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सं./No: भावस /BSI – 21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm./4400

दिनांक/Date: 29/05/2025

ORDER

The appellant had filed a RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India vide Registration no. BSOIK/R/T/25/00042 dtd 08/04/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, on receipt of the application, has furnished the available information as desired by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./3602 dtd 02/05/2025. Having been dissatisfied with the replies of CPIO, Mr. Debkumar Dutta filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00003 dtd 12/05/2025.

Now, after receiving the appeal of Mr. Debkumar Dutta, the undersigned being First Appellate Authority (FAA) has carefully examined the RTI application dtd 08/04/2025 and the replies furnished by the CPIO vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./3602 dtd 02/05/2025 and found that the CPIO has furnished information based on the query of the applicant as per available records and information.

Hence, in view of the above, there is no reason/scope to interfere with the decision of the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India.

The appeal is thus disposed of accordingly.

In case the Appellant is aggrieved by the decision, he is free to file second appeal, if he so desires, before the Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067 against this order within 90 days.


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Director & First Appellate Authority
Botanical Survey of India

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सं./No: भावस /BSI -21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm. /98

दिनांक/Date: as per e-sign.

ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appeal No.: BSOIK/A/E/26/00001

Appeal Dated: 09/01/2026

RTI Application No.: BSOIK/R/T/25/00104

RTI Application Date: 14.11.2025

Appellant: Sarvesh Kumar Singh

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 – Regarding information on funded research projects, research fellows and guideship under selected Scientists.

Background:

1. The appellant filed an RTI application seeking information relating to ongoing funded research projects, research fellows and guideship details under 21 Scientists of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI).
2. The RTI application was initially submitted on 04.11.2025 without uploading the supporting document referred to by the appellant. Accordingly, the application was returned through the RTI-MIS portal for removal of deficiency.
3. Due to technical/system-related issues in the RTI-MIS portal, the application later reflected an updated registration date of 14.11.2025, after which the supporting document became visible on the portal.
4. The CPIO, after examination of the request, informed the appellant that the information sought is extremely voluminous and scattered across multiple Centres/Units of BSI, and that retrieval and compilation would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority. The appellant was accordingly offered inspection of records, as provided under the RTI Act, 2005.
5. Aggrieved by the reply, the appellant preferred the present First Appeal.

Grounds Raised in Appeal:

The appellant has mainly contended that:

1. No substantive information was provided;
2. The CPIO changed the stand within a short period;
3. Personal inspection is not feasible due to long distance;
4. Information should be supplied in compiled form or uploaded on the website.

Findings and Analysis:**1. Nature of Information Sought**

The RTI application seeks detailed information on funded projects, research fellows, and guideship under 21 Scientists, who are/were posted in different Regional Centres, Units and Divisions of BSI. Such information is not maintained in a centralized or consolidated format at Headquarters.

2. Scope of Obligation under the RTI Act

Under the RTI Act, a public authority is required to provide information as available on record. The Act does not cast an obligation to:

- a) create new information,
- b) collate data from multiple offices,
- c) or compile information in a format not maintained officially.

This position has been consistently upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Central Information Commission.

Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005 provides:

“Information shall ordinarily be provided in the form in which it is sought unless it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority.”

In the present case, compilation of the requested information would require:

- a) extensive correspondence with multiple Centres/Units,
- b) verification of records spread over different periods,
- c) diversion of scientific and administrative manpower.

Hence, the CPIO's conclusion that such compilation would disproportionately divert resources is found to be reasonable and well-founded.

4. Offer of Inspection – A Statutory and Lawful Alternative

Offering inspection of records is a recognized and valid mode of access under the RTI Act, particularly where records are voluminous. The CPIO has correctly invoked this option and informed the appellant about inspection charges as per RTI Rules.

The appellant's inability to visit due to distance, while understandable, does not create a statutory obligation on the public authority to compile or dispatch voluminous information.

5. Allegation of Change in Stand

The record shows that the initial delay and portal-related discrepancies were caused due to technical issues in RTI-MIS, which were duly communicated to the appellant. There is no evidence of mala fide denial or deliberate withholding of information.

6. Request to Upload Information on Website

The RTI Act does not mandate a public authority to upload information on its website merely because it has been sought under RTI. Proactive disclosure obligations are governed by Section 4, which is outside the scope of adjudication in the present appeal.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts, submissions, and applicable legal provisions, the undersigned holds that:

1. The information sought is voluminous, dispersed, and not maintained in consolidated form;
2. The CPIO has acted within the framework of the RTI Act, 2005;
3. The offer of inspection of records is lawful, reasonable, and justified;
4. No violation of the RTI Act is established.

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of, and the reply of the CPIO is upheld.

