

Date: 14/07/2015

To,

Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh,

A/14, Noba Nagar, Phase-I,

Near Khoja Emali, Phulwasharif,

Patna-801505, Bihar.

Reply to the RTI Application of 11/06/2015, received by this Office on 14/06/2015

Details of the Information Required:

1. Amount of Grants given by various agencies as I.C.S.R., R.B.I., Planning Commission, etc. etc. to Indian Economic Association during 2013-2014 and 2014-15 (March end)

There is no institution by the name of I.C.S.R. with which IEA is in any kind of contact.

For the rest of the institutional grants:

For F.Y. 2013-14

The information is already furnished on the Indian Economic Association (IEA) website www.indianeconomicassociation.com

For F.Y. 2014-15

The IEA has received grants from I.C.S.S.R., R.B.I., U.N.D.P., I.F.P.R.I. and IEA Trust for Research and Development. The collating of this data is under process and would be made available as and when ready in the public domain by placing on IEA's website, as also distributed during the Annual Conference (98th).

2. Details of the grants sanctioned and released by the Indian Economic Association to Regional Economic Associations with its reimbursement details during 2013-14 and 2014-15

The IEA does not release any grant to the Regional Economic Associations on a reimbursement basis. However, the information of lump sum grants to such associations by the IEA is already available on the IEA's website.

3. Funds released to the host institute (MLSU) for holding 97th Annual Conference on December 27—29, 2014 and its details

The IEA gave an amount of Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakhs only) as seed money to the Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan for hosting the 97th Annual Conference of the IEA.

4. The details of the Letter or information from C.I.C. in which it expressed its desire to penalize such individual (RTI information seeker) as reported at pg. 2-3 of Secretary's Report, 2013-14

The CIC in its decision for File No. CIC/SA/A/2014/000405 in Mr. Rishipal Singh Tomar vs. Directorate of Education, South West-B, GNCTD, dated 17/12/2014 noted, *".....The Commission also notices that the appellant is misusing the RTI to take settle his personal scores against the school and the teachers. The RTI is not a rendezvous for charge-sheeted, penalized and irresponsible teachers.....If any further harassment is done by the appellant, the school authorities or the teachers can approach the legal consultants to initiate proper civil/ criminal proceedings against him."*

It was on this basis that Secretary noted the referred remark in his message.

5. The details of the show-cause notice issued to IEA Life members (yourself and other) for seeking information under the RTI Act 2005 and its follow up result

For the show cause notice issued to you:

No show cause notice has been issued to you for seeking information under the RTI Act 2005. The said show cause notice, issued to you on 18/02/2015 clearly stated that, “...**While the Committee recognized your right to seek information under R.T.I.** or any other means, “it is of the considered view that his actions in recent past have done incalculable damage to the Association in a number of ways, especially in the matter of getting grants from funding agencies and considers these actions as highly inappropriate. Because of his embarrassing questions to many funding agencies, and Universities and other institutions, which have hosted the annual conferences, some of them are reluctant to continue the grants. In fact, some of the funding agencies have stopped funding the IEA. Not only that, institutions are reluctant to host IEA Conferences.”.....”

The follow up result of the same cannot be provided to you at this stage as the file is still under process and any information being revealed to you at this stage would hamper the normal course of proceeding of the said case. Hence, as per the provisions of the RTI Act 2005, the information on the follow up action of your show cause notice is being withheld from you for the time being. The same would be made available to you as well as placed in the public domain, as and when the proceedings would be over.

For show cause notice issued to other IEA Life Member:

This is ‘third party information’ and cannot be disclosed to you.

Place: Delhi

Date: 14/07/2015

Deepti Taneja

Public Information Officer

Indian Economic Association