

Coalition on Right to Information

Charter of Demands 2015

Coalition on right to Information (CRTI) demands from provincial and federal governments, media and the political parties the following:

1. That Freedom of Information Ordinance 2002 is repealed and new law be enacted.
2. That Balochistan Freedom of Information Act 2005 and Sindh Freedom of Information Act 2006 be repealed and new laws be enacted;
3. That these information laws to be enacted at federal and in Balochistan and Sindh establish independent and autonomous Information Commissions to ensure proactive disclosure of information by public bodies as well provision of information to citizens when they demand under the information laws in cost-effective, and easy manner.
4. That the federal and provincial information laws should only be enacted after input by Coalition on Right to Information (CRTI), media and other stakeholders.
5. That all political parties should clearly spell out in their manifestoes as to how will they protect and promote citizens' right to information;
6. That both print and electronic media should try to mobilize public opinion and pressure on the federal and provincial governments to enact right to information laws as these laws will improve investigative reporting by allowing the media to have access to certified information available with the public bodies;
7. That provincial and federal government departments provide information to citizens when requested under the existing information laws;
8. That Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa public bodies proactively disclose information enlisted in sections 4 and 5 of the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013 and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013 respectively.

About

CRTI:

Coalition on Right to Information (CRTI) was established on December 17, 2012 with the goal to create a society wherein information flows freely from private and public bodies for public good. CRTI is working towards the enactment of right to information laws according to international best practices of right to information legislation and implementation of existing information laws. Following civil society organizations are members of the coalition:

Centre for Civic Education

Centre for Governance and Public Accountability (CGPA)

Centre for Investigative Reporting in Pakistan

Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives, (CPDI)

Civil Action Resources

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Institute for Research, Advocacy and Development (IRADA)

Intermedia

Liberal Forum Pakistan

Lok Sujag

Pakistan Foundation Fighting Blindness (PFFB)

Shehri-Citizens for a Better Environment (Shehri-CBE)

Society for Alternative Media and Research (SAMAR)

Society for Human Rights and Prisoners Aid (SHARP)

Sustainable Educational and Environmental Development (Seed)

The Network for Consumer Rights Protection