Advisory (Without Prejudice):

1. The appellant may, if he so desires, coordinate with the CPIO for inspection of records at a mutually convenient date and time in accordance with the RTI Rules.
2. The appellant is further advised to refer to the official website of the Botanical Survey of India for information relating to externally funded research projects, as available in the public domain at: <https://bsi.gov.in/page/en/others>

Right to Second Appeal:

If the appellant is aggrieved by this order, he may prefer a Second Appeal under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Central Information Commission within 90 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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Jayanthi Janakiraman

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(Dr. J. Jayanthi)

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सं./No: भावस /BSI -21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm/1639

दिनांक/Date: 29/07/2025

ORDER

The appellant had filed an RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India vide Registration no. BSOIK/R/E/25/00023, dtd. 28/04/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, on receipt of the application, has furnished the available information as sought by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1303, dtd 28/05/2025, with the reply of CPIO, Smt. Arti Garg filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00008, dtd. 19/06/2025.

Now, after receiving the appeal of Smt. Arti Garg, the undersigned has carefully examined the RTI application dtd 22/04/2025 and the reply furnished by the CPIO vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1303, dtd. 28/05/2025 and found that the CPIO has furnished information based on the query of the applicant as per available records and information.

Thus, the appeal is disposed of.

P Gupta
29/07/2025

(Pratibha Gupta)

Director & First Appellate Authority
Botanical Survey of India

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appellant: Shri. Vidyadharan S L

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Information regarding service conduct and association activities of Shri Arup Chatterjee, UDC, Botanical Survey of India – reg.

Background:

1. An RTI application Registration No. Registration no. BSOIK/R/T/25/00087, dtd. 15/07/2025, was received in the name of Shri. Vidyadharan S L, seeking information regarding service conduct and association activities of Shri Arup Chatterjee, UDC, Botanical Survey of India .
2. The CPIO, BSI, vide letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1805, dtd 14/08/2025, provided the information based on the query and as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
3. Being aggrieved with the reply of the CPIO, BSI, Shri. Vidyadharan S L filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00013, dtd. 05/09/2025.

Observation:

1. On perusal of the appeal, RTI application, and reply furnished by the CPIO, it is observed that the information provided by the CPIO was in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts and records, it is held that:

1. Upon examination of the records and the submission of the CPIO, it is noted that the CPIO has furnished a reply based on the queries raised and the information available in this office.
2. The reply of the CPIO appears to be appropriate and in conformity with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
3. Accordingly, the **First Appellate Authority finds no reason to interfere with the decision of the CPIO.**
4. Thus, the appeal is disposed of.
5. In case the Appellant is aggrieved by the decision, he is free to file second appeal, if he so desires, before the Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi - 110 067 against this order within 90 days.

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(Dr. J. Jayanthi)
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सं./No: भावस /BSI -21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm./ 1959

दिनांक/Date: 22/09/2025

ORDER

The appellant had filed an RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India vide Registration no. BSOIK/R/E/25/00033, dtd. 23/07/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, on receipt of the application, has furnished the available information as sought by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1830, dtd 20/08/2025, with the reply of CPIO, Sri. Ramesh Kumar Sharma filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00011, dtd. 20/08/2025.

Now, after receiving the appeal of Sri. Ramesh Kumar Sharma, the undersigned has carefully examined the RTI application dtd 23/07/2025 and the reply furnished by the CPIO vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1830, dtd 20/08/2025 and found that the CPIO has furnished information based on the query of the applicant as per available records and information.

Thus, the appeal is disposed of.

(Pratibha Gupta)
22/09/2025

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Director & First Appellate Authority
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सं./No: भावस /BSI -21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm./1638

दिनांक/Date: 29/07/2025

ORDER

The appellant had filed an RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India vide Registration no. BSOIK/R/E/25/00021, dtd. 22/04/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, on receipt of the application, has furnished the available information as sought by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1329, dtd 28/05/2025, with the reply of CPIO, Smt. Arti Garg filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00007, dtd. 19/06/2025.

Now, after receiving the appeal of Smt. Arti Garg, the undersigned has carefully examined the RTI application dtd 22/04/2025 and the reply furnished by the CPIO vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1329, dtd. 28/05/2025 and found that the CPIO has furnished information based on the query of the applicant as per available records and information.

Thus, the appeal is disposed of.

Pratibha Gupta
29/07/2025

(Pratibha Gupta)

Director & First Appellate Authority
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दिनांक/Date: as per e-sign.

ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appellant: Mr. Katbuddin Mollah

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 - Regarding refusal to provide Information.

Background:

1. An RTI application Registration No. BSOIK/R/T/25/00094, dtd. 09/09/2025, was received in the name of Mr. Katbuddin Mollah, seeking information regarding alleged disciplinary and criminal action against Shri Devendra Singh, Scientist-E & Head of Office, BSI-AJCBIBG, Howrah.
2. The CPIO, BSI, vide letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./8617, dtd. 25/09/2025, requested the applicant to submit self-attested identity proof to verify the genuineness of the application since a written complaint was received from the same person (Mr. Kutubuddin Mollah) on 16.09.2025 denying authorship of the RTI applications filed in his name. The applicant subsequently filed First Appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00017, dtd: 13/10/2025, alleging denial of information and violation of RTI provisions.

