

Central Information Commission

Room No. 307, 2nd Floor, 'B' Wing, August Kranti Bhavan,
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi - 110 066

HEARING NOTICE

Right to Information Act, 2005

Date: 02-02-2016

Case Nos. : CIC/MP/A/2015/000950

To be heard by	Hon'ble Information Commissioner, Smt. Manjula Prasher		
Date & Time of Hearing (Through V.C.)	02-03-2016		12:00 Noon
Appellant / Complainant	Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh A/14, NOBA Nagar (Phase-I), Near Khoja Emlai-Phulwarisharif, Patna-801505		
Respondents	Central Public Information Officer (under RTI Act.) The Indian Economic Association Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), JNU Institutional Area, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi-110067		
	✓ First Appellate Authority (under RTI Act.) The Indian Economic Association Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), JNU Institutional Area, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi-110067		
Date of RTI	CPIO Reply	Date of 1 st Appeal	FAAO
07-05-2014	No Reply Dated: N/A	13-06-2014	Nil Dated: 15-07-2014
<u>Venue for Hearing</u>			
<u>For Appellant / Complainant</u>	NIC State Centre, 3rd Floor, Technology Bhawan Bailey Road, Patna-800015 <u>Contact Detail:</u> Mr. Yogendra N. Roy, Scientist-D, 0612- 2545964		
<u>For Respondents</u>	Central Information Commission, Room no. 307, 2nd Floor, B-Wing, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066. <u>Contact Detail:</u> Mr. S.P. Gulati, P.P.S, 011-2618 0532		

Dr. Anil Thakur
to provide
information and the hearing on
after 2-3-16 with
lawyer
Anurag
Suresh
7/1/16

(i) The Commission directs the CPIO/FAA to appear in person or may authorize an officer, who is well conversant with the matter to represent them. In case the Respondent has taken any assistance under Section 5(4) of the RTI-Act, 2005, such person should also be notified and asked to appear before the Commission at the scheduled date and time. **The Respondents are directed to send the written submissions/comments on the 2nd Appeal/Complaint before one week of the scheduled date of hearing on e-mail registry-icmp@gov.in**


(ii) CPIO is also directed to inform the third party, if any, so as to enable the third party to defend or present his/her case before the Commission.

(iii) The Appellant/ Complainant may appear before the Commission either in person or through an authorized representative, and present his/her case, or may opt not to be present. But in case of non- appearance, the case will be decided ***ex parte***. ***He/She is advised to forward a copy of Second Appeal /Complaint filed before the Commission to the CPIO, if already not done.***

(iv) Appellant/Respondents are also requested to intimate the name, designation and contact no. of the person(s) attending the hearing well in advance before the date of hearing, to the undersigned.

(v) All concerned are directed to reach the venue half an hour before the scheduled time of hearing with "Proof of their Identity".




(T. K. Mohapatra)
Deputy Registrar
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Copy for necessary action to:- Mr. R. Malik, Scientist - E, National Informatics Centre, Central Information Commission.

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Appeal Under the Provision of R.T.I. Act. 2005.

To

Hon,ble Chief Information and His Companion Information Commissioners,

Room No. 308, 2 nd. Floor, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikhaji Cama Place,

New Delhi - 110066.

1. Name and address of the Appellant..... Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh.

Advocate

Supreme Court of India & Patna High court,

A/14, Noba Nagar Phase I, Near Khoja Emali, Phulwarisharif,

Patna - 801505

E-mail- ghanshyamnsingh@gmail.com

Mobile - 09431494843

2. Name and Address/es of the P.I.O. against the decision of whom the Appeal is preferred.....

1. First Appellate Authority. Dr. Sukhadeo
Thorat, chairman, I.C.S.S.R., J.N.V.
Institutional Area, Anna Park Ali Marg.
New-Delhi - 110067.

2. Dr. Anil Kumar Shukla, Secretary & Treasurer,
The Indian Economic Association, Secretariate
Colony, Road No. 3, House No. B/6 Kankarbagh, Patna - 800002

3. Particulars of the order including number, if any, against which the Appeal is preferred.....

1. President, I.E.A. dt. 15.07.2014

2. All the Application addressed to
the Secretary and Treasurer
Dr. Anil Kumar Shukla
at I.E.A-Secretariate office
was not acknowledged or
replied.

