenting problems of throwing hazardous solid waste on roads by Cadilac Chemicals Pvt. Ltd in Padra. Paryavaran Mitra also wrote to Gujarat Pollution Control Board and Industries Commissioner Gandhinagar for the same on date 8.09.09. a detailed report was asked by district collector Vadodara in a meeting of Local Crisis Group.
- In Padra ECP channel untreated effluent was released by Kiri Organics. Mr. J.P. Patel wrote a letter to District Collector Vadodara about the issue and sent a copy to Paryavaran Mitra. On the basis of it Paryavaran Mitra wrote to Industries Commissioner Gandhinagar to take appropriate action on date 27.11.09.
- Compensation to Farmers: In Bhachau Taluka of Kutch, Power Grid Corporation of India was fixing pillars and points in farms without buying or acquiring land. Due to our efforts, District Magistrate of Bhachau-Kutch gave order to give compensation of Rs. 1,00,000/- per pillar and compensation for crop and trees to the farmers. And this compensation should be provided to each village from Bhachau to Mundra Taluka.

Media Advocacy	Date	Name of Media	Issue
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14.04.09

Gujarat Samachar

Announcement of Public Hearing on Paryavaran Mitra

Divya Bhaskar

15.04.09

Indian Express

NGO holds Public hearing for self in a bid of transparency

D.N.A

NGO Opens itself to public scrutiny

Ahmedabad mirror

Paryavaran Mitra is first Ngo in country to turn transparent

Economic times

Voluntary organization provided an example presenting their financial records to public

1.05.09

Bhoomi putra

Article on Public Hearing on Paryavaran Mitra

Around the Nature

30.05.09

D.N.A

OPG power plant opposed (EIA report was silent about 6000 fishermen in the area and impact on marine ecology)

5.06.09

Times of India

Detail about Drawing and Elocution competition by Paryavaran Mitra on 5 June 2009-World Environment Day

Divya Bhaskar

Gujarat Samachar

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Special courts for solving Environment related cases as per Gujarat Government while there are no such courts (finding of an RTI application)

6.06.09

D.N.A

Drawing and Elocution competition programme by Paryavaran Mitra on 5 June 2009-World Environment Day

D.N.A

Do we have Environmental courts?

9.06.09

D.N.A

RTI cases pending before GIC (not sufficient number information commissioner appointed)

13.06.09

Rakheval

Public hearing on Paryavaran Mitra

19.06.09

Doordarshan

A programme on Biodiversity

7.08.09

DNA

An article on BRTS buses

23.08.09

Divya Bhaskar

Article on Ozone layer and protection delivered by Mr. N.M. Patel in Climate Change Lecture Series

28.08.09

DNA

Concept of No Horn Day in Ahmedabad on 5th September 2009 by two interns at Paryavaran Mitra - Leonie and Kasia

31.08.09

Times of India

Campaign of No Horn Day

1.09.09

DNA

No Horn Day program at Sir LA Shah Law College

Sandesh

Announcement of No Horn Day program at M.N. Shukla B.Ed college

2.09.09

Indian Express

Campaign of No Horn Day

Ahmedabad Mirror

No Horn Day program at M.N. Shukla B.Ed college

Sandesh

Announcement of No Horn Day program at School of Law, MG Science and Big Bazaar

Gujarat Samachar

3.09.09

Gujarat Samachar

Campaign of No Horn Day

Ahmedabad Mirror

No Horn Day program at Gujarat University, MG Science college and Street play at Big Bazaar

4.09.09

Gujarat Samachar

Celebration of No Horn Day in Ahmedabad on 5th September 2009

DNA

Celebration of No Horn Day program at St. Xavier college, Gujarat Law college, Nanavati Law College

5.09.09

Gujarat Samachar

Announcement of No Horn Day rally at M.N. Shukla B.Ed college

Divya Bhaskar

Celebration of No Horn Day in Ahmedabad on 5th September 2009

6.09.09

Divya Bhaskar

Article on No Horn Day in Ahmedabad celebrated on 5th September 2009

Sandesh

Jayhind

DNA

Ahmedabad Mirror

16.09.09

DNA

Article on Climate of Poverty on the occasion of Ozone day

21.09.09

Chitralkha

Concept of No Horn Day in Ahmedabad on 5th September 2009 by two interns at Paryavaran Mitra - Leonie and Kasia

14.10.09

Divya Bhaskar

High level of Noise due to high Decibel fire crackers

22.10.09

Gujarat Samachar

Bangkok Climate change talk 2009

25.10.09

Sandesh

Need of CDM Notification for environment protection

25.11.09

DNA

Article on 16 November 2009 CDM workshop at Delhi

28.11.09

Doordarshan

Vikspath on urban development

2.12.09

Divya Bhaskar

View on option of Carbon credits to reduce carbon from environment

3.12.09

Mail today

Upcoming Dow Chemicals plant at Dahej and violations by GACL

6.12.09

DNA

Comments on who will buy Gujarat's green credits

9.12.09

DNA

Live audio session with students and experts about Copenhagen

21.12.09

GTPL

Lokmanch - Discussion on climate change