Observations:

1. The CPIO acted within reasonable limits of the RTI Act, 2005, by requesting identity proof to prevent impersonation and misuse of the RTI mechanism. Such action is not denial of Information, but a procedural step to verify the authenticity of the applicant, considering that a complaint of impersonation was already on record.
2. Section 6(2) of the RTI Act requires that an application contain the name and address of the applicant for correspondence. In this case, a conflict in identity existed due to contradictory communications. Hence, the CPIO's action was justified to ensure transparency and prevent false representation.
3. The information sought pertains to personal information and disciplinary/administrative matters of a third party (a Government servant), disclosure of which is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005, unless a larger public interest is established. No such public interest has been demonstrated by the appellant.
4. Allegations or personal grievances against any officer do not fall within the definition of information under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act. Hence, the CPIO was right in declining to answer hypothetical and defamatory allegations.
5. The appellant's claims regarding threats or personal disputes are beyond the purview of the RTI Act and may be pursued through appropriate legal or administrative channels, not under RTI.

Decision:

1. The CPIO intended to provide the requested information; however, in view of the complaint of impersonation received from the same individual, he rightly sought proof of identity before proceeding further. Such action was justified and taken in good faith.
2. The information sought is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) and Section 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act exempts information held in a fiduciary relationship of the RTI Act, 2005.
3. The CPIO has not violated any provision of the Act; hence, the appeal lacks merit.
4. No further action is required on the part of the CPIO in this matter.
5. Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of.
6. In case the Appellant is aggrieved by the decision, he is free to file second appeal, if he so desires, before the Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi - 110 067 against this order within 90 days.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appellant: Smt. Pritisha.

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 – Regarding constitution and action of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) under the POSH Act, 2013.

Background:

1. An RTI application Registration No. Registration no. BSOIK/R/T/25/00097, dtd. 16/09/2025, was received from Smt. Pritisha seeking information regarding the constitution of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) under the POSH Act, 2013 and related action taken against certain officials of BSI.
2. The CPIO, BSI, vide letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1957, dtd: 22/09/2025 informed that information regarding the constitution of ICC is available on the BSI web portal (<https://bsi.gov.in/page/en/women-cell>) and that certain details sought are exempted from disclosure under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 read with Section 16 of the POSH Act, 2013.
3. Being aggrieved with the reply of the CPIO, BSI, Smt. Pritisha. filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00018, dtd: 17/10/2025, stating that the referenced information could not be found on the website and further requesting clarification as to whether any action has been taken, whether Dr. Tiwari has been transferred, and what action was taken on the complaint of Mr. Kshitiz Vaish, husband of Mrs. Sneha Gandhi.

Observation:

1. Upon perusal of the RTI application, CPIO's reply, and the contents of the appeal, it is observed that the CPIO has provided a reply in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. Information relating to the constitution and composition of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) is publicly available on the BSI website under the Women Cell section.
3. Queries relating to specific complaints, transfer of officials, or disciplinary action involve personal and confidential information protected under Section 16 of the POSH Act, 2013, and Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Disclosure of such information would amount to invasion of privacy and is therefore exempted.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts and records, the First Appellate Authority holds as follows:

1. The reply furnished by the CPIO is found to be appropriate and in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. It is confirmed that the web link (<https://bsi.gov.in/page/en/women-cell>) is working properly, and the appellant may visit the link for details regarding the constitution and composition of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).

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(Dr. J. Jayanthi)

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appeal No.: BSOIK/A/E/25/00019

Appeal Dated: 06/11/2025

RTI Application No.: BSOIK/R/E/25/00051

RTI Application Date: 16/10/2025

Appellant: Mr. Tridip Mukherjee

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 – Information regarding vacancies and mode of recruitment for the post of Upper Division Clerk (UDC) in Botanical Survey of India, including LDCE.

Background:

The appellant filed an RTI application dated 16.10.2025 seeking information relating to vacancies and the mode of recruitment to the post of Upper Division Clerk (UDC) in the Botanical Survey of India. The CPIO furnished a reply. Being aggrieved with the reply in respect of Query Nos. 2 and 3, the appellant preferred the present First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Issues Raised in the Appeal:

The appellant has primarily contended that:

1. The percentages of recruitment mentioned in the CPIO's reply are based on vacancies and not on sanctioned strength;
2. The explanation regarding deputation quota is inconsistent with the Recruitment Rules; and
3. No order/notification authorizing filling up of UDC posts through LDCE from the promotion/deputation quota has been provided.

Examination of Records and Findings:

The appeal, the RTI application, the reply furnished by the CPIO, and the records available with the public authority have been carefully examined by the undersigned.

It is clarified that for the post of Upper Division Clerk, the method of recruitment is based on the sanctioned strength of the cadre and not on vacancy-based calculation. Accordingly, the percentage distribution indicated for different modes of recruitment is required to be applied with reference to the total sanctioned strength and not merely to the vacancies arising in a particular recruitment year.

