

- not accepting application
- delay info - without reasonable cause
- malafide - deny - info
- knowingly giving incomplete, incorrect, misleading info
- destroying info
- obstructing furnishing of information

fine - 250 per day - 25K max.
Penalty on PIO - if info X.

- RTI act extends to whole of India
- provides definite day for its commencement, (i.e. 120 days from enactment)
- Apply to public authorities
- All citizens - RTIV subject to provⁿ of Act
- PIO/APIO - admit people to deal with request
- Fee - dependent on nature of information
- Sec 8 + 9 - exempted information
- Intelligent/Security agencies - Schedule II - exempted

1st ~~primary~~ appeal -> officer senior in rank - PIO
- 30 days from expiry of prescribed time

2nd appeal -> CIC/SIC - within 90 days - from date of info decision - by 1st appellate authority

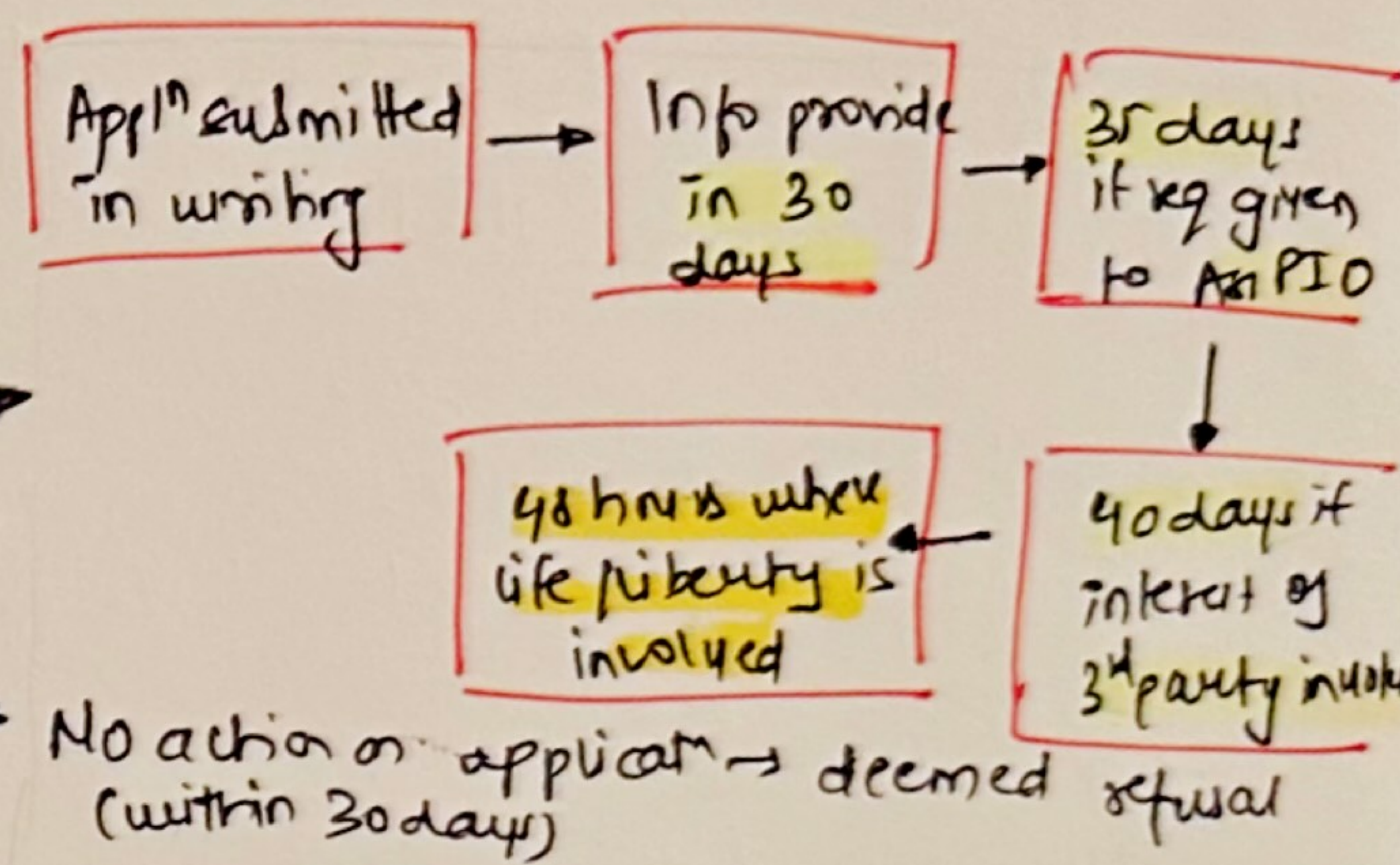
Appellate authorities

Penalties

Salient features

Right to Information Law (RTI)

Request for obtaining information



Power of Information Commissions

Information Commissions

Exemption from disclosure

Duties of a PIO

CIC/SIC - duty to receive complaints from any person who:-

- non-appt of PIO
- Refusal of info
- Breach of privilege of parliament/state legislature
- No response
- Unreasonable fees
- Incomplete or misleading info
- Any other matter

Commission - enquiry
same power as civil court

Central Information Commission

State Information Commission

- Chief Information Commissioner
- < 10 CIC

- 1 SIC
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- other members include leader of opposition in legislative assembly
- 1 cabinet minister nominated by Chief minister.

appointed by President of India

- on recommendations of
- PM -> (CM)
 - leader of opposition in Lok Sabha
 - Union cabinet minister nominated by PM.

- Certain categories - exempted from disclosure.
- Disclosure prejudicially affecting sovereignty / integrity of India
 - Expressly forbidden by court/tribunal
 - Breach of privilege of Parliament/state legislature
 - Holding confidential position
 - Confidant from third party
 - Disclosure endangering life/physical safety
 - Impede the process of investigation/apprehension/prosecution
 - Cabinet papers
 - Personal information

- Information - from another public authority - PIO - transfer - 5 days - to that other public authority
- Public authority - thinks it is confidential - PIO - written request - 5 days from date of receipt of notice
- Public authority - representation before PIO - within 10 days from date of receipt of such notice