

## RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

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**Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :** English

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**Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :** Dr. A K Mitra

**Information Sought (जानकारी) :** Date: 05-02-2021

**मांगी:** To,  
Central Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer,  
Ministry of Earth Sciences  
Prithvi Bhavan, Opp. India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

From,  
Name of applicant: Anirban Pal  
Address: 1/5, Kalibari Lane, Jadavpur, Kolkata, India , PIN: 700032.  
Contact No.: 9830049507

Subject: Request for disclosure of Information as per Section 6(1) of Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir/Madam,

I request you to furnish the following information requested, pertaining to IT infrastructure at the head office and regional offices throughout India.

1) Do the computer systems in all the offices refer to any local servers for the operational IST or is there a central server for its dissemination?

I. Local Servers  
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- I. It is fetched from GPS \_
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5) Are any outages or link failures faced in your network?

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6) Can the causes for outages or link failure in your network be identified?

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7) How soon can the issues stated above be rectified, and an analysis of these failures be undertaken?

8) Are any physical logbooks maintained, for clock time settings of the system and the occurrences of outages and link failures?

- I. Yes \_
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9) Are you aware of the existence of any secure, certified, precise, traceable IST (Indian Standard Time) made available as a service, to help avoid the incidents of outages/failures and get better resource utilisation?

- I. Yes \_
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10) Has your department ever considered or discussed the impact of authenticated legal Indian Standard Time (IST) on the different functions and activities of the department?

11) Is there any subscription to any service or payment of any fees or any freely available service to receive IST?

- I. Paid service \_
- II. Free service \_
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If a paid or free service is used, please specify the name of the service provider \_\_\_\_\_.

If the information is not available with you, kindly forward to the appropriate Public Information Authority under s. 6(3) of Right to Information Act, 2005.

I declare that I am a citizen of India.

Thank You,  
Anirban Pal

**Original RTI Text (মূল)** Date: 05-02-2021

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**File No: I/40/2021/Misc.**  
**Government of India**  
**India Meteorological Department**  
**O/o Director General of Meteorology,**  
**SatMet Building, India Meteorological Department, Lodhi Road, New Delhi**

Dated: 02/03/2021

To

Shri Anirban Pal  
 1/5, Kalibari Lane, Jadavpur, Kolkata  
 700032

**Registration Number : IMETD/R/T/21/00004**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am to refer to your Request for Information under RTI Act 2005, received vide letter dated 05/02/2021 and to say that *As there are many division in IMD with different operational activities pertaining to IT infrastructure. Based upon the regular activities, the information as received from the concerned sections (ISSD, RADAR & SatMet) of this office is enclosed herewith..*

In case, you want to go for an appeal in connection with the information provided, you may appeal to the Appellate Authority indicated below within ***thirty days*** from the date of receipt of this letter.

**Dr. Vijay Kumar Soni**  
 FAA & Scientist - F  
 Address: O/o DGM, India Meteorological Department Mausam Bhawan, Lodi  
 Road New Delhi  
 Phone No.: 011-43824440

**Yours faithfully**

( **Dr. A K Mitra**  
**CPIO & Scientist-E**  
**Phone No.: 43824489**  
**Email : imd.rti@gmail.com**

## RTI Cell

Sub:- RTI Information sought by Shri Anirban Pal, Jadavpur, Kolkata regarding request to provide information pertaining to IT infrastructure at ISSD at Headquarter IMD, India. (T-0004)

With reference to your RTI application from Shri Anirban Pal, Jadavpur, Kolkata regarding request to provide information pertaining to IT infrastructure at ISSD at Headquarter IMD, India replies is are as follows as per his questions:-

1. Do the computer systems in all the offices refer to any local servers for the operational IST or is there a central server for its dissemination?

Reply- No

2. How the reference time is obtained, which helps to setup the time in the local and /or central servers?

Reply- NA

3. Is any specific procedure followed to verify the authenticity of this reference time?

Reply- NA

4. How periodically is the correctness of this reference time checked?

Reply- NA

5. Are any outages or link failures faced in your network?

Reply- NA

6. Can the causes for outage or link failure in your network be identified?

Reply- NA

7. How soon can the issues stated above be rectified, and an analysis of these failures be undertaken?

Reply-NA

8. Are any physical logbooks maintained, for clock time settings of the system and the occurrences of outages and link failures?

Reply-NA

9. Are you aware of the existence of any secure, certified, precise, traceable IST (Indian Standard Time) made available as a service, to help avoid the incidents of outages failures and get better resource utilization?

Reply-NA

10. Has your department ever considered or discussed the impact of authenticated legal Indian Standard Time (IST) on the different functions and activities of the department?

Reply-Yes

11. Is there any subscription to any service or payment of any fees or any freely available service to receive IST

Reply-Free service, [time.nplindia.org](http://time.nplindia.org)

The details regarding IT infrastructure at other divisions at Headquarter and Regional offices are not available with ISSD and the same may kindly be obtained from them directly.