With regard to deputation, the provision "65%" by promotion failing which by deputation" indicates that deputation is not an independent or separate quota. Deputation is to be resorted to only as a contingent arrangement within the prescribed percentage, and such consideration is linked to the sanctioned strength of the cadre.

In respect of Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE), it is clarified that LDCE is a recognized method for filling up posts, and its application against the promotion/deputation component is to be confined within the percentage framework calculated on the basis of sanctioned strength. Such filling up is subject to approval of the competent authority and availability of records.

The above clarifications are issued to remove ambiguity in respect of Query Nos. 2 and 3 raised by the appellant.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts of the case and the records examined, the undersigned holds that:

1. The percentage distribution for recruitment to the post of Upper Division Clerk is to be applied on the sanctioned strength of the cadre and not on a vacancy-based basis.
2. Deputation is not a separate quota but a contingent mode within the prescribed percentage linked to sanctioned strength.
3. Filling up of posts through LDCE is to be confined within the percentage framework determined on the basis of sanctioned strength and supported by appropriate approvals on record.
4. Information: The following information is furnished to the appellant in respect of Query Nos. 1, 2 and 3 by the undersigned as the First Appellate Authority, as follows:

Sl. No.	Information Sought	Reply		
01.	Total number of vacant posts (including existing and anticipated) for the post of UDC.	As on 01.01.2026, the vacancy position of UDC in BSI is as below:		
		Sanctioned Strength as per RRs.	Incumbency Position.	Vacancy position.
		40 (65% by Promotion failing which by deputation; and 35% by LDCE)	34 (Promotion: 28+ LDCE: 06)	06
02.	Number of posts reserved for promotion, failing which through deputation.	As per RRs of UDC vide GSR No. 174(E) dated 15th March, 2013 the MoR is as below: (a) Sixty-five percent by promotion failing which by deputation. (b) Thirty-five percent by Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE). The RRs is available on the BSI's official website: (https://bsi.gov.in/uploads/documents/Public Information/Recruitment rules/23 %20Upper%20Division%20Clerk%20RR%201.pdf).		
03.	An order/ notification (if any) that allows posts reserved for promotion/ deputation to be filled through LDCE.	No such order is available.		

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of, with the above information being provided to the appellant under the RTI Act, 2005.

Right to Second Appeal:

If the appellant is aggrieved by this order, he may prefer a Second Appeal under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Central Information Commission within 90 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appeal No.: BSOIK/A/E/26/00006

Appeal Dated: 16/03/2026

RTI Application No.: BSOIK/R/T/26/00005

RTI Application Date: 17/02/2026

Appellant: Sri. Somnath Das

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 – Information regarding recruitment of contractual staff at B. Garden, BSI-AJCBIBG, Howrah (year-wise details from 2020–2024).

Background:

The appellant filed RTI application dated: 17.02.2026 seeking information regarding year-wise recruitment details of contractual staff from 2020–2024 at B. Garden, BSI-AJCBIBG, Howrah. The CPIO furnished a reply to the appellant. Being aggrieved with the reply of the CPIO, BSI, the appellant preferred the present First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Issues Raised in the Appeal:

The appellant has primarily contended that:

1. The information provided by the CPIO is incomplete.
2. The number of technical staff and Security Officers engaged through outsourcing has not been clearly specified.
3. Clarification regarding records maintained for nationality/identity of contractual workers has not been clearly provided.
4. The appellant requested confirmation regarding total strength of contractual staff engaged in B. Garden.

Examination of Records and Findings:

The appeal, the RTI application, the reply furnished by the CPIO, and the records available with the public authority have been carefully examined by the undersigned.

It is clarified that the reply provided by the CPIO was based on the information available in the records obtained from the concerned office. Further, regarding the query related to technical staff, it is clarified that there is no specific technical staff recruited in BSI-AJCBIBG, Howrah during the period from 2020 to 2024 as asked in the RTI application.

Regarding other queries, the information has been provided by the CPIO as per available records, and where specific information is not maintained in the form sought, the same cannot be provided under the RTI Act, 2005.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts of the case and the records examined, the undersigned holds that:

1. The reply provided by the CPIO is based on the records available with the public authority.
2. It is clarified that no specific technical staff were recruited in BSI-AJCBIBG during the period 2020–2024.
3. No further information remains to be provided as per available records.

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of, with the above information being provided to the appellant under the RTI Act, 2005.

Right to Second Appeal:

If the appellant is aggrieved by this order, he may prefer a Second Appeal under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Central Information Commission within 90 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appellant: Mr. Imtiaz Biswas

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Information regarding submission of enquiry report in response to MoEF&CC letter File No. 02/01/2022-CSB dated 08.02.2023 – reg.

Background:

1. An RTI application Registration No. BSOIK/R/E/25/00032, dtd. 22/07/2025, was received in the name of Mr. Imtiaz Biswas, seeking information regarding submission of enquiry report in response to MoEF&CC letter File No. 02/01/2022-CSB dated 08.02.2023.
2. The CPIO, BSI, vide letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./6866, dtd 14/08/2025, informed that the relevant file pertaining to the matter was not traceable at that time and hence, the desired information could not be furnished.
3. Being aggrieved with the reply of the CPIO, BSI, Mr. Imtiaz Biswas filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00010, dtd. 16/08/2025.

