

**Appeals received by First Appellate Authority (RTI) under the RTI Act against the reply of CPIO-**

**(April 2025 to March 2026)**

| Application Received | Application Disposed |
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**(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)**  
**(F.A.A. & Dy. Registrar)**

**Note: - All FAA application and replies are given below. (Attached all FAA application scan copy)**



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प्राप्ति सं./Receipt No.

दिनांक/Date

Appeal Registration

Number (अपील पंजीकरण संख्या) :

RTI APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)

CUOTS/R/E/25/00001

RTI Appeal Received Date 27/08/2025  
(आरटीआई अपील प्राप्त की तिथि) :

RTI Request Registration No. (आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण संख्या): CUOTS/R/E/25/00009

RTI Request Registration Date (आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण की तारीख) : 15/08/2025

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Educational Status (शैक्षणिक स्थिति) :

Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :

Is Appellant Bellow Poverty Line ? (क्या अपील करनेवाला गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) : No

CPIO Approached (संपर्क सीपीआईओ) : 24047

Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order/Decision(सीपीआईओ के आदेश / निर्णय के रसीद की तारीख) : Details not provided

CPIO's Order/Decision No. (सीपीआईओ का आदेश / निर्णय संख्या) : Details not provided

Ground for Appeal(अपील का आधार) :

Refused access to Information Requested

Text of RTI First Appeal (आरटीआई प्रथम अपील का पाठ) :

To Dr. Himanshu Pandey Deputy Registrar & First Appellate Authority Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies Sarnath, Varanasi 221007 Email: droffice@cihts.ac.in CC: Shri Sunil Kumar, CPIO & Asst. Registrar, CIHTS cpio@cihts.ac.in Shri R K Mishra, Nodal Officer, CIHTS rkmishra@cihts.ac.in Subject: First Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 Against CPIO Response (CIHTS/RTI/13/202526) Respected Sir, I am writing this letter to file a First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 against the reply provided by the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), CIHTS, dated 27.08.2025, regarding my RTI application (CUOTSR/R/E/25/000009) submitted on 15.08.2025. In

the RTI reply, the CPIO has stated that: 1. For Question No. 1, the information is available on the website of the Institute. 2. For Questions No. 2, 3, and 4, the reply mentions that the queries do not fall under the definition of information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, and cites the inability to answer hypothetical questions or provide justification/clarifications. Grounds of Appeal: 1. Incomplete Response for Question 1: The CPIOs reply only generically states that the Recruitment Rules are available on the website without specifying the exact URL or document title. As an applicant, I have the right to receive a specific, pointed reply. Simply directing to the website without the exact location does not fulfill the obligation under Section 7(1) of the RTI Act. 2. Regarding Questions 2, 3 & 4: While it is correct that opinions or justifications are not information under Section 2(f), my questions were framed to seek specific reasons and procedural clarity related to the application process. If any part of my query is unclear, the CPIO should have asked for clarification instead of outright denial. Furthermore, if any internal correspondence, rules, or meeting minutes exist regarding the matters asked, such documents should have been shared under RTI. Relief Sought: A direction to the CPIO to provide specific and pointwise replies to each question. Access to any official documents, file notings, or communication available regarding the points raised in Questions 2, 3, and 4, if available on record. I hope my appeal will be considered in the spirit of transparency and in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

910-201-0000



CPIO CIHTS &lt;cpio@cihts.ac.in&gt;

## Summon for Hearing\_RTI\_FAA\_CIHTS

1 message

Deputy Registrar &lt;doffice@cihts.ac.in&gt;

Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 4:50 AM

To: Mr. Himanshu Pandey &lt;himanshu.pandey@cihts.ac.in&gt;

Bcc: cpio@cihts.ac.in

Sir,

This refers to your following First Appeal received by the undersigned:

- (i) First Appeal RTI received through email on 27.08.2025.
- (ii) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00001 received on 27.08.2025
- (iii) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00002 received on 03.09.2025
- (iv) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00003 received on 03.09.2025
- (v) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00004 received on 03.09.2025
- (vi) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00005 received on 03.09.2025

It has been noted that you have initiated 08 (08 + 04 is repetition of same =12) RTI applications since August 2025, containing more than 60 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/informations. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has replied to all the questions within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.

I have gone through the replies of CPIO and your First Appeals, and it has been observed that being not satisfied with the reply of CPIO, you have preferred First Appeals.

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, only available & existing information can be provided. It has been noted that much information, in respect of your questions, can only be provided in the material form. Hence, as per Right to Information Rule, 2012, Rupees Two (Rs.2/-) for each page (in A-3 or smaller size paper) is to be provided by the RTI applicant to the organization for receiving the information in material. However, in the first appeal received by the undersigned 27.08.2025, you do not agree with the request of the CPIO to pay Rs.32/- against the material information to be provided. Moreover, you are of the opinion that this is not in accordance with the spirit of the RTI Act, 2005.

It has also been noted that on receipt of CPIO reply, you preferred first appeal against 06 replies and thereafter submitted the requisite additional payment, as per the RTI Rule, 2021, as requested by the CPIO. On payment, CPIO has provided the available & existing information as annexures.

**In view of the above, following the principles of natural justice, you are requested to attend the personal hearing on 20.09.2025 at 11.00am. The venue of the hearing shall be O/o Deputy Registrar & FAA (RTI), Administrative Building, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi-221007. After hearing, FAA will take a decision, as per the RTI Act, 2005.**

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Dr. Himanshu Pandey

FAA/ Deputy Registrar

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केन्द्रीय उच्च तिब्बती शिक्षा संस्थान, सारनाथ, वाराणसी  
(मान्य विश्वविद्यालय)  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi  
(Deemed to University)

CIHTS/RTI/FAA/01/202-26

Date: 27.09.2025

IN THE MATTER OF

Central Public Information Officer,  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

Appellant

Respondent

**ORDER**

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| RTI application received by CPIO            | - | 16.08.2025 |
| Date of RTI reply by CPIO                   | - | 27.08.2025 |
| First Appeal by the Appellant               | - | 30.08.2025 |
| Personal Hearing date fixed on              | - | 20.09.2025 |
| Appellant not attended the personal hearing | - | 20.09.2025 |

1. The order shall dispose of the appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00001 filed by
2. It has been noted that you have initiated 08 (08 + 04 is repetition of same =12) Applications within 34 days which contains around 67 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/information. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has provided all the information within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.
3. As per the direction of the Chief Information Commission & DoPT; third part transparency audit of the Institute for the year 2024-25 has been done, and the Institute secured 96% i.e. A Grade (highest grade). The audited report is available in the Institute website under heading Suo-Motu Disclosure, and all related information is available on the website.
4. The appellant in his original RTI application has sought 4 information. Being not satisfied with the reply of CPIO, preferred this appeal in r/o of all the 4 information.

