



INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Ref. No: F. 22-14/2023-RTI

October 20, 2023

APPEAL NO. ICSSR/R/E/23/00034 BEFORE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT (RTI ACT), 2005

Background:

The Appellant, Prof. Himat Chand, email - himat_2006@rediffmail.com, H. No. 463 E, Fauji Colony, Sector-15, Dashmesh Nagar, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali has preferred the present appeal dated October 11th, 2023, under section 19(1) of RTI Act and received by the office of First Appellate Authority (FAA) on October 16th, 2023, , requesting, the intervention of FAA in providing information sought by him in the RTI application.

Observations:

I have gone through the contents of his appeal dated October 11th, 2023, it is observed that vide his RTI application dated August 21st, 2023, to the CPIO, ICSSR. The appellant has sought information on

- 1) Whether the ICSSR has released part of salary grant to CRRID in August 2023 vide letter dated 08.08.2023 by Deputy Director, ICSSR.
- 2) Whether CRRID has fulfilled conditions before the release of salary grant by the ICSSR as per the High Level Committee report conveyed to CRRID by Deputy Director on 30.03.2023.
- 3) If yes to points 1 and 2, kindly provide the copies of correspondence between ICSSR and CRRID in this regard including the letters as mentioned above by Dr. Richa Sharma along with the name of the competent authority under whose directions she issued these letters to CRRID.
- 4) Kindly provide a list of sanctioned/approved posts of staff and faculty members of CRRID to whom the ICSSR has released salary grant.
- 5) Whether the said salary grant has been released on the directions of Punjab and Haryana High Court or some competent authority, if yes kindly provide a copy of such order/direction on official record.
- 6) Status of compliance of Enquiry Committee Report on the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh dated 29.05.2017 by the ICSSR and CRRID as per the directions of MOE dated September 2017 to the Member Secretary, ICSSR and action taken by the MOE for noncompliance of the said report on which ICSSR Has been providing unsatisfactory information.
- 7) Status of compliance to the Report of Fact Finding Committee constituted by the ICSSR in 2022 along with the copy of the said report which is in the public domain.
- 8) Status of compliance to the report of High Level Committee constituted by the ICSSR in January 2023 on CRRID with its Chairman a retired High Court Judge, along with the copy of the report which is in the public domain.

- 9) Information on the action taken by the ICSSR against the officers, authorities etc. from the ICSSR and CRRID who are/were responsible for the fraud and embezzlement being committed at CRRID since it became grant-in-aid institute of GOI in 1984 as exposed by the above reports based on my substantive representations made since 2009-10 onwards.
- 10) Copy of letter by the competent authority of ICSSR in which last Review Committee on CRRID was constituted along with the copy of the report.
- 11) Copy of the Order issued by the competent authority of ICSSR/Ministry of Education, GOI along with the agenda papers wherein Committee was constituted that visited CRRID on 17.07.2023 including information on the minutes of its meeting held at CRRID and report submitted by the committee to the ICSSR/MOE.
- 12) Kindly provide copy of the Order/ direction by the CVC sent to the ICSSR for not disclosing the information on compliance of enquiry committee report dated 29.05.2017 without the concurrence of CVC as claimed by the PIO/ICSSR dated 01.07.2022 while providing information under RTI Act.
- 13) Information on approval accorded by the ICSSR for the appointment of Dr. S.K. Mangsal as Chairman of Governing Body, CRRID and appointment of Sh. Davinder Pal Singh Sandhu as EVC/CRRID.

The Appellant has made his appeal on the grounds that CPIO has not provided any kind of reply on the sought information.

Therefore, CPIO, ICSSR is directed to furnish the information within 15 working days on email **himal_2006@rediffmail.com**. The RTI mechanism is meant for providing available information which is not exempted under the provisions of the RTI Act.

Order:

The appeal is accordingly disposed of. Copy of this order be sent to the appellant and CPIO.



(Ramesh Yernagula)
Director and First Appellate Authority.

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