Observation:

1. On perusal of the appeal, the RTI application, and the reply furnished by the CPIO, it is observed that the information sought was not provided on the ground that the relevant file was stated to be not traceable at the time of the initial reply.
2. It is further observed that the plea of "file not traceable" cannot be treated as a valid exemption under the RTI Act, 2005. The public authority is obligated to make all reasonable efforts to locate the records and furnish the available information to the applicant.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, it is held that:

1. The CPIO is hereby **directed to make all possible efforts to trace the relevant file/records** pertaining to the information sought by the appellant.
2. Upon tracing the file or locating the relevant records, the CPIO shall **furnish the available and updated information** to the appellant **within 15 days** from the date of receipt of this order, free of cost, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
3. Accordingly, the appeal is **disposed of with the above direction**.
4. In case the appellant is not satisfied with this decision, he may file a **second appeal** before the *Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi – 110067*, within **90 days** from the date of receipt of this order.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appellant: Smt. Nibedita Majumder.

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Regarding International yoga day and All India general strike at BSI.

Background:

1. An RTI application Registration No. Registration no. BSOIK/R/T/25/00091, dtd. 05/08/2025, was received in the name of Smt. Nibedita Majumder, seeking information regarding International yoga day and All India general strike at BSI.
2. The **CPIO**, BSI, vide letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./7049, dtd: 26/10/2025, informed that *"Information sought by the applicant requires justification, explanation, interpretation, or opinions, which are not covered under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005."*
3. Being aggrieved with the reply of the CPIO, BSI, Smt. Nibedita Majumder filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00015, dtd: 25/09/2025.

Observation:

1. On perusal of the appeal, the RTI application, and the reply furnished by the CPIO, it is observed that the response was provided in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. Upon examination of available records of BSI, it is also noted that the specific information sought is not available or does not exist in the records of this office.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts and records, the First Appellate Authority holds as follows:

1. The CPIO has appropriately informed the applicant that the queries raised require justification, interpretation, or opinions, which are beyond the scope of "information" as defined under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. The reply appears to be appropriate and in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. Accordingly, the **First Appellate Authority finds no reason to interfere with the decision of the CPIO.**
3. Thus, the appeal is disposed of.
4. In case the Appellant is aggrieved by the decision, she is free to file second appeal, if she so desires, before the Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi - 110 067 against this order within 90 days.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appellant: Mr. Sk Mosaraf Hossain

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Information regarding promotion policy framework and status of last promotion cycle conducted for MTS, BSI- reg.

Background:

1. An RTI application Registration No. Registration no. BSOIK/R/E/25/00039, dtd. 13/08/2025, was received in the name of Mr. Sk Mosaraf Hossain, seeking information regarding promotion policy framework and status of last promotion cycle conducted for MTS, BSI- reg.
2. The CPIO, BSI, vide letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./7043, dtd 25/08/2025(disposed on 26/08/2025), provided the information based on the information available in BSI and as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
3. Being aggrieved with the reply of the CPIO, BSI, the appellant filed this appeal vide Registration No. BSOIK/A/E/25/00012, dated 26.08.2025, and additionally requested that the names of the employees who were offered promotion in that DPC be provided.

Observation:

1. On perusal of the appeal, the original RTI application, and the reply furnished by the CPIO, it is observed that the information sought in the original RTI application was provided as per the available records and within the scope of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. The additional point raised by the appellant in the present appeal—regarding the names of employees offered promotion in the DPC—constitutes a **fresh request for information**, which does not form part of the original RTI application. As per Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, the first appeal mechanism is meant to examine the adequacy of information already sought and provided, and **cannot be used to seek new information**.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts on record and the submissions of the CPIO, the following is held:

1. The CPIO has provided the information based on the queries raised and the records available in this office.
2. The reply furnished by the CPIO is found to be appropriate and in conformity with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
3. The additional query raised by the appellant in the appeal regarding the names of employees offered promotion in the DPC does not fall within the scope of the present appeal. The appellant may, if he so desires, submit a fresh RTI application for the said information.
4. Accordingly, the First Appellate Authority finds no reason to interfere with the decision of the CPIO.
5. Hence, the appeal is disposed of.

3SI/21/01/2025-26/ADM-42102 In case the appellant is aggrieved by this decision, he may prefer a second appeal before the Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi – 110067, within 90 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appellant: Dr Ravi Kiran Arigela.

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Subject: Copy of the MoU between Botanical Survey of India and Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.

Background:

1. An RTI application Registration No. Registration no. BSOIK/R/E/25/00046, dtd. 13/09/2025, was received in the name of Dr. Ravi Kiran Arigela, seeking information regarding Copy of the MoU between Botanical Survey of India and Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.
2. The CPIO, BSI, vide letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./2005, dtd 10/10/2025, informed that *"the information sought under para 1 & 2 does not exist."*
3. Being aggrieved with the reply of the CPIO, BSI, Dr Ravi Kiran Arigela filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00016, dtd. 10/10/2025.