**For Q.No. 1**

The first information is related to total sanctioned posts of Assistant Registrar.

Details of all posts including no. of sanctioned posts are available in the Recruitment Rule (RR) of the Institute, and the RR is approved by the highest decision making body of the Institute i.e. Board of Governors.

CPIO in his reply has rightly mentioned that the RR is available in the Institute website. However, appellant in his in his first appeal desires the exact URL. As desired, URL is - <https://cihts.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Recruitment-Rule.pdf>  
Hence, the FAA upholds the reply of CPIO

**For Q.No. 2**

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, only available & existing information can be provided. No material information regarding creation of additional post on record is available.

**For Q.No. 3 & 4**

Regarding information no. 3 & 4, the appellant has admitted in his first appeal that "While it is correct that opinions or justifications are not 'information' under section 2(f), my question were framed to seek specific reason and procedural clarity related to the application process".



# केन्द्रीय उच्च तिब्बती शिक्षा संस्थान, सारनाथ, वाराणसी

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It is pertinent to mention that the information sought by the appellant in his original RTI application is in the nature of query/specific reason/procedural clarity, which he himself has admitted, and therefore the reply given by the CPIO that seeking clarification/justification/query/ reason/procedural clarity does not fall under the definition of the "Information" is as per the RTI Act, 2005 is

CPIO has also quoted the Hon'ble CIC Judgment Appeal No. CIC/SB/A/2016/001025/CBCE-8J dated 03.03.2017 "At the outset the Commission observed that under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005, only such information as is available and existing and held by the public authority or is under control of the public authority can be provided. The PIO is not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record. He is also not required to interpret information or furnish replies to hypothetical questions."

The FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO

5. Appellant in his First Appeal has attempted to get the fresh information, which was not part of his original RTI application like –any internal correspondence, rules, or meeting minute exist regarding the matter asked. ***It is pertinent to mention that these are not the part of the original RTI application.***

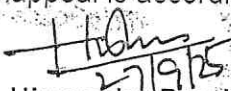
The FAA is of the opinion that such a request in appeal is not permissible under the RTI Act and will result in expansion of scope of the original RTI application. In this regard, the Hon'ble CIC in its order in the matter of Shri Harish Prasad Divedi Vs. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (Case No. CIC/LS/A/2013/001477SS) observed the following:

***"7. Having heard the submission and perused the records, the Commission agrees with the Respondents that the information now sought by the Appellant in the present appeal did not form part of his original RTI application. Therefore, the Commission is not in a position to allow the disclosure of the information which had not even been sought by the appellant in his RTI application. An information seeker cannot be allowed to expand the scope of his RTI enquiry at appeal stage. No disclosure can, therefore, be directed to be made in the present appeal of the Appellant.***

I find that the fresh information in this appeal do not warrant consideration at this stage."

In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need to interfere with the reply of the respondent (CPIO), as all the available and existing information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

  
(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

Copy to:-

1. Sr. Asstt. to VC for kind information of the Hon'ble VC
2. Registrar office for kind information of the Registrar
3. Nodal Officer (RTI)
4. CPIO, CIHTS

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| सूचना का अधिकार/R.T.I.  |            | RTI APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)  |                    |
| प्राप्त सं./Receipt No.                                       | 04/09/2025 | RTI Appeal Received Date  | 03/09/2025         |
| दिनांक/Date   | 04/09/2025 | RTI Appeal Registration Number (अपील पंजीकरण संख्या) :  | CUOTS/A/E/25/00002 |
| केस न./Case No.   | 02/2025-22 | RTI Request Registration No. (आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण संख्या) :   | CUOTS/R/E/25/00006 |
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| Status (स्थिति) :   |            | Educational Status (शैक्षणिक स्थिति) :  |                    |
| Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :                               |            | Is Appellant Bellow Poverty Line ? (क्या अपील करनेवाला गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) :   |                    |
| CPIO Approached (संपर्क सीपीआईओ) :                            |            | Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order/Decision (सीपीआईओ के आदेश / निर्णय के रसीद की तारीख) :  |                    |
| CPIO's Order/Decision No. (सीपीआईओ का आदेश / निर्णय संख्या) : |            | Details not provided  |                    |
| Ground for Appeal (अपील का आधार) :                            |            | Refused access to Information Requested   |                    |
| Text of RTI First Appeal (आरटीआई प्रथम अपील का पाठ) :         |            | To, Dr. Himanshu Pandey First Appellate Authority & Deputy Registrar Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies Sarnath, Varanasi 221007 Subject: Submission of First Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 against reply of CPIO in RTI Application No. CUOTS/R/E/25/00006 Respected Sir, Please find enclosed my First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 against the reply of the CPIO. vide letter No. CIHTS/RTI/10/202526 dated 02.09.2025. The reply provided is incomplete and amounts to denial of information. I have explained the grounds in detail in the enclosed appeal and requested necessary directions. I kindly request you to admit this appeal and pass appropriate orders. Thanking you, Yours |                    |

faithfully,

RTI APPEAL DETAILS

APPEAL NO. 19/2018

DATE OF APPEAL 19/08/2018



CPIO CIHTS &lt;cpio@cihts.ac.in&gt;

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**Summon for Hearing\_RTI\_FAA\_CIHTS**

1 message

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Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 4:50 AM

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Thanking you,

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Dr. Himanshu Pandey

FAA/ Deputy Registrar

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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/02/202-26

Date: 27.09.2025

IN THE MATTER OF

अत्यावश्यक/URGENT

सूचना का अधिकार-विषय/RTI-MATTER

पञ्जीकृत/स्पीड पोस्ट/Registered/Speed post

Central Public Information Officer  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

Respondent

**ORDER**

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| RTI application received by CPIO            | - | 05.08.2025 |
| Date of RTI reply by CPIO                   | - | 02.09.2025 |
| First Appeal by the Appellant               | - | 03.09.2025 |
| Personal Hearing date fixed on              | - | 20.09.2025 |
| Appellant not attended the personal hearing | - | 20.09.2025 |

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4. The appellant in his original RTI application has sought 7 information. Being not satisfied with only one information i.e. Q.No. 7, First Appeal has been preferred.

