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To:

The Public Information Officer,

Registrar Bombay High Court, Mumbai 400001

Respected Sir,

**Sub: RTI information sought (2 RTI applications):**

1. regarding the pendency of divorce and restitution of conjugal rights cases before the Family Courts within the jurisdiction of the Bombay High Court
2. the outcome of reconciliation/ counselling attempts and the procedures involved therein

Please see the enclosed Applications under the Right to Information Act 2005 pertaining to the subject mentioned above. They are contained in two independent RTI Applications

Sir- the said information is required to work out an alternative procedure for quick resolution of the matrimonial disputes. It is obvious that when the cases are pulled on for years together at the Family Court level itself- it has adverse repercussions on the lives of the parties, their families and the society at large. Hence this information is needed for our humble endeavour to work out an alternative.

Sir though we are aware that under the law there is no need to disclose the reasons for asking the information we thought it appropriate to disclose because - as law teachers and law interpreters we share a common concern to see that justice is not delayed in the courts of law

Thanking you and with deep regards

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**The Right to Information Act 2005**

To:

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**2. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE (of the first applicant):** Giri-Darshan, 2 Raj Nagar, Hubli 580032, Ph. No. 9980588236

**3. PARTICULARS OF INFORMATION REQUIRED**

**(i) Subject matter of information :** regarding pendency of divorce and Restitution of conjugal Rights cases in the Family Courts & Courts handling Matrimonial Disputes within the jurisdiction of Bombay High Court

**(ii) Period to which the information relates :** 2015 to 2021

**(iii) Description of information required :** see the enclosed sheets (2 numbers)

**(iv) Whether information is required by post or in person :** By post

**(v) In case by post (Ordinary, Registered or Speed) :** Registered

**4. WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS BELOW POVERTY LINE : NO**

(If yes, attach a photocopy of the proof thereof)

**Date :** 20-9-2021



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IPO NOs. Rs. 10/- application fee: IPO No. 54F 181132

Rs. 100 /- for information sought & For reply by registered post: IPO No.

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Enclosed sheets for question Number 3(iii) in the RTI form  
“Description of information required”:

I. INFORMATION SOUGHT:

REGARDING PENDENCY OF DIVORCE CASES IN ALL THE  
FAMILY COURTS & COURTS HANDLING MATRIMONIAL DISPUTES  
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF BOMBAY HIGH COURT FROM JAN  
2015 TO DEC 2019

a) in 5 yrs from Jan 2015 to Dec 2019

Total No. of Divorce cases filed	disposed <b>within 6 months</b> from the dt of notice duly served to the respondent	disposed <b>within 2yrs</b> from the dt of notice duly served to the respondent	disposed <b>within 5 yrs</b> from the dt of notice duly served to the respondent

b) number of cases where the decree for Restitution of  
Conjugal rights was not complied and the Respondent  
filed for divorce on that ground in

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

c) Total Number of Divorce cases still pending in all the Family  
Courts & COURTS HANDLING MATRIMONIAL DISPUTES WITHIN THE  
JURISDICTION OF BOMBAY HIGH COURT upto 2021( upto the date  
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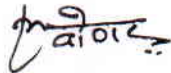
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II. INFORMATION SOUGHT:  
REGARDING PENDENCY OF RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS  
(RCR) CASES IN ALL THE FAMILY COURTS & COURTS HANDLING  
MATRIMONIAL DISPUTES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF BOMBAY HIGH COURT  
FROM JAN 2015 TO DEC 2019

In 5 yrs from Jan 2015 to Dec 2019

Total No. of Restitution of Conjugal Rights cases filed	disposed <b>within 6 months</b> from the dt of notice duly served to the respondent	disposed <b>within 2yrs</b> from the dt of notice duly served to the respondent	disposed <b>within 5 yrs</b> from the dt of notice duly served to the respondent

- i) Total Number of **RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS**  
**cases** still pending in all the Family Courts & Courts handling  
Matrimonial Disputes within the jurisdiction of Bombay High  
Court upto 2021 (upto the date available)

  
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ANNEXURE "A" (See rule 3)

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(i) **Subject matter of information :** regarding counselling done by the Marriage  
Counsellors in the Family Courts & Courts handling Matrimonial Disputes within the  
jurisdiction of Bombay High Court and their functioning.


(ii) **Period to which the information relates :** 2015 to 2021

(iii) **Description of information required :** see the enclosed 3 sheets

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Enclosed sheets for Question Number 3 (iii) in the RTI form

**“Description of information required”:**

**I. INFORMATION SOUGHT :**

**REGARDING MARRIAGE COUNSELORS (MC) ATTACHED TO FAMILY COURTS & COURTS HANDLING MATRIMONIAL DISPUTES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF BOMBAY HIGH COURT AND THEIR FUNCTIONING.**

**1. In the year 2019- 2020**

- i) how many MC working within the jurisdiction of the Bombay High Court are **full time Government employees** ?
2. how many of them are holding a degree in counseling , psychotherapy, or MSW and the like- from a recognized University?
3. How many years of **minimum practical experience** in counseling etc is **mandatory** to be as a full time MC?
4. Is the task of reconciliation/counseling the disputing couple assigned
  - To the practicing advocates      yes/no
  - to the judges                              yes/no
  - to the Lok adalat or                      yes/no
  - to mediation cell/ centre              yes/no

If yes- Is a degree in counseling , psychotherapy, MSW from a recognized University **mandatory before the task of counseling the parties is so assigned to them?**

5. Is there a mediation cell to **exclusively handle** reconciliation of matrimonial cases **only** or do they handle other cases of mediation also?
6. Is reconciliation/counseling **compulsorily done - before the objections are filed by the Respondent to the main petition?**

*Patel*



**II. Outcome of counselling by MC from Jan 2015 to Dec 2019 :**

**i) Total Number of divorce and restitution cases filed in these 5 yrs :**

**ii) number of cases reconciled by the marriage Counsellors during the counselling stage and spouses agreed to resume cohabitation in**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

**iii) number of cases where spouses opted for mutual consent divorce during counselling stage in**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

**iv) number of cases where the spouses opted for contesting the matter before the court as the matter was not reconciled at counselling stage in**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

**v) number of cases where maintenance, child custody issues were settled at counselling stage itself in**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

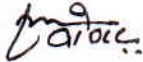
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III. Please furnish a **copy of the blank format** of the following documents if maintained by the Marriage Counsellor

- i) Intake sheet of the Marriage counselor
- ii) Marriage Counsellor's monthly and other periodic or annual Report sheet
- iii) Copy of Identity card given to the parties for conciliation.
- iv) Any other blank formats of documents or reports maintained by the MC. Also any other blank formats forwarded to the High Court

IV. Please furnish a **copy of the Guidelines/instructions** (if any) to the Marriage Counselor for effective counseling

  
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