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4. Brief facts leading to Appeal.....

Repeated requests and reminders for providing relevant information dated 15.04.2014, 07.05.2014, 26.05.2014 and lastly the Appellate Authority on 13.06.2014. — The Secretary and Treasurer ignored and did not respond nor returned the ~~paid~~ sent Indian Postal order. — Callous Attitude

5. Number, date, name and address of P.I.O. to whom Application was made.....

Application sent to P.I.O. C/o the Secretary and Treasurer at the I.E.A. Secretariate dated 15.04.2014, 07.05.2014, 26.05.2014 and 13.06.2014 was not acknowledged or replied nor the I.P.O. was returned to me

6. Prayer or Relief sought.....

Compensation for delay and Penalty for Callous attitude of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Indian Economic Association.

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7. Grounds for the Prayer.....

1. Non-compliance of the provisions spelled out in the R.T.I. Act-2005.

2. Non-performance of obligation of Public Authority.

8. Verification by the Appellant.....

Verified that all the papers submitted herein are true copy of the original.

9. Any other information which the Commission may deem necessary for deciding the appeal....

The matter pertains to misreported case of misuse of public fund.

10. Certified that the matters under appeal or complaint have not been previously filed, or are pending with any court or with any other authority.

Signature of the Appellant.

Gyan N. Singh
10.11.2014

Kindly send

1. S.M.S.

2. E-mail-

Communication, besides Post, through

89431494843

ghanshyamsingh@gmail.com



THE INDIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat
President

Date: 15/07/2014

To,

Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh,
A/14, Noba Nagar, Phase I,
Near Khoja Emali, Phulwarisharif,
Patna-801505.

Subject: RTI Appeal received by this office on 21st June 2014

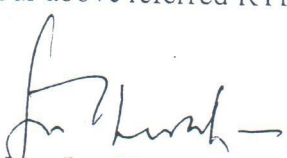
Kindly refer to your Appeal dated 13/06/2014 submitted under Right to Information Act, which was received by this office on 21st June 2014.


The Appeal has been examined carefully and it is observed that you have not addressed your RTI Application dated 15/04/2014 to PIO duly appointed by the Indian Economic Association. Further, your subsequent RTI Application dated 07.05.2014 and also the reminder dated 26/05/2014 were also not addressed to the PIO duly appointed by the Indian Economic Association.

Your said two RTI applications, against which Appeal has been submitted, were neither addressed nor sent to the Public Information Officer (PIO), which is the designated Authority under the Right to Information Act, 2005 to provide information. Once the PIO has been duly appointed and notified to all through IEA Newsletter and also through IEA's website, the Secretary and Treasurer, or any other Office Bearer of the IEA, is not required to reply to RTI queries.

Thus, if you so desire, you may submit your RTI application to the PIO as duly notified in IEA's Newsletter 2014 as also on its website www.indianeconomicassociation.com. If any such RTI Application is submitted to the PIO of IEA, the same will be dealt with strictly in accordance with provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Your above referred RTI Appeal stands disposed off accordingly.


Sukhadeo Thorat
First Appellate Authority,
Indian Economic Association.


attested

FIRST APPEAL

Kindly take up the matter **URGENTLY** as deliberate delay in respect of R.T.I. Applications have been made by the I.E.A. Secretariat

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13.06.2014
June 13, 2014

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Copy of the First Appeal

Appeal under the Provision of R.T.I. Act.2005

For Appellate Authority, The Indian Economic Association
To Professor Sukhdeo Shorath
Association President.
The Indian Economic Association.
Chairman
Indian Council of Social Science Research, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg
New-Delhi-67

1 Name and Address of the Appellant
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A RF000239365IN
Counter No:1, CP-Code:SLUTT
To: PROFESSOR SUXHDEO, SHORATH A P I E A
NEW DELHI, PIN:110067
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Near Khoja Emali, Phulwarisharif,
Patna-801505
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Mobile - 09431494843

decision of whom the Appeal is preferred.....