**Q.No.7**

Contents of the information asked by the appellant, in Q.No.7 is reproduced below:

Did meet the eligibility criteria for the vacant post at the time of his joining?

It is to be noted that CPIO has already provided status of the vacant post at the time of joining of Mr. Nirankar Pandey as Computer Maintenance Person (on Contract).

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, only such information as is available and existing and held by the public authority or is under control of the public authority can be provided. The CPIO is not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record. He is also not required to interpret information or furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Similarly redressal of grievances, reason for noncompliance or rules/contesting the action of the respondent public authority are outside the purview of the Act.



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In view of the above, CPIO has rightly replied that no material information regarding eligibility criteria for the vacant post, at the time of joining of

as Computer Maintenance Person (on contract), is available on record. He can't interpret information or furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Hence, the appeal has no merit.

As such, FAA uphold the contents/reply of the CPIO.

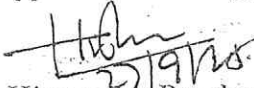
5. Appellant in his First Appeal has attempted to get the fresh information, which was not part of his original RTI application like –Recruitment Rules/eligibility criteria applicable at the time of my joining, copy of vacancy advertisement/notification, certified copies of file noting/documents, showing scrutiny of eligibility before appointment, copy of appointment/engagement approval order. *It is pertinent to mention that these are not the part of the original RTI application.*

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In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need to interfere with the reply of the respondent (CPIO), as all the available and existing information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

  
(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

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सूचना का अधिकार/RTI

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| सं. / Receipt No. -----                                       | RTI APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)   |   |
| दिनांक / Date -----   | Appeal Registration Number (अपील पंजीकरण संख्या) : CUOTS/A/E/25/00003  | RTI Appeal Received Date (आरटीआई अपील प्राप्त की तिथि) : 03/09/2025   |
| केस नं. / Case No. -----                                      | RTI Request Registration No. (आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण संख्या) : CUOTS/R/E/25/00005   | RTI Request Registration Date (आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण की तारीख) : 01/08/2025                                 |
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| Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :                               | Is Appellant Bellow Poverty Line ? (क्या अपील करनेवाला गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) :  |   |
| CPIO Approached (संपर्क सीपीआईओ) :                            | 24047  | Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order/Decision (सीपीआईओ के आदेश / निर्णय के रसीद की तारीख) : Details not provided |
| CPIO's Order/Decision No. (सीपीआईओ का आदेश / निर्णय संख्या) : | Details not provided   |   |
| Ground for Appeal (अपील का आधार) :                            | Refused access to Information Requested  |   |
| Text of RTI First Appeal (आरटीआई प्रथम अपील का पाठ) :         | To, Dr. Himanshu Pandey Deputy Registrar & First Appellate Authority Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed University) Sarnath, Varanasi 221007 Email: droffice@cihts.ac.in CC: Shri Praveen Sharma, Under Secretary & CPIO, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture praveen.sharma68@gov.in Shri Sanjay Gupta, Under Secretary (BTI & AR/IT), Ministry of Culture sanjay.gupta78@nic.in Sunil Kumar, CPIO & Asst. Registrar, CIHTS cpio@cihts.ac.in Subject: First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 CIHTS/RTI/09/202526 Appellant: I<br>Respected Sir, I, |   |

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Nirankar Pandey, resident of Village Hiranpur, Post Samath, District Varanasi 221007, am filing this First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 regarding my RTI application CIHTS/RTI/09/202526 and the subsequent reply provided by the CPIO dated 26.08.2025. While the CPIO has addressed my queries, I am not satisfied with the response, specifically with respect to Questions 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, for the following reasons:

1. Questions 4 & 5 Deputation Rules The CPIO has refused to provide information claiming these are clarification/interpretation questions. However, I had requested existing rules, circulars, or notifications regarding deputation, relief, and simultaneous service. These are existing records held by the public authority and can be disclosed. CPIO's refusal to provide them is contrary to Section 2(f) of the RTI Act.
2. Question 6 Governing Authority The CPIO referred only to the MoA available on the website. I requested a copy of the governing statute, memorandum, or notification/order establishing the regulatory framework, which are specific existing documents. The response is incomplete as it does not provide certified copies or official extracts.
3. Questions 7 & 8 Status of Officers and Correspondence The CPIO has treated these as hypothetical or internal matters. I requested factual, existing records such as relieving orders, joining letters, or official correspondence with BHU. Such records, if available, must be disclosed under RTI. Refusal to provide them is not justified under the Act.

Relief Sought I request the First Appellate Authority to direct the CPIO to provide complete, factual, and existing information for all the above questions. Certified copies of any existing records, circulars, notifications, or correspondence must be provided. I also request a written clarification on whether any rules or policies exist regarding deputation and relief, and if so, provide the relevant documents.

Enclosures: 1. Copy of RTI application (CUOTS/R/E/25/00005 & MCULT/R/E/25/00286) 2. Copy of CPIO's reply dated 26.08.2025

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,



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CPIO CIHTS &lt;cpio@cihts.ac.in&gt;

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**First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 – CIHTS/RTI/09/2025-26**

1 message

Nirankar Pandey &lt;nirankar.pandey@gmail.com&gt;

Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 9:39 AM

To: droffice@cihts.ac.in

Cc: sanjay.gupta78@nic.in, praveen.sharma68@gov.in, cpio@cihts.ac.in, rkmishra@cihts.ac.in

**Respected Sir,**

I, [redacted] resident of [redacted], am filing this **First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005** regarding my RTI application **CIHTS/RTI/09/2025-26** and the subsequent reply provided by the CPIO dated 26.08.2025.

Please find the attachment.