24/02/2021

(Sanjeev Sharma)  
Met-B(ISSD)

DGM-HQ-16099(85)/1/2021-ISSD-HQ Dated:24.02.2021

19/2/21  
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## DGM (RTI Cell)

**Sub: Information (T-00004) sought by Shri Anirban pal under RTI Act 2005**

**Ref: RTI Registration No. IMETD/R/T/21/00004 dated 08.02.2021**

With reference to above, the reply of Radar Division is as under:

<b>Question asked:</b>	<b>Reply:</b>
1. Do the computer system in all the offices refer to any local servers for the operational IST or is there a central server for its dissemination.	Local Servers
2. How the reference time is obtained, which helps to setup the time in the local and/ or central servers?	It is fetched from GPS.
3. Is any specific procedure followed to verify the authenticity of this reference time?	No, Specific procedure is followed.
4. How periodically is the correctness of this reference time checked?	Not Checked.
5. Are any outages or link failures faced in your Network?	No.
6. Can the causes for outages or link failures in your network be identified?	Yes.
7. How soon can the issues stated above be rectified and an analysis of these failures be undertaken?	Within few minutes.
8. Are any physical log books maintained, for clock time settings of the system and the occurrences of outages and link failures?	No.

9. Are you aware of the existence of any secure, certified, precise, traceable IST (Indian Standard Time) made available as a service, to help avoid the incident of outages/ failures and get better resource utilisation?

No.

10. Has your department ever considered or discussed the impact of authenticated legal Indian Standard Time (IST) on the different function and activities of the department?

No.

11. Is there any subscription to any service or payment of any fees or any freely available service to receive IST?

No Service.

The above information is related to Radar Division of IMD only.



(Rohit Shukla)

Scientist 'C' (Radar)

For Head (UAID)

DGM (UAID) UOI NO. RDR-43000(RTI)/

dated: 19.11.2021

## आरटीआई अधिनियम के तहतश्री अनिर्बान पाल द्वारा मांगी गई जानकारी हेतु।

1 message

GENERAL BRANCH SAT MET <dsatmet23@gmail.com>  
To: imd.rti@gmail.com

Fri, Feb 19, 2021 at 4:41 PM

### आरटीआई सेल

विषय: आरटीआई अधिनियम के तहत श्री अनिर्बान पाल द्वारा मांगी गई जानकारी हेतु।

संदर्भ: सं.-I/40/2021/ विविध दिनांक 16-1-2021

Kindly find below the Point wise reply of RTI questions (Reg No: IMETD/R/T/21/00004) in respect of MMDRPS system of Sat Met Division, IMD Delhi.

1) Do the computer systems in all offices refer to any local servers for the operational IST or is there a central server for dissemination

- I) Local Servers
- II) Central Servers

**The local servers are used for dissemination.**

2) How the reference time is obtained, which helps to setup the time in the local and/or central servers?

- I) It is fetched from GPS
- II) It comes directly from the Internet
- III) Some other authenticated source (Please Specify)

**The reference time is obtained from the GPS signal receiving system.**

3) Is any specific procedure followed to verify the authenticity of this reference time?

- I) Yes
- II) No

**We have 2 Numbers of Network Time Protocol (NTP) devices with GPS signal receiving system which is directly in sync with the GPS satellite constellations.**

4) How Periodically is the correctness of this reference time check?

- I) Daily
- II) Monthly
- III) Yearly
- IV) Not Checked

**Daily. There is a specific daemon employed to synchronize the time. Daemon name is chronyd where it will sync system time twice a day.**

5) Are any outages or link failure faced in your network?

- I) Yes
- II) No

**No**

6) Can the causes for outages or link failure in your network be identified?

- I) Yes
- II) No

**Yes**

7) How soon can this issue stated above be rectified and an analysis of these failures be undertaken?

We have not found any issue till date with respect to failure related to time issues in the Multi Mission Meteorological Data Reception and Processing system (MMDRPS) as dedicated daemons are employed for it. There have been instances of link failure like cable failure, network failure, network device failure. It takes around one hour for rectification of cable failure, for network looping it takes around 2-3 hours to be rectified. Network device failure depends upon device availability. But we maintain a redundancy in the MMDRPS network so the network outage time in 0.001ms as there is an active backup connection for all devices.

8) Are any physical logbooks maintained, for clock time settings of the system and the occurrence of outage and link failures?

**No.**

9) Are you aware of the existence of any secure, certified, precise, traceable IST (Indian Standard Time) made available as a service, to help avoid the incidents of outages/failures and get better resource utilization?

- I) Yes
- II) No

**No. We are utilizing UTC time for all servers and for devices. if we require we change the time zone for it like time zone UTC +00.00 to IST +05.30.**

10) Has your department ever considered or discussed the impact of authenticated legal Indian Standard Time (IST) on the different functions and activities of the department?

**Our activities are highly dependent on time synchronization and we have already implemented it.**

11) Is there any subscription to any service or payment of any fees or any freely available service to receive IST

- I) Paid
- II) Free service
- III) No service

If a paid or free service is used, please specify the name of the service provider

**No service, utility has been set up locally in the system.**

( रामेंद्र सिंह नेगी )

मौसम विज्ञानी-बी

उपग्रह मौसम विज्ञान प्रभाग

कृते प्रमेण (उपग्रह मौसम)

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