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RTI & its significance

- 4-6 million RTIs being filed every year
- Being extensively used by the poor & marginalised
- Empowered people to hold the government accountable and secure basic rights & entitlements
- Empowered people to question the highest offices in the country- PMO, President, Chief Justice
- Used to expose corruption- 2G scam, Commonwealth Games scam



Stakeholders

- Primary
 - People as information seekers
 - Government/ public authorities as custodians of information
 - Information Commissions as adjudicators of the law
- Secondary
 - Media as a disseminator and user of the Act, and in reporting its implementation and use by others.
 - Judiciary as a public authority, an arbiter and appellate, and as an interpreter of the Act.
 - NGOs and people's movements, as user, facilitator, and educator.
 - The corporate sector, as a holder of information and as a user of the Act.

For RTI to be effective-

- Peoples' ownership of the law
- Political will
- Mindset of government officials
- Capacity building of Public Information Officers
- Sensitisation and orientation of information commissioners
- Ongoing monitoring of implementation by civil society and peoples' groups
- Support of media
- RTI as a tool for good governance