**Thanking you,**

Yours faithfully,

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To,  
Dr. Himanshu Pandey  
Deputy Registrar & First Appellate Authority  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed University)  
Sarnath, Varanasi – 221007  
Email: droffice@cihts.ac.in

CC:

- Shri Praveen Sharma, Under Secretary & CPIO, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture – praveen.sharma68@gov.in
- Shri Sanjay Gupta, Under Secretary (BTI & AR/IT), Ministry of Culture – sanjay.gupta78@nic.in
- Sunil Kumar, CPIO & Asst. Registrar, CIHTS – cpio@cihts.ac.in

**Subject:** First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 – CIHTS/RTI/09/2025-26

**Appellant:**

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While the CPIO has addressed my queries, I am **not satisfied** with the response, specifically with respect to **Questions 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8**, for the following reasons:

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### 1. Questions 4 & 5 – Deputation Rules

- The CPIO has refused to provide information claiming these are “clarification/interpretation” questions.
- However, I had requested **existing rules, circulars, or notifications** regarding deputation, relief, and simultaneous service.
- These are **existing records** held by the public authority and can be disclosed. CPIO’s refusal to provide them is **contrary to Section 2(f) of the RTI Act**.

### 2. Question 6 – Governing Authority

- The CPIO referred only to the MoA available on the website.
- I requested a **copy of the governing statute, memorandum, or notification/order establishing the regulatory framework**, which are specific existing documents.

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- The response is **incomplete** as it does not provide certified copies or official extracts.

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- The CPIO has treated these as “hypothetical” or internal matters.
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  - Such records, if available, **must be disclosed** under RTI. Refusal to provide them is **not justified under the Act**.
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### Relief Sought

- I request the First Appellate Authority to **direct the CPIO to provide complete, factual, and existing information** for all the above questions.
  - Certified copies of any existing records, circulars, notifications, or correspondence must be provided.
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### Enclosures:

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  2. Copy of CPIO's reply dated 26.08.2025
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Thanking you,  
Yours faithfully,

*[Faint, illegible text, possibly a signature or stamp]*



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**Summon for Hearing\_RTI\_FAA\_CIHTS**

1 message

**Deputy Registrar** <droffice@cihts.ac.in>

Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 4:50 AM

To: Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Deputy Registrar, CIHTS

Bcc: cpio@cihts.ac.in

Sir,

This refers to your following First Appeal received by the undersigned:

- (i) First Appeal RTI received through email on 27.08.2025.
- (ii) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00001 received on 27.08.2025
- (iii) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00002 received on 03.09.2025
- (iv) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00003 received on 03.09.2025
- (v) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00004 received on 03.09.2025
- (vi) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00005 received on 03.09.2025

It has been noted that you have initiated 08 (08 + 04 is repetition of same =12) RTI applications since August 2025, containing more than 60 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/informations. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has replied to all the questions within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.

I have gone through the replies of CPIO and your First Appeals, and it has been observed that being not satisfied with the reply of CPIO, you have preferred First Appeals.

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, only available & existing information can be provided. It has been noted that much information, in respect of your questions, can only be provided in the material form. Hence, as per Right to Information Rule, 2012, Rupees Two (Rs.2/-) for each page (in A-3 or smaller size paper) is to be provided by the RTI applicant to the organization for receiving the information in material. However, in the first appeal received by the undersigned 27.08.2025, you do not agree with the request of the CPIO to pay Rs.32/- against the material information to be provided. Moreover, you are of the opinion that this is not in accordance with the spirit of the RTI Act, 2005.

It has also been noted that on receipt of CPIO reply, you preferred first appeal against 06 replies and thereafter submitted the requisite additional payment, as per the RTI Rule, 2021, as requested by the CPIO. On payment, CPIO has provided the available & existing information as annexures.

**In view of the above, following the principles of natural justice, you are requested to attend the personal hearing on 20.09.2025 at 11.00am. The venue of the hearing shall be O/o Deputy Registrar & FAA (RTI), Administrative Building, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi-221007. After hearing, FAA will take a decision, as per the RTI Act, 2005.**

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Dr. Himanshu Pandey

FAA/ Deputy Registrar

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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/03/202-26

Date: 27.09.2025

अत्यावश्यक/URGENT

IN THE MATTER OF

सूचना का अधिकार-विषय/RTI-MATTER

पंजीकृत/स्पीड पोस्ट/Registered/Speed post

Appellant

Central Public Information Officer  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

Respondent

**ORDER**

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|---|---|------------|
| RTI application received by CPIO            | - | 02.08.2025 |
| Date of RTI reply by CPIO                   | - | 26.08.2025 |
| First Appeal received by the FAA            | - | 03.09.2025 |
| Personal Hearing date fixed on              | - | 20.09.2023 |
| Appellant not attended the personal hearing | - | 20.09.2023 |

1. The order shall dispose of the appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00003 filed by
2. It has been noted that you have initiated 08 (08 + 04 is repetition of same =12) Applications within 34 days which contains around 67 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/information. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has provided all the information within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.
3. As per the direction of the Chief Information Commission & DoPT, third part transparency audit for the year 2024-25 has been done, and the Institute secure 96% i.e. A Grade (highest grade). The audited report is available in the Institute website under heading Suo-Motu Disclosures, and all related information is available on the website.
4. The appellant in his original RTI application has sought 8 information i.e. Q.No. 1 to 8. Being not satisfied with the information provided by the CPIO in r/o Q.No. 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8, this first appeal has been preferred.

**For Q. No. 4 & 5**

Both the information in r/o of Q.No. 4 & 5 are in the nature of clarification of rules & hypothetical, and as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, only available and existing information can be provided. The CPIO is not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record. He is also not required to interpret information or furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Similarly redressal of grievances, reason for noncompliance or rules/contesting the action of the respondent public authority are outside the purview of the Act.

In view of the above, CPIO has rightly replied that the information sought by the appellant is in the nature of query/clarification and seeking clarification/justification does not fall under the definition of the "Information", as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Hence, FAA upholds the contents/ reply of the CPIO.