Observation:

1. On perusal of the Appeal, RTI application and reply of the CPIO, it is observed that the information given by the CPIO is as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the facts and records, it is held that:

1. Upon examination of the records and submission of the CPIO, it is observed that the CPIO has duly replied to the applicant stating that the requested information is **not available or does not exist in the records of this office**. The reply appears to be appropriate and in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. Accordingly, the **First Appellate Authority finds no reason to interfere with the decision of the CPIO**.
3. Thus, the appeal is disposed of.
4. In case the Appellant is aggrieved by the decision, he is free to file second appeal, if he so desires, before the Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi - 110 067 against this order within 90 days.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appeal No.: BSOIK/A/E/26/00004

Appeal Dated: 07.02.2026

RTI Application No.: BSOIK/R/E/26/00001

RTI Application Date: 02.01.2026

Appellant: Sri Arun

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Ground for Appeal: Provided Incomplete, Misleading or False Information.

Background:

The appellant filed an RTI application seeking information regarding outsourcing of manpower services, procurement procedures, approvals, and tender records at BSI, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre. The CPIO furnished a point-wise reply.

Aggrieved, the appellant filed the present first appeal alleging incomplete information, improper direction for inspection, and misleading reply.

Grounds of Appeal:

The appellant contended that:

1. The Copies of administrative and financial approvals were not supplied.
2. The Certified copies of records were not provided as requested.
3. The reply regarding bidding procedures and participation is misleading.

Decision:

I have carefully examined the RTI application, the reply furnished by the CPIO, and the grounds raised in the appeal. It is observed that the CPIO has responded to the queries and furnished information as per the records available with the public authority.

Under Section 2(f) and Section 7 of the RTI Act, 2005, a Public Information Officer is required to provide information that is available and existing on record and is not obligated to create information or provide explanations beyond the records maintained. There is nothing on record to establish deliberate suppression, malafide denial, or furnishing of false information.

Accordingly, it is held that the information has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The reply of the CPIO is upheld and the appeal is disposed of.

Right to Second Appeal:

If the appellant is aggrieved by this order, he may prefer a Second Appeal under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Central Information Commission within 90 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 19(1) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005.

Appeal No.: BSOIK/A/E/26/00002 & 00003

Appeal Dated: 29.01.2026

RTI Application No.: BSOIK/R/E/25/00044

RTI Application Date: 05.09.2025

Appellant: Sri Pragati Sheel Shukla

Respondent/CPIO: Dr. Gopal Krishna, Scientist-C & CPIO, BSI, HQ.

Ground for Appeal: Refused access to Information Requested.

Background:

The appellant filed an RTI application dated 05.09.2025 seeking information regarding publications, PhD supervision, participation in workshops/conferences, official tours, expenditure of public funds, and research publications of Dr. S. S. Dash, Scientist-F.

The CPIO furnished a reply providing partial information and stated that certain information is not maintained in a consolidated form. The CPIO further submitted that, in respect of items where records are available but are not maintained in the consolidated form sought, the applicant may, if he so desires, inspect the relevant records in the office on a mutually convenient date and time in accordance with Section 2(j)(i) of the RTI Act, 2005. Such inspection shall be permitted on payment of the prescribed fee of ₹5 (Rupees Five only) per hour or part thereof, in terms of the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005.

Aggrieved by the response, the appellant preferred the present appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Points Raised in Appeal:

The appellant submitted that:

1. The information sought in Query No. 3 was denied under Section 8(1)(j) on the ground that it pertains to personal/professional details of an individual officer. The appellant contends that information involving public activity and expenditure of public funds cannot be treated as personal information and should be disclosed in the public interest.
2. Since the information sought is not consolidated or compiled, the appellant requested that total public money received through PFMS and honorarium each year, including salary, be provided so that the remaining information may be calculated by him.

Decision:

The appeal, the RTI application, and the reply furnished by the CPIO have been carefully examined.

The response provided by the CPIO is found to be appropriate and in conformity with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The information available in institutional records has been duly indicated. Where information is not maintained in a compiled form, the public authority is not obligated to create or collate such data for the purpose of disclosure under the RTI Act.

Further, in respect of items where records are available but are not maintained in the consolidated form sought, the appellant may, if he so desires, inspect the relevant records in the office on a mutually convenient date and time in accordance with Section 2(j)(i) of the RTI Act, 2005. Such inspection shall be permitted on payment of

351/21/01/2025 the prescribed fee of ₹5 (Rupees Five only) per hour or part thereof, as per the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005. 163019/20

Except for Query Nos. 3 and 6, the appellant may also refer to the official web portal of the Botanical Survey of India (<https://bsi.gov.in/annual-reports-of-bsi/en>) for the relevant Annual Reports available in the public domain.

