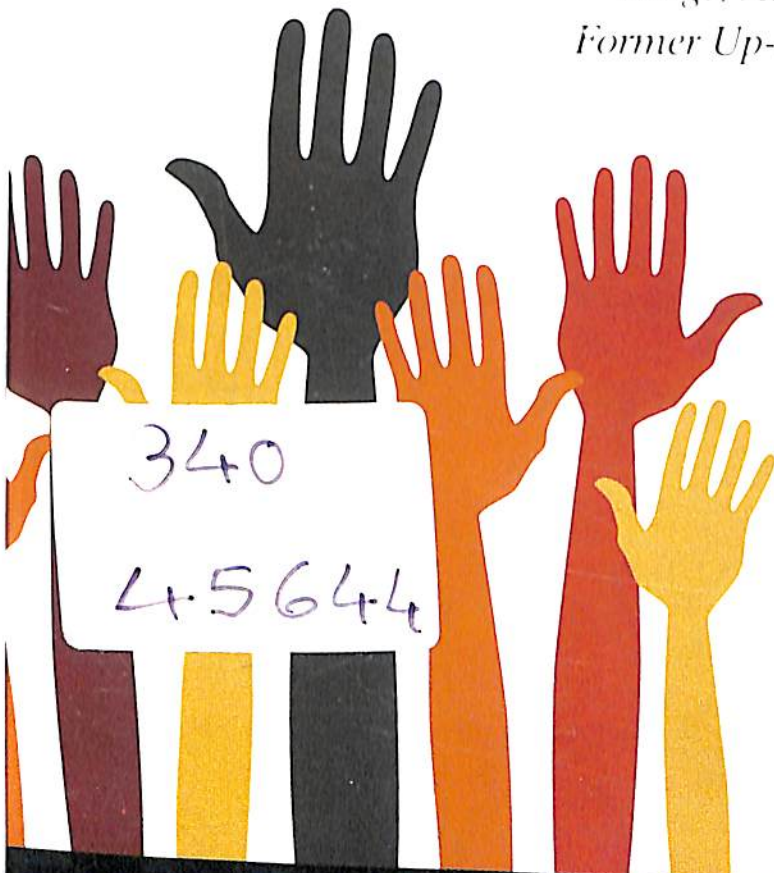


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Freedom of Information, a phrase coined in the United States, is a very different notion from the freedom of speech, freedom of press or freedom of expression. It empowers the common man to obtain information in possession of the State. The Right to Information Act, 2005 is a very powerful tool, given in the hands of Indian citizens. It provides them a chance to transform the way the government and its officials function. Asking the government for information, one asks for the government to be transparent and accountable to its citizens.

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