केन्द्रीय उच्च तिब्बती शिक्षा संस्थान, सारनाथ, वाराणसी  
(मान्य विश्वविद्यालय)  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi  
(Deemed to University)

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For Q.No. 6

The CPIO has clearly provided the desired information that the CIHTS is governed by the Ministry of Culture, and the MoA is available on the CIHTS website. For your convenience, link of MoA is given - <https://cihts.ac.in/moa/>

Hence, FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO

For Q.No. 7

No material information regarding date of relieve of Mr. Sumil Tiwari is available on record. However, office circular no. CIHTS/ADM/REG/CIR/512/2025-3643 regarding his current designation & posting status is attached. (Annuxer-A)

For Q.No. 8

Official communication in respect of deputation/joining is attached. (Annuxer-B)

In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need to interfere with the reply of the respondent (CPIO), as all the available and existing information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

  
(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

Copy to:-

1. PS to VC for kind information of the Hon'ble VC
2. Registrar office for kind information of the Registrar
3. Nodal Officer (RTI)
4. CPIO, CIHTS

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| प्राप्त सं./Receipt No.                                      | RTI-APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)   |  |
| दिनांक/Date  | 04/09/25   | RTI Appeal Received Date   |
| केस नं./Case No.   | CUOTS/A/E/25/00004   | 03/09/2025   |
| पंजीकरण संख्या):   | Appeal Registration Number (अपील पंजीकरण संख्या):  | (आरटीआई अपील प्राप्त की तिथि):   |
| RTI Request Registration No.                                 | CUOTS/R/E/25/00007   | RTI Request Registration Date  |
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| Citizenship Status (नागरिकता):                               | Indian   | Is Appellant Bellow Poverty Line ? (क्या अपील करनेवाला गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?):   |
| CPIO Approached (संपर्क सीपीआईओ):                            | 24047  | Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order/Decision(सीपीआईओ के आदेश / निर्णय के रसीद की तारीख): |
| CPIO's Order/Decision No. (सीपीआईओ का आदेश / निर्णय संख्या): | Details not provided   |  |
| Ground for Appeal(अपील का आधार):                             | Refused access to Information Requested  |  |
| Text of RTI First Appeal (आरटीआई प्रथम अपील का पाठ):         | To The First Appellate Authority (FAA),Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Deputy Registrar, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed to be University),Sarnath, Varanasi 221007.Email: droffice@cihts.ac.in CC: Shri Praveen Sharma, Under Secretary & CPIO, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture praveen.sharma68@gov.inShri Sanjay Gupta, Under Secretary (BTI & AR/IT), Ministry of Culture sanjay.gupta78@nic.inShri Sunil Kumar, CPIO & Asst. Registrar, CIHTS cpio@cihts.ac.in Shri R K Mishra, Nodal Officer, CIHTS rkmishra@cihts.ac.in Subject: First Appeal under Section 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005 against CPIOs reply dated 26.08.2025Ref:1.My RTI Applications bearing Registration |  |





CPIO CIHTS <cpio@cihts.ac.in>

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**First Appeal under Section 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005 against CPIO's reply dated  
26.08.2025 Ref. No. CIHTS/RTI/11,12 & 15/2025-26**

1 message

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To: [droffice@cihts.ac.in](mailto:droffice@cihts.ac.in) <[droffice@cihts.ac.in](mailto:droffice@cihts.ac.in)>

Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 10:20 AM

To: [droffice@cihts.ac.in](mailto:droffice@cihts.ac.in)

Cc: [sanjay.gupta78@nic.in](mailto:sanjay.gupta78@nic.in), [praveen.sharma68@gov.in](mailto:praveen.sharma68@gov.in), [rkmishra@cihts.ac.in](mailto:rkmishra@cihts.ac.in), [cpio@cihts.ac.in](mailto:cpio@cihts.ac.in)

**Respected Sir,**

I, [praveen.sharma68@gov.in](mailto:praveen.sharma68@gov.in), hereby file this **First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005**, being dissatisfied with the response of the CPIO, CIHTS, dated 26.08.2025.


Please find the attachment.

**Thanking you,**

Yours faithfully,

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**Summon for Hearing\_RTI\_FAA\_CIHTS**

1 message

**Deputy Registrar <droffice@cihts.ac.in>**

Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 4:50 AM

To: Dr. Himanshu Pandey &lt;himanshu.pandey@cihts.ac.in&gt;

Bcc: cpio@cihts.ac.in

Sir,

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- (iii) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00002 received on 03.09.2025
- (iv) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00003 received on 03.09.2025
- (v) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00004 received on 03.09.2025
- (vi) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00005 received on 03.09.2025

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I have gone through the replies of CPIO and your First Appeals, and it has been observed that being not satisfied with the reply of CPIO, you have preferred First Appeals.

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Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Dr. Himanshu Pandey

FAA/ Deputy Registrar



केन्द्रीय उच्च तिब्बती शिक्षा संस्थान, सारनाथ, वाराणसी  
(मान्य विश्वविद्यालय)

Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi  
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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/04/202-26

अत्यावश्यक/URGENT Date: 27.09.2025  
सूचना का अधिकार-विषय/RTI-MATTER  
पंजीकृत/स्पीड पोस्ट/Registered/Speed post

IN THE MATTER OF

Appellant

Central Public Information Officer  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

Respondent

**ORDER**

|   |            |
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| RTI application received by CPIO            | 06.08.2025 |
| Date of RTI reply by CPIO                   | 26.08.2025 |
| First Appeal received by the FAA            | 03.09.2025 |
| Personal Hearing date fixed on              | 20.09.2023 |
| Appellant not attended the personal hearing | 20.09.2023 |

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4. The appellant in his original RTI application has sought 6 information with sub-sections/information i.e. Q.No. 1 to 6. Being not satisfied with the information provided by the CPIO in r/o Q.No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, this first appeal has been preferred.

**For Q. No. 1.**

The RTI applicant has already paid (online) Rs.2/- on 26.08.2025, and accordingly CPIO provided the information on 30.08.2025. Therefore, the appellant statement at point no. 3 of page 2 that " Further despite the token cost, the annexure has not been enclosed, even for reference, which restricts access to information" has no merit.

Hence, FAA upholds the contents/reply of CPIO

**For Q. No. 2, 3 & 4**

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, only available & existing information can be shared. No material information in respect of the Q.No. 2, 3 & 4 is available on the record.



# केन्द्रीय उच्च तिब्बती शिक्षा संस्थान, सारनाथ, वाराणसी

(मान्य विश्वविद्यालय)

## Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi

(Deemed to University)

भारतीय विद्या संस्थानम्

Moreover, the information asked by the appellant in Q.No. 2, 3 & 4 is in the nature of Query/confirmation/clarification, and seeking confirmation/clarification/justification does not fall under the definition of "Information", as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. CPIO is also not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record. He is also not required to interpret information or furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Similarly redressal of grievances, reason for noncompliance or rules/contesting the action of the respondent public authority are outside the purview of the Act.

