

**RTI REQUEST DETAILS**

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<b>Information Sought :</b>	For Point 1(a) and 1 (d) only		
<b>Original RTI Text :</b>	<p>To The Public Information Officer Department of Legal Affairs Ministry of Law and Justice 4th Floor A-Wing Shastri Bhawan New Delhi - 110001</p> <p>Subject: Request for information under RTI Act 2005 regarding expenditure on salaries pensions and allowances of Government Advocates</p> <p>Sir/Madam</p> <p>Kindly provide the following information under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act 2005:</p> <p>1. The total expenditure incurred in each of the last five financial years year-wise towards</p>		

- a) Salaries retainers and honorarium of Government Advocates including Law Officers such as Attorney General Solicitor General Additional Solicitors General Central Government Standing Counsels panel advocates and other engaged legal counsel
- b) Pensions to retired Government Advocates
- c) Allowances perks travel reimbursements and other benefits provided to Government Advocates
- d) Payments made to private advocates or law firms engaged by the Government for civil cases

2. If the above data is not centrally maintained by your department kindly

- a) Provide a certified statement to that effect
- b) As per Section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005 transfer this RTI application either in full or in relevant parts to all ministries departments and public authorities of the Government of India that maintain such information so that they may provide their respective replies directly to the undersigned

3. Kindly provide any internal guidelines office memoranda or instructions issued by your department to other ministries or departments regarding the engagement remuneration or expenditure tracking of Government Advocates in civil matters

4. Regarding pending judicial cases

- a) The official estimate or data on the percentage of pending cases where the Government of India including its departments PSUs and agencies is a party
- b) Any internal study note or report available with your department linking government litigation to the judicial backlog

Note: This information is sought in public interest as the Government of India is reported to be a litigant in approximately 50 percent of pending judicial cases approximately 2.5 crore cases. Accurate expenditure and litigation data is essential to evaluate judicial backlog resource utilisation and accountability mechanisms between the executive and judiciary

Mode of receipt of information: Certified copy of the information or documents in physical or digital form

Application fee: Rs 10 as per RTI Rules paid via RTI Online Portal

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September 18, 2025

**Sub: Information Under Right to Information Act**

Dear Madam,

1. Please refer your RTI request ref no. DSHIP/R/X/25/00007/5 transferred through the RTI-MIS portal to Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) vide ref no. CSLTD/R/T/25/00006 dated August 22, 2025. The reply to the information sought under the said request relating to Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) is given below:

- (i) The total expenditure incurred in each of the last five financial years year-wise towards
  - a) Salaries retainers and honorarium of Government Advocates including Law Officers such as Attorney General Solicitor General Additional Solicitors General Central Government Standing Counsels panel advocates and other engaged legal counsel
  - b) Pensions to retired Government Advocates
  - c) Allowances perks travel reimbursements and other benefits provided to Government Advocates
  - d) Payments made to private advocates or law firms engaged by the Government for civil cases
- (ii) If the above data is not centrally maintained by the Department kindly
  - a) Provide a certified statement to that effect
  - b) As per Section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005 transfer this RTI application either in full or in relevant parts to all ministries departments and public authorities of the Government of India that maintain such information so that they may provide their respective replies directly to the RTI Requester.

**Reply (i) & (ii)**

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) is not a Government Department and hence does not engage the services of the office of Attorney General, Solicitor General, Additional Solicitors, Central Government Standing Counsel or any other panel advocate empanelled by the Central Government. CSL engaged legal counsels to represent/ defend CSL at appropriate forums or to obtain any legal service as may be necessary. In the above backdrop, the information sought under the RTI has no application to CSL being independent body corporate and therefore no information is available with CSL in this regard.



- (iii) Kindly provide any internal guidelines office memoranda or instructions issued by the Department to other ministries or departments regarding the engagement remuneration or expenditure tracking of Government Advocates in civil matters

**Reply**

No information available with CSL.

- (iv) Regarding pending judicial cases

- a) The official estimate or data on the percentage of pending cases where the Government of India including its departments PSUs and agencies is a party  
b) Any internal study note or report available with the Department linking government litigation to the judicial backlog

**Reply**

- a) 74 Judicial Cases as on date, where CSL is a party.  
b) No information available with CSL.

2. If you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may prefer an appeal within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter to Shri Jose V J, Director (Finance) & Appellate Authority, Cochin Shipyard Limited, Administrative Building, Cochin Shipyard Premises, Perumanoor, Kochi – 682015.

**Thanking You,**

**Yours faithfully,**

Digitally signed by SYAMKAMAL  
Date: 2025.09.18 18:48:54 +05'30'

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**Company Secretary & CPIO**