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No.FTII/RTI/FAA/08/2020

Date :- 09.09.2020

IN THE MATTER OF: I.D. NO.44

Shri Indranil Bhattacharya

Appellant

V/s

PIO/Admin Officer FTII, Pune

Respondent

ORDER

Date of RTI Application - 22.06.2020
Date of RTI Reply - 29.07.2020
Date of RTI Appeal - 31.07.2020

- This order shall dispose of the appeal filed by Shri Indranil Bhattacharya in respect of ID No.44.
- The appellant in his RTI application dated 22.06.2020 had sought the following details:

An email was received by Chairman, and other officials FTII, On January 8, 2019, regarding the appointment of Prof Dhiraj Meshram to the post of Dean (Films). The email (attached) was sent by Professor Sandeep Chatterjee, the senior-most Professor of FTII at that period. The email was a complaint explaining various points and issues, which according to Professor Chatterjee, indicated that there are were various irregularities regarding in the appointment. The complaint, inter alia, states One must keep in mind here that since there are no promotional avenue for persons working in the post of Professors, it is desirable that such call for application to the post of Dean are widely circulated within the fraternity to ensure larger number of applications and selection of the most appropriate candidate for this post. However, though candidates may have been shortlisted in 2016, no interviews were held for the next 2 years, and suddenly (we assume) an interview was conducted sometime in the end of 2018 in the most non-transparent manner, where Dhiraj Meshram was chosen as Dean (Film) through an irregular process. It would have been much fairer as a process if the post was readvertised once more to attract better applications and selection of the most appropriate person for this important post. This RTI application seeks copies of the following documents/information:-

- Inquiry Report on the issues pertaining to the above complaint by Prof Sandeep Chatterjee
- b. Who were the members of the Inquiry Committee?
- c. Comments of the Governing Council pertaining to this complaint.
- d. Documents pertaining to any other action taken on this complaint
- Copies of official response to Prof Sandeep Chatterjee on this complaint
- Copies of any other correspondences with Ministry of Information and Broadcasting regarding the above complaint
- The CPIO in his reply dated 29.07.2020 denied the information sought invoking Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act.
- Since the above information is indeed part of personal information of the employee and can't be disclosed to the appellant, the PIO's invocation of Section 8 (1) (j) of RTI Act stands.

The appeal is therefore disposed of.

Ordered accordingly.

If the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided, he may file an appeal before Central Information Commission, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi – 110 066 within the stipulated time.

(Sayyid Rabeehashmi) Registrar First Appellate Authority

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2. In-charge Multi Media, FTII with a request to upload the order on the FTII website.

(Sayyid Rabeehashmi) Registrar First Appellate Authority