Dr. Anil Kumar Shukla
Officer / Hon. Secretary and Treasurer
The Indian Economic Association.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
The Indian Economic Association,
Road no. 3, House no. B/6, Secretariate colony,
Kankarbagh, Patna 80.0020

3. Particulars of the order including number, if any, against which the appeal is preferred.....

No reply were given on Applications under the R.T.I. Act. 2005 on the following applications (photostat copies enclosed);

1. Application under the R.T.I. Act. 2005 dt. 15.04.2014 with Postal order bearing no. 11F 122922 dt. 15.04.2014

2. Application under R.T.I. Act. 2005 with Postal order bearing no. 11F 122921 (copy enclosed) dt. 7.05.2014

3. REMINDE through ADDENDUM dt. 26.05.2014

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4. Brief facts leading to Appeal

No Cognizance were taken on R.T.I. Applications dt. 15.04.2014, and dt. 07.05.2014 and even a reminder of dt. 26.05.2014.

(All copies enclosed)

Callous Attitude and wilful disobedience of the provision of the R.T.I. Act. 2005.

5. Number, date, name and address of P.I.O. to whom Application was made.....

1. Public Relation officer,

C/O Mr. Anil Kumar Shukla

Secretary & Treasurer

The Indian Economic Association,

Road no. 3, House no. B/6 Secretariat colony,
Kankarbagh, Patna - 80002.

dt. 15.04.2014

2. The same address on dt. 07.05.2014

3. The same address reminder dt. 26.05.2014

6. Prayer or Relief sought.....

1. The reply as per the provision of the R.T.I. Act. 2005 be supplied with utmost urgency.

2. The action of the Secretary & Treasurer the Indian Economic Association is violation of the provision of Section 7(2) of the R.T.I. Act. 2005.

3. Neglect in performing public duty be taken seriously and penal action need to be taken

Attn: GMP

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7. Grounds for the Prayer.....

Deemed to be refusal under Section 7(2) of the A.T.I. Act. 2005.

1. The information sought through an application dt. 15.04.2014 and dt. 07.05.2014 for the transparency in the financial management of the Indian Economic Association and even a limited view was taken through a reminder dt. 26.05.2014 was not replied.

8. Verification by the Appellant.....

Certified that the facts stated above and the photostatic copies of the application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

9. Any other information which the ^{authority} Commission may deem necessary for deciding the appeal....

Kindly see to it that information be provided at its earliest as it leads to the loss of financial management of the funds coming from various govt. agencies.

10. Certified that the matters under appeal or complaint have not been previously filed, or are pending with any court or with any other authority.

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G. S. S.

Signature of the Appellant. *Ghaugyan N. S.*
13.05.2014
June 13, 2014

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ADDENDUM AND REMINDER FOR NOT SUPPLYING THE
 INFORMATION SOUGHT vide R.T.I. Act. Application
 dt. 15.04.2014 (that was received at your end on 16.04.2014
 to the Web-Site) and request through E-mail and subsequently
 application dt. 02.05.2014 — Violation of
 RIGHT TO INFORMATION UNDER R.T.I. Act. 2005 Law.

Reply should have been dated by 07.06.2014.
 or else appropriate legal remedy be taken 26.05.2014.

Officer,
 Kumar Shaker
 Joint Secretary and Treasurer,
 an Economic Association.

Post No. 3, House No. B/6 Secretariat Bldg. Kankarbagh, Patna 800020
 1. Name and Address of the Applicant Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh,
 Advocate,

Supreme Court of India

&

Patna High Court.

A/14, Noba Nagar Phase I, Near Khoja Email
 Phulwarisharif, Patna 801505

E-mail-ghanshyamnnsingh@gmail.com

Mob. 9431494843

2. Particulars of Information sought

1. Information sought vide R.T.I. Application dt. 15.04.2014
 and through e-mail with its confirmation vide R.T.I. Application
 dt. 02.05.2014 — Not supplied till date 26.05.2014
2. Violation of R.T.I. Act. 2005 vide Section 7 Subsection
 (2) of Section (5) or the proviso to sub-section (3) of Section (6)
3. Needed to supply information as per Section (5) of the
 R.T.I. Act 2005 — be provide as a serial, it has been asked.

