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**THE CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,**

Indian Statistical Institute,  
203, B.T.Road  
KOLKATA – 700108

**SUB. : APPLICATION SEEKING INFORMATION  
UNDER THE R.T.I. ACT, 2005.**

**REG. : INTENSIVE EXAMINATION REPORT OF THE  
WORK – CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT MESS  
BUILDING AT INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE  
CAMPUS, NEW DELHI, DT.21.06.2012.**

**REF. : F.NO.05-12-C-41-NH-20/178446 Dated 21-06-2012**

Sir,

Please provide the following information to the Applicant, under the R.T.I. Act, 2005, in respect of the following :

1. Provide the copy of Measurement Book No.30, referred in Para (8) of the Report Dt.21.06.2012 of the CTEO Team of CVC.
2. Disclose the basis of payment of Rs.107.73 Lacs to the Contractors and supply the copies of all supporting documents for the said payment, including the copy of the Official Notings.
3. Disclose the basis of recommending the payment of Rs.107.73 Lacs to the Contractors as ad-hoc/advance payment.

4. Disclose the name of the sanctioning authority, including the copy of the Official Notings, for sanctioning the payment of Rs.107.73 Lacs.

5. Provide the Minutes of the WAC meeting held on 17.01.2011, along with its complete Agenda for the said Meeting.

6. What action has been taken/initiated by the Indian Statistical Institute against Sh. S.S. Sethi, Dy. Chief Executive, Accounts Officials of the ISI as well as Prof. R.B. Bapat, the then Head, Delhi Centre, ISI, pursuant to the findings of the CTEO Team of CVC officials, as mentioned in Para (8) of their Report Dt.21.06.2012, to the effect that :

*".....the measurements recorded in the M.D. were not possible to decipher nor the locations of measurement were written nor the same were tallying with drawings or visible portion of actual structure. The Engineer agreed that these measurements are imaginary figures only and was a part of the practice of ISI, to pay the Contractors without measurement of the work done, was prevalent for the last many years with the consent of Sh. S.S. Sethi, Dy. Chief Executive, Accounts Officials of the ISI as well as Prof. R.B. Bapat, the then Head, Delhi Centre, ISI".*

*"CTEO Team also came across a Note Dt.27.09.2007, which has been annexed at Annexure "E". As per this Note also, there was a practice in ISI to pay Contractors on the basis of Tender quantities irrespective of actual work done. This practice was stated in the Note by Engineer, ISI and this Note was further approved by Dy. CE Sh. S.S. Sethi and Prof. R.B. Bapat, the then Head, Delhi Centre, ISI".*

*"There was a practice of paying even final Bills on the basis of fictitious/imaginary measurements. Everyone, including Head, Delhi Centre, Dy. Chief Executive, Accounts Staff and Officials of ISI were aware of this malpractice carried out in conjunction with Contractors".*

*"The huge budget amounts for Civil Works, which were received on the last day of Financial Year i.e., March month was spent on the same day with above methodology, i.e., payment was made in advance by fictitious recording of measurements with the consent of these officials etc.".*

7. Please provide the copy of the Show Cause Notices/Suspension Orders, issued by ISI to Sh. S.S. Sethi, Dy. Chief Executive, Accounts Officials of the ISI as well as Prof. R.B. Bapat, the then Head, Delhi Centre, ISI, pursuant to the above findings of CTEO Team of CVC, as made in Para (8) of its Report Dt.21.06.2012.



8. Whether any Departmental and/or Disciplinary Action has been taken by ISI against the guilty officials of the Administration Department and the Accounts Department, pursuant to the findings of CTEO Team of CVC in its Report Dt.21.06.2012, as reported Para (9) thereof, regarding poor record keeping and their observations that :

*"Many records were not available. The information sought by CTEO Team was provided selectively in bits and pieces. There was no proper record keeping. Files and Registers were not properly maintained. There was no Page numbering on the files. The files etc., which were in the custody of Administration could have been tampered easily without any action. Any number of pages could have been taken out from the files without detection".*

9. Please provide the copy of the Show Cause Notices/Suspension Orders, issued by ISI to the Accounts Officials and the officials of Administration Department of the ISI as well as Prof. R.B. Bapat, the then Head, Delhi Centre, ISI, pursuant to the above findings of CTEO Team of CVC, as made in Para (9) of its Report Dt.21.06.2012.

10. Whether any Departmental and/or Disciplinary Action has been taken by ISI against Prof. Satya P. Das, Head, Delhi Centre, pursuant to the findings of CTEO Team of CVC in its Report Dt.21.06.2012, as reported Para (11) thereof, regarding poor Management of Contract & deliberate inaction on his part thereby causing huge financial losses to ISI and their observations that :

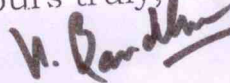
"Head Delhi Centre, ISI had suspended the work till further notice vide his letter to contractor dated 05.09.2011. Meanwhile contractor had been holding huge public money and that too without interest.

No formal and firm action had been taken with regard to continuation or cancellation of the contract. No notice had been served on the contractor to return excess amount paid to him. No other action had been taken by HDC, ISI to recover excess payment from the contractor. This was a poor management of contract and such inactions may weaken ISI position in case of litigation and it might become difficult for ISI to recover the excess public money paid to the contractor and the interest thereon".

**11.** Please provide the copy of the duly audited Annual Financial Accounts for the Financial Years 2007-08 to 2011-12.

**12.** The **Fee of Rs. 10/-** is being enclosed herewith, vide Postal Order No. 13F 873514 Dt. 3.12.2013

Yours truly,



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