



## SUMMARY REPORT

### SUBJECT: THIRD PARTY AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT

### FOR

### Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (2023-2024)

The Right to Information Act, 2005 has empowered every citizen of the country to seek and receive any information from any public authority in the country without assigning any reason for seeking the information.

It is an attempt to move from opaqueness to transparency, ultimately leading to good Governance. Broadly, there are following two ways by which information needs of the Citizen can be met: -

- i. One is to file an RTI application seeking information within the time frame specified in the RTI Act through the Public Information Officer of the organization concerned.
- ii. The alternative mode which is prescribed in the RTI Act deals with proactive and suo-motu disclosure.

The RTI Act under section 4 provides a comprehensive framework for promoting openness in the functioning of the public authorities.

Disclosures under this Section are expected to:

- (i) Enable the citizen to access the information held by Public Authority without their having to take recourse to the provisions of RTI Act,
- (ii) Promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of the government to promote participatory governance.

We appreciate the sincere efforts of **Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S)** as Public Authority for disclosing and sharing the required information on website to maintain transparency.

Further, it has been observed during the Audit that information related to few areas may be shared in Public Domain on DGCI&S Website:

1. Programmes to advance understanding of RTI Act may be conducted at regular intervals and documented.

2. Information Manual/ Handbook may be available in printed format.
3. STQC certificate may be obtained and information mentioned on website.

QCI would like to share positive feedback in the form of web links available on the website as on date of audit. In future all the required information/ links may be posted on website in order to bring more transparency.

With Regards,



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