Right to Second Appeal:

If the appellant is aggrieved by this order, he may prefer a Second Appeal under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Central Information Commission within 90 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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दिनांक/Date: 07th July 2025

ORDER

The appellant had filed an RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India vide Registration No. BSOIK/R/E/25/00026, dtd. 20/05/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, Botanical Survey of India on receipt of the application, furnished the available information as sought by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./4338, dtd. 28/05/2025. In response to the reply of CPIO, BSI, Mr. Sachin Mahato filed an appeal vide Regn. No. BSOIK/A/E/25/00006, dtd. 01/06/2025.

Now, after receiving the appeal of Mr. Sachin Mahato, the undersigned has carefully examined the RTI application dtd. 20/05/2025 and the reply furnished by the CPIO vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./4338, dtd. 28/05/2025 and found that the information provided by the CPIO based on the query of the applicant as per the available records and information.

However, in addition to the information already provided to the appellant he is further advised to refer to the guidelines of DoP&T vide OM No.28020/1/2010-Estt.(C), dtd. 17/08/2016 for better understanding of the rules laid down by the GoI pertaining to his queries. This may also be downloaded from the link: https://documents.doptirculars.nic.in/D2/D02est/28020_1_2010-Estt.C-17082016B.pdf or <https://doptirculars.nic.in/OM/ViewOMNew.aspx?id=279>

Thus, the appeal is disposed of.

(Pratibha Gupta)
07/07/25

(Pratibha Gupta)

Director & First Appellate Authority
Botanical Survey of India

सेवा में/To
Mr. Sachin Mahato
Vill- Kantaranguni
P.O/P.S- Adra
Pin- 723121
West Bengal

सं./No: भावस /BSI - 21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm. / 1539

दिनांक/Date: 07th July, 2025**ORDER**

The appellant had filed a RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India vide Registration no. BSOIK/R/E/25/00019 dtd 20/04/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, on receipt of the application, has furnished the available information as sought by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1249 dtd 16/05/2025, with the replies of CPIO, Botanical Survey of India, Shri. Swapnil Kapoor filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00004 dtd 20/05/2025.

Now, after receiving the appeal of Shri. Swapnil Kapoor, the undersigned has carefully examined the RTI application dtd 20/04/2025 and the replies furnished by the CPIO vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./1249 dtd 16/05/2025 and found that query sought by the appellant in his RTI application dtd 20/04/2025 is pertains to BSI-AZRC, Jodhpur and based upon the information provided by the concerned regional centre of BSI, the CPIO furnished information accordingly to the applicant.

Hence, in view of the above, there is no reason/scope to interfere with the decision of the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India.

However, CAG compliance report and 3rd Internal Audit observation of BSI, AZRC Jodhpur for the period from 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2024 and 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2024 respectively which consisting 62 pages are hereby provided to the appellant free of cost.

The appeal is thus disposed of accordingly.

(Pratibha Gupta)
07/07/2025

(Pratibha Gupta)

Director & First Appellate Authority
Botanical Survey of India

सेवा में/To

Sri. Swapnil Kapoor
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सं./No: भावस /BSI -21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm/ 6147

दिनांक/Date: 15/07/2025

ORDER

The appellant had filed an RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India through Dak vide Regn. No. NIL, received in this office on dtd. 15/04/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, on receipt of the application, has furnished the available information as sought by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm., dtd. 05/06/2025, with the reply of CPIO, Shri. Biswajeet Kar filed this appeal through Dak vide Reg. No. NIL, received in this office on dtd. 17/06/2025.

Now, after receiving the appeal of Shri. Biswajeet Kar, the undersigned has carefully examined the RTI application dtd. 15/04/2025 and the reply furnished by the CPIO vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm., dtd. 05/06/2025 and found that the CPIO has furnished information based on the query of the applicant as per available records and information.

Thus, the appeal is disposed of.

Pratibha
15/07/2025
(Pratibha Gupta)
Director & First Appellate Authority
Botanical Survey of India

सेवा में/To
Sri. Biswajeet Kar
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West Bengal.

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सं./No: भावस /BSI -21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm. / 6071

दिनांक/Date: 11th July 2025

ORDER

The appellant had filed an RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India vide Registration No. BSOIK/R/T/25/00058, dtd. 21/04/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, Botanical Survey of India on receipt of the application, furnished the available information as sought by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./3498, dtd. 29/04/2025. In response to the reply of CPIO, BSI, Mr. Katbuddin Mollah filed an appeal vide Regn. No. BSOIK/A/E/25/00005, dtd. 27/05/2025.

Now, after receiving the appeal of Mr. Katbuddin Mollah, the undersigned has carefully examined the RTI application dtd. 21/04/2025 and the reply furnished by the CPIO vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./3498, dtd. 29/04/2025 and found that the information provided by the CPIO based on the query of the applicant as per the available information.

However, taking cognizance of the matter by the competent authority of BSI, the matter has been enquired from the concerned authority of BSI- AJCBIBG and it is found that the complaint was lodged by the bus Staff in local police station against Dr. Devendra Singh on the issue relating to parking of buses in front of BSI office gate, causing inconvenience to the office, officials and visitors. However, the said matter withdrawn later on the basis of mutual understanding (Copy enclosed).