3. Details of the Information Required.....

To Club the both; kindly provide information as sought
 which are in brief.

1. Registration details of the I.E.A.
2. Rules of I.E.A. as adopted at Bangalore
 on Dec. 20, 1998 and modified in the A.G.H. Chandigarh on
 Dec. 20, 2010

3. Details of the Grants received by the I.E.A.
 through various agencies during 2012-2013, 2013-2014 (till
 date)

4. The name of the Banks in which the
 amount is deposited.

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5. Details of the T.A. paid to the

6. The amount of T.A. paid to the applicant
(Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh), as per your record
of payment.

and
through E-mail and R.T.I. Act-2005 application
dt. 07.05.2014.

— 1. NO of Life Members enrolled in I.E.A.
since 2005 till date.

2. The amount of Life Membership Rs
collected.

3. The shed wt under which Life Member-
ship was deposited year-wise since 2005 till date

4. The corpus fund - its details

5. Life Membership details.

Knudly — Provide information as requested
and refrain for any further encroachment
as I do not wish to damage the high reputation
of I.E.A. Please act swiftly.

I state that the information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in Section 8 of
the RTI Act 2005. And to the best of my knowledge it pertains to your office.

A fee of Rs. 10=00 only is being sent herewith by the Indian Postal Order bearing sent vide
No. 11F-122322 and 11F 122321 dt. as reported.

Signature of the Applicant

Ghanshyam N. Singh

26.05.2014

Note — If the reply is not received by 07.06.2014
appropriate legal remedy has to be sought.

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Mr. Anil Kumar

Economic Association

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07-05-2014

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Information Officer,

Mr. Anil Kumar Shukla

Joint Secretary & Treasurer,

The Indian Economic Association.

Road no. 3, House no. B/6 Secretariat Colony,

Kankarbagh, Patna - 80 0020

1. Name and Address of the Applicant.....

Professor Ghanshyam N. Singh

A/14, Noba Nagar Phase I,

Near Khoja Emali, Phulwarisharif,

Patna 801505 (BIHAR)

E-mail- ghanshyamnsingh@gmail.com

Mobile---09431494843

2. Particulars of Information Sought

1. The details of the Life Membership Subscribers

and the number of members enrolled as Life

Member since 2005 till date.

2. The year-wise collection of Life Membership

fees and the Bank in which it was deposited since 2005

till date.

3. Corpus Fund so created by Life Membership Subscrip

3. Details of the Information Required

1. Number of Life Members enrolled to I.E.A. since

2005 till date. as

year

2005

2006 till

2014, April, year-wise,

fees

2. The Life Membership, so collected,

their amount year-wise since 2005 till

date. April 2014.

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07.05.2014

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3. The head - under which the Life Membership deposited and the name and Branch of the Bank in ^{which it was deposited} year-wise since 2005 till date April 2014.

4. The Corpus Fund so created, its name and name of the Bank with Branch name and the quantum of money year-wise from 2005 till date.

5. Since Life Membership is life-time liability ^{information to get the} of the I.E.A. so the amount of Life Membership deposited in the Bank, year-wise.

I state that the information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in Section 8 of the R.T.I Act 2005. And to the best of my knowledge it pertains to your office.

A fee of Rs. 10=00 only is being sent herewith by the Indian Postal Order bearing no..... Dt.....

Gyan D. Singh
Signature of the Applicant
07.05.2014

attest
G.D.

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Date sent

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15.05.2014
Anil Kumar shakur
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
Indian Economic Association,
Road no. 3, House no. B/6, Secretariat Colony
Kankarbagh, Patna 800 021

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Mail: ghanashyamnsingh@gmail.com
Mob. 09431494843

shakur details of I.E.A. under the societies
may be known to the I.E.A. members as

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2 Receipts of Grants to I.E.A. through various
funding agencies like U.G.C., I.C.S.S.R., R.B.I., Planning Commission
and all others during the years 2012-13 - 2013-14 (till date)

3. The banks in which the amount deposited and
their signatures.

4. Quantum of money paid to conference organizers
and on T.A. heads to different functionaries during
2012-13 and 2013-14 (till date)

3. details of the information required.

Please provide information, as per following requirements:

① year and registration number of I.E.A. -
② Place of registration - updated version.

