

DECLARATION

To Whom It May Concern

This is to certify and declare that **Shri Shankaracharya Institute of Professional Management & Technology (SSIPMT), Raipur** does not fall under the purview of the **Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act)**.

Legal Basis

- **Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005** defines a “*public authority*” as any body established by the Constitution, Parliament, State Legislature, or by government notification, and includes bodies owned, controlled, or substantially financed by the government.
- SSIPMT Raipur is a **private unaided institution**, neither established by statute nor owned or controlled by the government.
- The institution is **not substantially financed** by government funds. The “substantially financed” clause under Section 2(h) applies only where government funding is significant and direct.
- **Central Information Commission (CIC) rulings** have consistently held that **private unaided educational institutions** do not qualify as “public authorities” under the RTI Act unless they are substantially financed or directly controlled by the government.

Accordingly, SSIPMT Raipur is **outside the scope of the RTI Act, 2005** and is not obligated to entertain RTI applications.



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This declaration is issued for official purposes only and holds legal validity as per applicable laws

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