Hence, FAA upholds the contents/reply of CPIO.

### For Q. No. 5

Q.No. 5 contains two information – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> part.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> part, the information asked by the RTI applicant is in the nature of seeking clarification of rules & regulations / reason, and seeking clarification of rules & regulations / reason / justification / procedural clarity does not fall under the definition of the "Information", as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Also, the CPIO is not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record. He is also not required to interpret information or furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Similarly redressal of grievances, reason for noncompliance or rules/contesting the action of the respondent public authority are outside the purview of the Act.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, as desired, copy of the appointment order is enclosed as Annx-A attached.


### For Q.No. 6

The applicant has asked to clarify the rules & regulations governing the NPS/OPS, and seeking clarification of rules & regulations / reason / justification / procedural clarity does not fall under the definition of the "Information", as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Also, the CPIO is not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record. He is also not required to interpret information or furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Similarly redressal of grievances, reason for noncompliance or rules/contesting the action of the respondent public authority are outside the purview of the Act. Hence, appeal has no merit.

In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need to interfere with the reply of the respondent (CPIO), as all the available and existing information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

  
(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

### Copy to:-

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| सूचना का अधिकार/R.T.I RTI APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)   |  |
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| प्राप्त सं./Receipt No.<br>Appeal Registration No./CUOTS/A/E/25/00005<br>दिनांक/Date<br>Number (अपील पंजीकरण संख्या)<br>05/2025-26 | RTI Appeal Received Date 03/09/2025<br>(आरटीआई अपील प्राप्त की तिथि) :   |
| RTI Request Registration No. (आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण संख्या):<br>CUOTS/R/E/25/00003   | RTI Request Registration Date (आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण की तारीख) :<br>29/07/2025   |
| Name (नाम) :   | Gender (लिंग) :  |
| Address (पता) :  |  |
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| State (राज्य) : Uttar Pradesh  | Country (देश) :  |
| Phone Number (फोन नंबर) :  | Mobile Number (मोबाईल नंबर) :  |
| Email-ID (ईमेल-आईडी) :   |  |
| Status (स्थिति) :  | Educational Status (शैक्षणिक स्थिति) : Above Graduate  |
| Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :  | Is Appellant Bellow Poverty Line ? (क्या अपील करनेवाला गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) : No   |
| CPIO Approached (संपर्क सीपीआईओ) :   | Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order/Decision (सीपीआईओ के आदेश / निर्णय के रसीद की तारीख) : Details not provided  |
| CPIO's Order/Decision No. (सीपीआईओ का आदेश / निर्णय संख्या) :  | Details not provided   |
| Ground for Appeal (अपील का आधार) :   | Refused access to Information Requested  |
| Text of RTI First Appeal (आरटीआई प्रथम अपील का पाठ) :  | To, Dr. Himanshu Pandey Deputy Registrar & First Appellate Authority Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed University) Sarnath, Varanasi 221007 Email: droffice@cihts.ac.in CC: Shri Praveen Sharma, Under Secretary & CPIO, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture praveen.sharma68@gov.in Shri Sanjay Gupta, Under Secretary (BTI & AR/IT), Ministry of Culture sanjay.gupta78@nic.in Sunil Kumar, CPIO & Asst. Registrar, CIHTS cpio@cihts.ac.in Subject: First Appeal under Section 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005 against CPIOs reply dated 26.08.2025 Reference: 1. My RTI Application No. CUOTS/R/E/25/00003 dated 29.07.2025 2. Transferred RTI Application from Ministry of Culture |

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(No. MCULT/R/E/25/00254) dated 21.08.2025. CPIOs Reply No. CIHTS/RTI/07/202526 dated 26.08.2025. Appellant: Mr. Nirankar Pandey Village Hiranpur, Post Sarnath-District Varanasi, Pin 221007. Respected Sir/Madam, I, Nirankar Pandey, hereby file this First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, as I am dissatisfied with the reply given by the CPIO, CIHTS, dated 26.08.2025. Grounds of Appeal: 1. Vague / Incomplete Information o For Q. No. 6 (Civil works in the tender) only a vague statement has been provided, without supporting documents such as sanctioned estimates, work orders, or bills of quantities (BoQ). These records are essential and must be provided. o For Q. No. 10 (height of plants/samplings), the reply is incomplete and not supported by plantation reports, monitoring records, or survival reports which are expected to be maintained officially. o For Q. Nos. 7 & 8, the CPIO has simply mentioned incomplete and not clear, but under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, the CPIO is bound to assist the applicant in clarifying queries rather than outrightly rejecting them. 2. Mode of Information Delivery o Since the RTI application was filed online, the CPIO should have provided scanned/digital copies of the records instead of only insisting on photocopy charges. As per Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, information should ordinarily be given in the form requested by the applicant, unless it disproportionately diverts resources. 3. Excessive Fee Demand o The reply demands payment for several pages without even providing a summary or sample. The applicant has the right to inspect records before deciding which copies are actually required, thereby reducing unnecessary payment. Relief Sought / Prayer In light of the above, I request the First Appellate Authority to: 1. Direct the CPIO to provide complete and clear information along with supporting documents (preferably in scanned/digital format) for Q. Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 10. 2. Instruct the CPIO to allow inspection of relevant records under Section 2(j)(i) of the RTI Act, so that only necessary documents may be copied. 3. Ensure that in future, replies are not rejected with vague terms like incomplete and not clear, but instead the applicant is assisted in refining



CPIO CIHTS &lt;cpio@cihts.ac.in&gt;

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**First Appeal under Section 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005 against CPIO's reply dated 26.08.2025**

1 message

Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 9:15 AM

To: droffice@cihts.ac.in

Cc: praveen.sharma68@gov.in, sanjay.gupta78@nic.in, cpio@cihts.ac.in, rkmishra@cihts.ac.in

**Respected Sir/Madam,**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, resident of Village-Hiramanpur, Post-Samath, District Varanasi – 221007, hereby file this **First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005**, as I am dissatisfied with the reply provided by the CPIO, CIHTS, dated 26.08.2025, regarding my RTI application CUOTS/R/E/25/00003 (transferred RTI No. MCULT/R/E/25/00254).

Please find the attachment.