③ Rules of the I.E.A. adopted at the Bangalore
on Dec. 28, 1998 and modified in the A.G.M. at Chandigarh on
Dec. 28, 2010.

④ details of the Grants received by I.E.A.

through various funding agencies like U.G.C., I.C.S.S.R.

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A.B.I., Planning Commission and all others during
the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 (till date)

④ The name of the Banks on which these amounts
deposited and their signatories.

⑤ The details of the T.A. paid to different
functionaries like I.E.A.'s Association Presidents, Conference
Presidents, other E.C. members and Chairmen, District
Vice-Chairmen during the 35th and 36th Annual Conferences
at Vishakhapatnam (2012) and Ranchipuram (2013)

⑥ The amount of T.A. paid to Mr. Ghanashyam N. Singh
for performing functions as chairman of Technical
Session at 36th I.E.A. Conference at Ranchipuram (2013) as
its earlier conference any time in the past.

I state that the information given above does not violate the restrictions
contained in Section 8 of the RTI Act 2007. And in the event of any
discrepancy, I shall be held liable.

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A fee of Rs. 10-00 only is being sent herewith by the Indian Postal Order
bearing no. 11 F 122322 Dt. 15.05.2014

April 15, 2014

Ghanashyam N. Singh
Signature of the Applicant.

Note: Since the office is located at the residence of Mr. S. T. and otherwise no intimation about the
P.A. office, this RTI letter sent to the office
to avert transmission delay.

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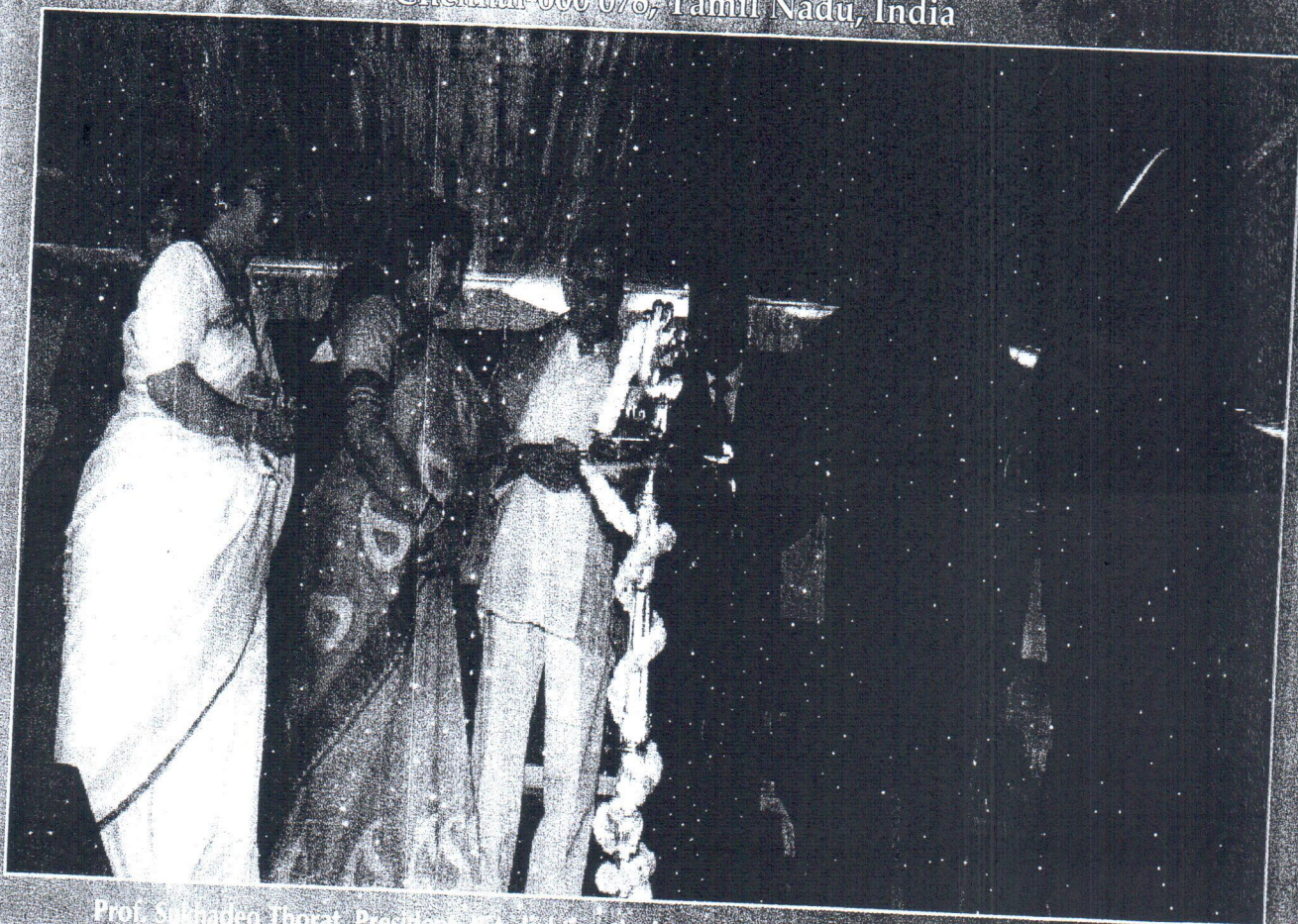
THE INDIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (IEA)