Thus, the appeal is disposed of.

Encl: As above.

Pratibha
11/07/2025
(Pratibha Gupta)
Director & First Appellate Authority
Botanical Survey of India

सेवा में/To
Mr. Katbuddin Mollah
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Howrah- 711110
West Bengal

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सं./No: भावस /BSI -21/01/2025-26/प्रशा/Adm./8372

दिनांक/Date:11/08/2025

ORDER

The appellant had sought an RTI request before the CPIO, Botanical Survey of India vide Registration no. BSOIK/R/E/25/00029, dtd. 13/06/2025, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

The CPIO, on receipt of the application, has furnished the available information as sought by the applicant vide this office letter no. BSI-21/01/2025-26/Adm./4779, dtd: 17/06/2025, with the reply of CPIO, Shri. Imtiaz Biswas filed this appeal vide Reg. no. BSOIK/A/E/25/00009, dtd. 09/07/2025.

On perusal of the Online Appeal, RTI application and reply of the CPIO, it is observed that the information given by the CPIO for the RTI application No BSOIK/R/E/25/00029, dtd. 13/06/2025 is not as per the provision or RTI Act, 2005. Accordingly, direction is being given to CPIO, BSI to revisit the matter and provide point wise appropriate information to the appellant within 05 days of receipt of this order.

Thus, the appeal is disposed of.

(Pratibha Gupta)
10/08/2025

(Pratibha Gupta)
Director & First Appellate Authority
Botanical Survey of India

सेवा में/To
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Sealdah- 700014
Kolkata.



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सं./No: भावस / BSI/21/01/2025-26/ADM-RE2600007

दिनांक/Date: As per e-sign.

सेवा में/To,

Mr. Hamet sahu

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Sri Vijaya Puram

South Andaman 744112.

विषय/ Subject: Appeal under the RTI Act, 2005 – reg.

महोदय/Sir,

This has reference to your application, received through the RTI-MIS portal *vide* Registration No.: BSOIK/A/E/26/00005, dated 13/03/2026, in this connection, the undersigned is directed to inform you in respect of Botanical Survey of India as below:

Sl. No.	Information Sought	Reply
1.	Certified copies of relevant records/documents pertaining to the appeal.	Please see <i>Annexure-I</i>

In case you are not satisfied with this information you may prefer a Second Appeal under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Central Information Commission within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

सधन्यवाद/ Thanking you,

भवदीय/ Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by

Gopal Krishna

Date: 08-05-2026

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Scientist-'C' & C.P.I.O

भा.व.स., मुख्यालय, कोलकाता/ B.S.I., Hqrs., Kolkata

S. No.	Information sought	Response
1.	Total number of security guards currently engaged at the campus.	03 nos.
2.	Provide the following details of each security guard: a) Name of the security guard b) Fathers name c) Designation d) Employment type (Permanent / Contractual / Outsourced) e) Name of security agency (if outsourced) f) Date of joining / deployment g) Duty shift details (Day/Night) h) Place of deployment within the campus i) Bank account details j) Addhar card number any others documents present may be enclosed	a) Name Security Guards served during last 06 months: 1. Mr. Susanto Sikder 2. Mr. Dhnanjay Ojha 3. Mr. Dipak Dewari b) 1. Mr. Susanto Sikder – Mr. Laxman Sikder 2. Mr. Dhnanjay Ojha – Mr. Sukharaj Ojha 3. Mr. Dipak Dewari – Mr. Ananta Dewari c) Information is available exclusively with M/s. Supreme Security Guard, Port Blair d) Information is available exclusively with M/s. Supreme Security Guard, Port Blair e) M/s. Supreme Security Guard, Port Blair f) Information is available exclusively with M/s. Supreme Security Guard, Port Blair g) 03 outsourced man power are providing security services at BSI, Residential campus, Shadipur, Port Blair with rotation 8 hrs shift everyday h) The campus does not have any deployment area for Security Guard. Therefore the guards look after the whole campus with periodic roundups. i) Cannot be provided due to unwarranted invasion of privacy and serves no larger public interest. j) Cannot be provided due to unwarranted invasion of privacy and serves no larger public interest.
3.	Provide copy of duty roster / deployment register of security guards for the last 6 months.	Attendance of the security guards for last 6 months are enclosed.

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4.	Provide name and address of the security agency engaged.	M/s. Supreme Security Guard, Port Blair
5.	Provide total number of security guards sanctioned and actually deployed.	Total number of security guards sanctioned-03 Total number of security guards actually deployed-03
6.	Provide monthly payment made to each security guard or to the security agency.	Information of individual payments is available with agency M/s. Supreme Security Guard, Port Blair.
7.	Provide attendance record of security guards for the last 6 months.	As enclosed

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Dr P. A. Dhall

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②	Kharantol Ogha	S/O Sukharaj Ogha	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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