Statutory Declaration under Section 4(1) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005 Statutory Declaration under Section 4 (1) (b) Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005.

The particulars of the college:

Sr. No	Particulars	Details		
		The Poona Diocesan Educational Society, Regd No. E/449 (Pune), 1970 Bishop's House, 1B, Prince of Wales Drive, Pune – 411001.		
1	Name of the college	The Poona Diocesan Educational Society's Vidya Bhavan College of Commerce		
2	Postal Address of the college	20 Sholpur Road, Bhairobanala Ta: Pune (corporation Area) Dist: Pune Pincode: 411013		
3	Website	http://vidyabhavancollege.unitglo.com		
4	Email Id	vbhavan148@gmail.com		
5	Affiliated to	Savitribai Phule Pune University Pune - 411007		
6	Name of the President	Bishop Thomas Dabre		
7	Name of the Principal	Dr. Saroj Hiremath M.Com, M.Phil, MBA, Ph.D.		
8	Working Hours	9.00 am to 4.00 pm on a working day.		
9	Holidays	Holidays are declared as per the circulars issued by Savitribai Phule Pune University and the Government of Maharashtra Holiday.		
10	Programs Offered	Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.), Master of Commerce (M. Com.) Post Graduate Diploma in Banking, Finance and Insurance		
11	Statutory Bodies	Governing Council College Development Committee (CDC)		
12	Nature of Permission	B.Com. Program on a Grant-in-aid basis. M. Com., and Post Graduate Diploma in Banking, Finance and Insurance on Self- financed basis.		
13	Applications fees under the RTI Act	Rs. Ten only		
14	Application may be sent to the Public Information Officer (P.I.O.)	Between 9.00 am to 3.00 pm on any working day.		

INTRODUCTION: Implementation of 'The Right to Information Act, 2005' in the Universities / Colleges

The Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005) has been enacted by the Parliament and has come into force from 15 June 2005. This Act provides for the right to information for citizens to secure access to information under public authorities' control to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public administration.

All Universities and Colleges established by law made by Parliament or by State Legislature or by notification by the appropriate Government or owned, controlled, or substantially financed directly or indirectly by funds provided by the Government shall come within the meaning of a Public Authority under this Act.

Whereas some provisions of this Act have come into effect immediately on its enactment (on 15 June 2005), other conditions shall come into effect on 100 / 120 days of its implementation.

Therefore, all universities and colleges are advised to carefully go through this Act and take necessary steps to implement various provisions, including proactive disclosure of certain kinds of information. Such information shall be made available to the public at large through the website by the concerned university/college.

The full text of the Act and frequently asked questions for implementation of the Act are available on the website www.righttoinformation.gov.in

Objectives of the right to information Act:

The primary object of the right to information act is to empower the citizens, promote transparency and accountability in the working of the Government, contain corruption, and make our democracy work for the people in an absolute sense. The Act is a big step towards making the citizens informed about the activities of the Government. An informed citizen is better equipped to keep necessary vigil on the governance instruments and make the Government more accountable to the governed. The college has up-loaded essential information on its website for the benefit of the aspirants, parents, stakeholders, and other citizens concerned about the college.

The vision of the college: To provide an anchor for the less privileged, for those students who scored a lower percentage, and to allow them to experience the same academic excellence offered elsewhere.

The mission of the college: Educate students to prepare them for life through a threefold process that is of being critical, disciplined, and cultured, so that the students graduating from this college maybe not only successful in life but also be faithful to the commitment of life

Objectives of the college:

- To develop a competitive spirit and to teach entrepreneurial skills for self-employment and profession
- 2. To encourage faculty members and students to pursue academic excellence
- To stimulate the learning and make possible the learning, of facts, principles, and relationships in various fields of knowledge.

Core Values of the college: The College has adopted five core values framed by the NAAC as mentioned below.

- 1. Contributing to National Development
- 2. Fostering Global Competencies among Students
- 3. Including a Value System among students
- 4. Promoting the Use of Technology
- 5. Quest for Excellence.

Along with the NAAC core values, the college follows under mentioned values and tries to imbibe them among the students through several outreach extension activities.

- 1. Equality 2. Social Justice. 3. Democracy. 4. Cooperation. 5. Responsibility.
- 6. Accountability. 7. Respect. 8. Help. 9. Honest. 10. Excellence

The following officers are appointed as Appellate Authority, RTI Officer, and Assistant RTI Officer in the college with immediate effect and until further orders. It is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority of the college.

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Role on RTI	Contact No.	Email ID
1	Dr. Saroj Hiremath	Principal	Appellant Officer	9049005477	vbchiremath@gmail.com
2	Dr. Samuel Rao	Vice Principal	RTI Officer	8087694575	sam_rao642@rediffmail.com
3	Mr. K.T. Varkey	O.S.	Assistant RTI Officer	9423507625	kilukkanvarkey@gmail.com

Dr. Saroj Hiremath

Principal