96th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

27th-29th December, 2013

MEENAKSHI UNIVERSITY

Kanchipuram Campus
12, Vembuliamman Koil Street, West K.K. Nagar,
Chennai-600 078, Tamil Nadu, India



Prof. Subhadeo Thorat, President IEA, lighting the lamp at the inaugural function of the 95th Annual Conference. Also present are the guest of honor, Mrs. D. Purandeswari, Hon'ble Minister of State, Commerce and Industries, Govt. of India; Conference President, Prof. B.L. Mungekar; President, GITAM University, Prof. M.V.S. Murthi; Prof. G. Subramanayam, vice Chancellor, GITAM University and Prof. S. Indumati, Vice President IEA

ALL CORRESPONDENCES MAY BE MADE TO
HON'Y SECRETARY AND TREASURER
DR. ANIL KUMAR THAKUR

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INDIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (ESTD:1917)

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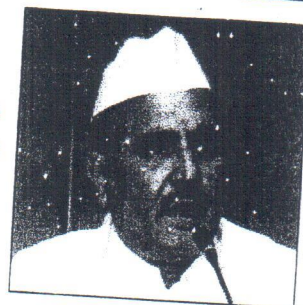
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Dear IEA Members,

Greetings for the day!

On the very outset, once again accept my heartfelt thanks for the support and love you showered upon me in the recently held election of the Secretary and Treasurer. The overwhelming majority of votes that have been cast in my favour makes me feel elated no doubt, but also means for me more respect and weight for this post of the Secretary because I can't let down those overwhelming number of IEA members who have shown faith and trust in me by casting their valuable vote in my favour.



Let me begin by extending my warm invitation to you all for the 96th Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association that will be held on 27th—29th December, 2013 at Meenakshi University (MAHER), Kanchipuram, Chennai. My heartfelt thanks are especially due to Shri A.N. Radha Krishnan, Chancellor, MEHER, for his invitation to IEA to hold its 96th Annual Conference at their campus. I also thank Prof. L.K. Mohana Rao, Former Director, Agro-economic Research Center, Andhra University, for having graciously accepted to be the Conference President for the ensuing 96th Annual Conference.

I am especially thankful and grateful to Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, President, IEA, who after having submitted his resignation letter earlier in the year decided to take it back on repeated requests of various past presidents, luminaries from the academia and overwhelming love that was showered upon him by a number of members of the Association. We in the Association would have been like an anchorless ship had he left us mid term. The achievements and heights that he has made the IEA reach need no mention again and I am personally highly thankful to him for his decision to continue his full tenure of the President with us. Thanks are also due to executive committee members and others who have always rendered me full support in undertaking activities for the betterment of the Association.

