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No.FTII/Reg/RTI/5/2018

Date : 16.05.2018

IN THE MATTER OF : I.D. NO.12

Shri Milind M. Kulkarni

Appellant

V/s

CPIO/Administrative Officer  
FTII, Pune

Respondents

ORDER

Date of RTI Application - 04.02.2018  
Date of RTI Reply - 12.03.2018  
Date of RTI Appeal - 12.04.2018  
Date of Disposal of Appeal - 16.05.2018

This order shall dispose off the appeal filed by Shri Milind M. Kulkarni in respect of I.D. No.12.

1. Present Shri S.K. Dekate, CPIO/Administrative Officer
2. Present Shri Amit Tyagi, Dean (Films)
3. The appellant vide letter dated 16.05.2018 expressed his inability to attend the hearing in person. A written submission was made by the appellant putting forth his contention in the case.

All present heard.

4. The appellant had filed an RTI Application dated 04.02.2018 seeking information such as required qualifications, age, maximum tenure, appointing authority etc. about the "Mentor & Head of Department, Acting" in FTII.

The PIO had stated that the appointment had been made in honorary capacity on the basis of professional experience of the incumbent. The appellant had contended that the information provided to him was not specific & vague.

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During the hearing, the CPIO and PIO elaborated further on the information provided stating that:

There is difference between appointments of **regular/permanent nature** and **contractual appointments** of faculty made in FTII Pune. In addition to these there are appointments which are **purely honorary in nature**. While, for the former there are required qualifications like maximum age limit, educational qualification, tenure etc., appointments of honorary nature have been made in FTII where a suitable person to head the department could not be found. The reason for this may be inability of renowned industry experts to enter into a full time employment with the institution. Since, fields of various disciplines are of a highly specialized nature, and FTII being an educational institute of international repute, FTII has offered position of Head of Department on honorary and not a full time basis in such cases.

**No full time salary, other perks of regular employment are admissible to such honorary appointments.**

In the current case, screening of names was first done by the then Dean(Films) on 9.10.2014 before the appointment of Shri Tom Alter as Honorary HoD, Acting by Director, FTII. After, Shri Alter's untimely demise, after due consideration of various possible names, Dean(Films) recommended Shri Benjamin Gilani's name for the position to Director, FTII since Shri Gilani was associated with FTII Pune as a student and as a visiting/guest faculty for the past forty years, is a well-known actor for TV and theatre besides being an inspiration for many young actors. Shri Benjamin Gilani was appointed as Mentor-cum-Head of Department of Acting in honorary capacity on 20.11.2017.

Further, the appellant had asked for copy of all documents concerning the appointment of current Mentor cum HoD Shri Benjamin Gilani and also his age, qualifications etc. The appellant had also asked about information on criminal matters pending against Shri Benjamin Gilani.

The PIO had invoked section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act and denied the information to the appellant.

It is noted that there is nothing in the appointment order of Shri Benjamin Gilani, which contains personal information and his **appointment order is part of information under section 2(f) of RTI Act, 2005** and the same should be provided to the appellant.

As regards, his educational qualification, as per the information available with FTII Pune, Shri Gilani holds a post graduate diploma in Acting from FTII, Pune.

With regard to verification of antecedents/information on any pending criminal matters, the PIO has clarified that this is not a case of regular appointment in FTII, Pune. Therefore, no verification of antecedents was done and information on any pending criminal matters w.r.t Shri Gilani is not available with FTII, Pune.

5. A copy of appointment order of Shri Benjamin Gilani be provided to the appellant with this order.

6. Ordered Accordingly.

If you are not satisfied with the information provided, you may file an appeal before **Central Information Commission, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi - 110 066** within the stipulated time.

*Varun Bhardwaj* / 16/5/18

(Varun Bhardwaj)  
Registrar

**First Appellate Authority**

**Shri Milind M. Kulkarni**  
3C/401, Shri Siddhivinayak Co. Hsg. Soc.,  
Asha Nagar, Kandivali (E)  
Mumbai - 400 101

Copy to :

1. Dean (Films)/ PIO
2. CPIO/Administrative Officer, FTII, Pune
3. Incharge Multi Media, FTII with a request to upload the order on FTII website.

*Varun Bhardwaj* / 16/5/18

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BY SPEED POST

No. A-12024/5/2014-Est.

Date : 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

To,

Mr. Benjamin Gilani  
A-43, Madhav Apts. No.-2,  
Abdul Hamid Road,  
Malvani No.-5, Malad (West),  
Mumbai - 400 095.

Subject :- Appointment as Mentor cum Head of Department of Acting

Sir,

The Film and Television Institute of India is pleased to appoint you as Mentor-cum-Head-of-Department in honorary capacity for Acting Department.

Your travel expenses to FTII will be taken care of whenever you are required to come for meetings, classes & other department related work. In addition, an honorarium for the classes / sessions that you take will also be paid as per FTII norms.

Varun  
Bhardwaj 22/11/17  
(Varun Bhardwaj)  
Registrar

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  - 2. Dean (Films) *[Handwritten initials]*
  - 3. Acting Department *[Handwritten initials]*
  - 4. Estate Manager *[Handwritten initials]*
  - 5. Security Officer *[Handwritten initials]*
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