**Yours faithfully,**

( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: [26-08-2025]

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**3 attachments** **Letter For Appel.pdf**  
153K **Main Gate Beautificaton\_Letter.pdf**  
204K **rti case no 07.pdf**  
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### Online RTI Request Form Details

**RTI Request Details :-**

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| RTI Request Registration number | CUOTS/R/E/25/00003                     |
| Public Authority                | Central University of Tibetan Studies. |

**Personal Details of RTI Applicant:-**

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| Name               |          |
| Gender             |          |
| Address            |          |
| Country            |          |
| State              |          |
| Status             |          |
| Educational Status | Literate |
| Phone Number       |          |
| Mobile Number      |          |
| Email-ID           |          |

**Request Details :-**

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| Citizenship                           |    |
| Is the Requester Below Poverty Line ? | No |

(Description of Information sought (upto 500 characters))

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| <p><b>Description of Information Sought</b></p> <p>To,</p> <p>Central Public Information Officer,</p> <p>Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies</p> <p>Sarnath, Varanasi-221007</p> <p>Subject: Application under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005</p> <p>Respected Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I, _____, hereby seek the following information under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, regarding the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi (which falls under your Ministry):</p> <p>Questionnaire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What were the publication and expiry dates of Tender No. CIHTS/MW/R&amp;M/2024 15 related to the beautification of the main gate of the institute?</li> <li>2. How many firms participated in the said tender? Kindly provide photocopies of the quotations submitted by all participating firms.</li> <li>3. Was the contract awarded to the L1 (lowest quoted) firm in this tender?</li> <li>4. Please provide a photocopy of the invoice submitted by the executing firm after</li> </ol> |
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completion of the work.

5. What was the total quoted price submitted by the bidder?

6. Was civil work involved in the beautification of the main gate? If yes, please provide details regarding the quantities of bricks, sand, and cement used, along with relevant invoices.

7. At the time of this tender, was a Civil Engineer appointed in the Tibetan Institute? If yes, was the BOQ (Bill of Quantities) prepared by the same engineer?

8. Please provide a photocopy of the BOQ of the said work, duly signed by the Civil Engineer of the Tibetan Institute.

9. What species of plants/trees were planted as part of the beautification work at the main gate? Kindly mention the purchase rate per plant and their height at the time of plantation.

10. What is the current height of the plants/saplings planted under this tender, and how many of them are currently alive.

Request:

Kindly provide the above information within the prescribed time limit as per the RTI Act, 2005.

If any of the requested information does not pertain to your office, I request you to transfer the same to the concerned Public Information Officer under Section 6(3) of the Act.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

*[Faint signature and name of the requester]*

Date: 29/07/2025

Concerned CPIO

Supporting document (only pdf upto 1 MB)



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**Summon for Hearing\_RTI\_FAA\_CIHTS**

1 message

Deputy Registrar &lt;doffice@cihts.ac.in&gt;

Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 4:50 AM

To: ...

Bcc: cpio@cihts.ac.in

Sir,

This refers to your following First Appeal received by the undersigned:

- (i) First Appeal RTI received through email on 27.08.2025.
- (ii) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00001 received on 27.08.2025
- (iii) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00002 received on 03.09.2025
- (iv) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00003 received on 03.09.2025
- (v) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00004 received on 03.09.2025
- (vi) First Appeal RTI registration No. CUOTS/A/E/25/00005 received on 03.09.2025

It has been noted that you have initiated 08 (08 + 04 is repetition of same =12) RTI applications since August 2025, containing more than 60 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/informations. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has replied to all the questions within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.

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**In view of the above, following the principles of natural justice, you are requested to attend the personal hearing on 20.09.2025 at 11.00am. The venue of the hearing shall be O/o Deputy Registrar & FAA (RTI), Administrative Building, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi-221007. After hearing, FAA will take a decision, as per the RTI Act, 2005.**

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Dr. Himanshu Pandey

FAA/ Deputy Registrar

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IN THE MATTER OF

- Appellant

Central Public Information Officer  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

- Respondent

**ORDER**

RTI application received by CPIO - 31.07.2025  
Date of RTI reply by CPIO - 26.08.2025  
First Appeal received by the FAA - 04.09.2025  
Personal Hearing date fixed on - 20.09.2023  
Appellant not attended the personal hearing - 20.09.2023

1. The order shall dispose of the appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/AE/25/00005 filed by
2. It has been noted that you have initiated 08 (08 + 04 is repetition of same =12) RTI applications within 34 days which contains around 60 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/information. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has provided all the information within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.
3. As per the direction of the Chief Information Commission & DoPT, third party transparency audit for the year 2024-25 has been done and the Institute secured 96% i.e. A Grade (highest grade). The audited report is available in the Institute website under heading RTI, and all related information is available on the website.
4. The appellant in his original RTI application has sought 10 information. Being not satisfied with the information provided by the CPIO in r/o Q.No. 6,7,8 & 10, this first appeal has been preferred.

**For Q. No. 6.**

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, only available and existing information can be provided, and the available & existing information has already been provided by the CPIO on receipt of additional payment, through electronic mode, on 30.08.2028.

Hence, FAA upholds the contents/reply of CPIO

**For Q. No. 7 & 8**

The AE (Civil) was serving the Institute at the time of aforesaid tender. No material information regarding BoQ is available on record.



For Q. No. 10

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, only available and existing information can be provided, and the available & existing information has already been provided by the CPIO on 26.08.2025.

Hence, FAA upholds the contents/ reply of the CPIO

In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need to interfere with the reply of the respondent (CPIO), as all the available and existing information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

Copy to:-

1. PS to VC for kind information of the Hon'ble VC
2. Registrar office for kind information of the Registrar
3. Nodal Officer (RTI)
4. CPIO, CIHTS



सूचना का अधिकार/R.T.I

प्राप्ति सं./Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_

दिनांक/Date 27/08/2025

केस नं./Case No. 06/2025/26

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CPIO CIHTS <cpio@cihts.ac.in>

## First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 against incomplete reply of CPIO

1 message

Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 7:17 PM

To: droffice@cihts.ac.in

Cc: g.shekhawat@sansad.nic.in, secy-culture@nic.in, js-culture-candm@gov.in, praveen.sharma68@gov.in, bti-section-culture@gov.in, cpio@cihts.ac.in, rkmishra@cihts.ac.in

Respected Sir,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, resident of \_\_\_\_\_, had filed an RTI application dated 29.07.2025 (Registration No. CUOTS/R/E/75/00004) to the CPIO, CIHTS, Sarnath.