Friends, I think actions speak louder than words and my actions during the last three terms as the secretary were more than enough to ensure IEA members' love and trust in my workings to get reflected in their voting preferences. Time is testimony of the fact that almost all the goals I had promised to achieve nine years ago have now been fulfilled by me with your support. The only goal that needs accomplishment till date is the attainment of land in Delhi for IEA's Head Office in New Delhi. I, under the guiding hand of Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, have and am still leaving no stone unturned for achieving this one target as well. I hope and pray to Almighty to let this one unfinished target be achieved during my final term as the Secretary and Treasurer.

Among other things, the one achievement that makes my heart swell with pride is making IEA reach to far flung rural areas and the access and exposure provided by the conferences to people in the remotest of the areas of the country. Gone are the days when IEA was confined to only the metropolitan cities and conferences meant the venue and participation of people from only well known universities. Under my 9 year tenure, the membership of IEA has reached at an unprecedented level and the benefits of the conferences are being enjoyed by all the members of the IEA. The effort and financial support required to give fillip to regional economic associations have been done by me, like never done before in the past, primarily with the aim of providing a platform for economic research and deliberations to people from all parts of the country.

Moreover, to ensure further transparency and decentralization in the workings of the IEA, a number of responsibilities vested with the Secretary have been delegated, on my request, to other office bearers. The proceedings regarding the invited papers from the members of the IEA for the Annual Conference including review, acceptance, information to the members, etc. will be looked after by the President, Prof. Thorat and Joint Secretary (West), Dr. Mohan Bhai Patel;

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All reimbursement of T.A. bills for the members to attend the Executive Committee Meetings and Annual Conferences including procurement of documents for the same from the members will be performed by Dr. Shyam Sunder Singh Chauhan and all membership related issues including acceptance of new members' forms, updating of membership profile, etc. will be looked after by Dr. Gangadhar V. Kayande Patil. To instill still greater transparency, the Constitution Amendment Committee has already been constituted by Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat and is functioning democratically by inviting suggestions from all IEA members.

Dear friends, as the things stand today, presently being the Secretary of the Association, I would ensure that only bona fide members who work for the betterment of the Association be actively working to make IEA scale further heights of excellence. Any individual whose intentions and actions malign the reputation of this Association will not find any place here. I request you all as well that, as this is my final term, so even when I am no longer the Secretary, the people whose actions harm the Association be kept at bay and I too promise you that any action that goes against the interest of the Association and its members would always be vehemently opposed by me.

Last but not the least, I would like to thank Prof. B.L. Mungekar for the success of the last Annual Conference and also for conducting the elections in a fair and democratic manner and ensuring transparency at every stage. Finally, I would once again like to thank you all for the immense confidence you showed in me.

With these closing remarks, I cannot help but think of a famous quote by Chanakya:

"I am even thankful for the difficult people in my life. They have shown me exactly who I DO NOT want to be."

With Warm Regards,

Yours Sincerely

Anil Kumar Thakur

NSE Prize for the Best Thesis in Financial Economics

To encourage research and disseminate cutting-edge theory and practice in the area of Capital Market, the IEA has instituted the 'National Stock Exchange (NSE) Prize' for the best thesis submitted by an Indian to an Indian University or Economic Institute in financial economics with special reference to capital market in India.

The NSE prize will carry an annual award of Rs. 50,000 to be given to the best thesis. The IEA invites scholars across the country for their entries. The result will be declared by a committee constituted by the IEA President in consultation with Managing Director, NSE.

The thesis is to be submitted by 30th November, 2013 to Dr. Anil Kr. Thakur, Secretary and Treasurer, IEA at Secretariat Colony, Road No. 3, House No. B/6, Kankarbagh, Patna-800 020, Bihar (India); E-mail: anilkumar.thakur@rediffmail.com

Dr. R.H. Patil Annual Lecture Series

The IEA has added another feather to its cap by initiating Dr. R.H. Patil Annual Lecture Series on Financial Economics with special reference to Capital Market in India in honour of Dr. R.H. Patil, the first Managing Director of NSE. The speakers will be chosen by the IEA from among reputed scholars or practitioners in consultation with Managing Director, NSE.

For Information

Members of the Indian Economic Association are requested to kindly contact **Dr. Dalip Kumar** and **Dr. B.P. Chandra Mohan**, Programme Co-ordinators of the IEA for information regarding the 96th Annual Conference and other activities of the Indian Economic Association (IEA).



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