To,

Central Public Information Officer (CPIO)

Indian Statistical Institute

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Subject: Request for Information w.r.t. Construction of mess building (civil and allied works) at ISI Delhi Centre.

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- 6. Profession: Civil Engineer
- 7. Identity of the person: Individual
- 8. Residential status: Resident of New Delhi
- 9. Nationality/Citizenship: Indian
- 10. Information required/sought:
  - 1. The work for construction of mess building (Civil and Allied works) was awarded to M/S A2Z Constructions vide letter dated 7.2.11 as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender. The Contractor was asked further vide letter dated 9.3.11 to take up additional work of Rs 16.88 Lakhs.
    - a. Was any defect found in the work of contractor upto 9.3.11?
    - b. No. and date of letter written to contractor upto 9.3.11 to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
      - i. Any ISI official.
      - ii. Engineer Civil
      - iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
      - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
      - v. Architect
    - c. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh. Subash Sharma and Sh. Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
  - 2. Subsequently the contractor was told vide letter dated 28.4.11 to take up second phase work of mess building amounting to Rs 79.8 Lakhs.
    - a. Was any defect found in the work of contractor upto 28.4.11?
    - b. No. and date of letter written to contractor upto 28.4.11 to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in

part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:

- i. Any ISI official.
- ii. Engineer Civil
- iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
- iv. Sh. R B Bapat Head Delhi Centre)
- v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
- vi. Architect
- d. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh. Subash Sharma and Sh. Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- 3. A committee named New Mess Building Construction evaluation committee was constituted by Head on 16.8.11 to oversee the work.
  - a. No. and Date of Letter written to contractor informing him that above mentioned committee has been formed to oversee his work.
  - b. Was any defect found in the work of contractor upto 16.8.11?
  - c. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, based on New Mess Building Construction evaluation committee's findings by:
    - i. Any ISI official.
    - ii. Engineer Civil
    - iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
    - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
    - v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vi. Architect
  - d. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh. Subash Sharma and Sh. Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
  - e. Under which clause of agreement above mentioned committee was authorised to oversee the work of contractor without informing contractor.
  - 4. The above mentioned committee was partially modified by Head vide order dated 23.8.11. Committee pointed out certain defects in the work and suggested remedial measures vide letter dated 21.8.11. Based on findings of the modified committee's recommendation Please Provide:
    - a. Copy of letter of committee signed by all members of committee pointing out all defects.

- b. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
  - i. Any ISI official.
  - ii. Engineer Civil
  - iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
  - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
  - v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
  - vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
  - vii. Architect
- c. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh. Subash Sharma and Sh. Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- d. Under which clause of agreement above mentioned modified committee was authorised to oversee the work of contractor without informing contractor.
- 5. Engineer civil had given his comments intimating that contractor had been asked not to continue work till further order vide letter dated 21.8.11.

  Please Provide:
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor not to continue work, by:
    - i. Engineer Civil

## Based on comments of Engineer Civil work till further order vide letter dated 21.8.11 please provide:

- b. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
  - i. Any ISI official.
  - ii. Engineer Civil
  - iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
  - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
  - v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
  - vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
  - vii. Architect
- 6. On the basis of inspection carried out on 26.8.11, committee submitted their inspection report dated 29.8.11 with photographs. Please Provide on the basis of this inspection report:
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
    - i. Any ISI official.

- ii. Engineer Civil
- iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
- iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
- v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
- vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
- vii. Architect
- b. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh Subash Sharma and Sh Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- c. Why have all the members of modified committee not signed the inspection report?
- 7. Contractor was asked vide letter no. 20.9.11 to be present at site on 22.9.11 for taking samples for testing. **Please provide** 
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor by Engineer Civil to present at site.
  - b. Name of the person who signed the samples as Institute's representative.
  - c. How Mr. Arup K Pal was associated with the work done by the contractor? Please supply related document.
  - d. Please supply copy of letter authorising Mr. Arup K Pal to carry out testing.
- 8. Contractor was told vide letter 17.10.11 that the tests conducted were not found satisfactory. **Based on the test report please provide:** 
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
    - i. Any ISI official.
    - ii. Engineer Civil
    - Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
    - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
    - v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vii. Architect
    - viii. T Narayanswami
  - b. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh Subash Sharma and Sh Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- **9.** The contractor was told vide letter dated 25.11.11 that work was substandard. **Based on this letter please provide:** 
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove

the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:

- i. Any ISI official.
- ii. Engineer Civil
- iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
- iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
- v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
- vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
- vii. Architect
- viii. T Narayanswami
- b. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh Subash Sharma and Sh Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- 10. The contractor was told vide letter dated 14.12.11 that construction was not to be taken unless the corrective and strengthening measures are properly taken. Based on this letter provide:
  - a. No. and date of letter written by any ISI official rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require to contractor.
  - b. No. and date of letter written to contractor to takeup proper corrective and strengthening measures by:
    - i. Any ISI official.
    - ii. Engineer Civil
    - iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
    - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
    - v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vii. Architect
    - viii. T Narayanswami
  - c. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh Subash Sharma and Sh Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- 11. Contractor has reported to the Director ISI Kolkata vide letter dated 12.12.11 about the observations made by ISI delhi centre vide letter dated 25.11.11.
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
    - i. Director ISI Kolkata.

- 12. Contractor was informed vide letter dated 28.1.12 to be present for the concrete core test from the groud floor slab on 30.1.12. Based on test reports of core test conducted by Shri Ram Institute of industrial research (sent to contractor vide letter dated 20.2.12 by ISI Delhi Centre) please provide:
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
    - i. Any ISI official.
    - ii. Engineer Civil
    - iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
    - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
    - v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vii. Architect
    - viii. T Narayanswami
  - b. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh Subash Sharma and Sh Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- 13. Contractor was asked to be present on 6.7.12 for carrying out excavation for checking the work done in excavation. Based on findings of this excavation report, please provide:
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
    - i. Any ISI official.
    - ii. Engineer Civil
    - iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
    - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
    - v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vii. Architect
    - viii. T Narayanswami
    - b. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh Subash Sharma and Sh Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
    - c. It was found that size for footing for column A3 and A2 was less than that shown in drawing.
      - Please supply copy of approved drawing in which column A2 and A3 have been shown.

- 14. Contractor was told vide letter dated 13.9.12 that a number of irregularities were done by him and work was sub-standard. **Based on this letter please provide**:
  - a. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
    - i. Any ISI official.
    - ii. Engineer Civil
    - iii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
    - iv. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
    - v. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vii. Architect
    - viii. T Narayanswami
  - b. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh Subash Sharma and Sh Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- 15. Measurements were taken by ISI in the absence on contractor on 27.1.12, 30.1.12, 3.2.12 and 24.2.12.
  - a. No. and date of letter asking contractor to be present on 30.1.12 for Measurements by:
    - i. Engineer Civil
    - ii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
    - iii. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
    - iv. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
    - v. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vi. Architect
    - vii. T Narayanswami
    - viii. By any official of ISI
  - b. No. and date of letter asking contractor to be present on 3.2.12 for Measurements by:
    - i. Engineer Civil
    - ii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
    - iii. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
    - iv. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
    - v. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
    - vi. Architect
    - vii. T Narayanswami
    - viii. By any official of ISI

- c. No. and date of letter asking contractor to be present on 24.2.12 for Measurements by:
  - i. Engineer Civil
  - ii. Sh. SS Sethi, DCE (incharge Civil and electrical department)
  - iii. Sh. R B Bapat (Head Delhi Centre)
  - iv. Sh S P Das (Head Delhi Centre)
  - v. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
  - vi. Architect
  - vii. T Narayanswami
  - viii. By any official of ISI
- 16. A reference may please be made to the test results on concrete cores taken by M/s ShriRam Test Institute: dated 16.09.201 and dated 20.01.2012. It will be seen from the copies of the above test results that the strength of RCC as per tests carried out are less than the lower permissible limit as per CPWD Specifications, which is 25% below the required strength. The concrete mix is also poor.

## Based on this report please provide,

- a. No. and date of letter written to contractor to rectify or remove and reconstruct the work so specified in whole or in part, remove the materials or articles so specified and provide other proper or suitable material on his own cost, as the case may require, by:
  - i. Any ISI official.
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  - vi. Sh A G Bhatt (Head Delhi Centre)
  - vii. Architect
  - viii. T Narayanswami
- b. No. and date of letter written to contractor by accounts officer Sh Subash Sharma and Sh Sujan Dutta raising objection on the payments being paid to contractor.
- 17. During execution or after execution of work, how many times did the audit officials /audit committee of Institute audit the records of this work.
  - a. Please supply copy of objections raised by audit officers.
- 11. Signature of the applicant:

12. Place and Date: New Delhi, and Dec 30 2013

13. Enclosure: Pay order no. 13F 873869 and 13F 874130 for Rs 10 Leach