The CPIO has provided a reply vide letter dated 27.08.2025. However, I am not satisfied with the reply, as the information furnished is incomplete, vague, and in some cases made conditional upon additional payment, which is not in accordance with the spirit of the RTI Act, 2005.

Accordingly, I prefer this First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

My detailed grounds of dissatisfaction with respect to the CPIO's reply are enclosed herewith as an attachment for your kind consideration.

**Applicant's Details:**

3 attachments

Appeal\_Letter.pdf  
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RTI Online \_\_ Request\_Appeal Form Details.pdf  
203K

RTI Answer\_00004.pdf  
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To

The First Appellate Authority

Dr. Himanshu Pandey, Deputy Registrar

Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed to be University)

Sarnath, Varanasi - 221007

Email: [droffice@cihts.ac.in](mailto:droffice@cihts.ac.in)

CC:

- Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture- [g.shekhawat@sansad.nic.in](mailto:g.shekhawat@sansad.nic.in)
- Shri Vivek Aggarwal, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India- [secy-culture@nic.in](mailto:secy-culture@nic.in)
- Shri Samar Nanda, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture- [js-culture-candin@gov.in](mailto:js-culture-candin@gov.in)
- Shri Praveen Sharma, Under Secretary, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture- [bti-section-culture@gov.in](mailto:bti-section-culture@gov.in)
- Shri Sunil Kumar, CPIO & Asst. Registrar, CIHTS- [cpio@cihts.ac.in](mailto:cpio@cihts.ac.in)
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1. **For Q. No. 2 (ii & iii)** - CPIO has demanded photocopying charges (Rs. 32) but has not specified the nature or number of documents clearly. It is unclear whether these are work orders, invoices, sanction letters, or BoQs. A clear list of available records should have been provided before demanding payment.
2. **For Q. No. 3** - Only a vague mention of "Government Fund (Creation of Capital Assets)" has been provided. Copies of sanction letters, grant utilization records, and approval from the Ministry of Culture should have been supplied.
3. **For Q. No. 4 & 5** - The reply only mentions that "Tender is available on website" and "4 firms participated". No documentary proof (tender notice, bid summary, comparative statement) has been enclosed. Mere reference to the website is insufficient.
4. **For Q. No. 6, 7 & 8** - Again, CPIO has demanded charges for annexures without specifying the type of documents. The Act requires reasonable assistance, but the reply is evasive.
5. **Overall** - The reply lacks clarity and completeness. Essential supporting records such as tender documents, work orders, bills, minutes of committee meetings have not been provided.

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**Prayer:**

I, therefore, request you to kindly:

- Direct the CPIO to provide complete and specific information along with certified copies of relevant records (sanction orders, invoices, tenders, comparative statements, minutes, etc.) without unnecessary delay.
- Waive or rationalize the excessive demand for copying charges as the documents are directly related to the questions and should have been supplied in the first instance.
- Pass appropriate orders under **Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005** for ensuring complete and correct information.

**Applicant's Details:**

**Date:** 27/08/2025

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| सूचना का अधिकार/R.T.I (FAA)                                   | RTI APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)  |  |
| प्राप्ति सं./Receipt No. <del>25/09/2025</del>                | Appeal CUOTS/R/E/25/00006   | RTI Appeal Received Date 13/09/2025  |
| दिनांक/Date   | Registration No. 07/2025-26 (FAA)   | आरटीआई अपील प्राप्त की तिथि :  |
| केस नं./Case No.  | Number (अपील पंजीकरण संख्या) :  |  |
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| Ground for Appeal(अपील का आधार) :                             | Unreasonable amount of Fee required to Pay  |  |
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Date: 13/09/2025



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## Summon for Hearing\_RTI\_FAA\_CIHTS

1 message

Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 4:50 AM

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To: [cpio@cihts.ac.in](mailto:cpio@cihts.ac.in)

Bcc: cpio@cihts.ac.in

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Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Dr. Himanshu Pandey

FAA/ Deputy Registrar

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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/06/2025

Date: 27.09.2025

IN THE MATTER OF

Central Public Information Officer  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

अत्यावश्यक/URGENT  
सूचना का अधिकार-विषय/RTI-MATTER  
पंजीकृत/सीड पोस्ट/Registered Respondent

Appellant

ORDER

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| RTI application received by CPIO            | -31.07.2025 |
| Date of RTI reply by CPIO                   | -27.08.2025 |
| First Appeal by the Appellant               | -27.08.2025 |
| Personal Hearing date fixed on              | -20.09.2025 |
| Appellant not attended the personal hearing | -20.09.2025 |

1. The order shall dispose of the appeal filed through email on 27.08.2025 (PI refer RTI request Registration No. CUOTS/R/E/25/00004) received
2. It has been noted that you have initiated 08 (08 + 04 is repetition of same =12) RTI applications within 34 days which contains around 60 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/information. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has provided all the information within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.
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4. The appellant in his original RTI application has sought 8 information. Question No. 2 bears 6 sub-sections i.e. 2(i) to (vi) and question no. 8 bears 2 sub-sections i.e. 8(i) & (ii). In total 14 information asked.
5. It has been noted that CPIO in compliance of the Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 – provided all the available & existing information i.e. from Q.No. 1 to 8. Being not satisfied with the reply of all the questions except question no. 1, this appeal filed before the FAA.

**For Q.No. 2 (ii & iii) and 6,7,8 (I & ii) –**

In compliance of Right to Information Rule, 2012, on 27.08.2025 CPIO has already requested the appellant to pay Rs.32/- for 16 pages @Rs.2/- page. However, the appellant has not paid the requisite amount till date. Hence, the appeal in r/o the said questions/information has no merit.

FAA upholds the reply of CPIO.



**For Q.No. 3**

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, available & existing information has already been provided.

Rather than acknowledging the receipt of the information, Appellant in his First Appeal has attempted to get the fresh information, which was not part of his original RTI application like sanction letters, grant utilization records, and approval from the Ministry of Culture. *It is pertinent to mention that these fresh information are not part of the original RTI application*, and such a request in appeal is not permissible under the RTI Act as it will result in expansion of scope of the original RTI application. Kind attention is drawn to the Hon'ble CIC in its order in the matter of Shri Harish Prasad Divedi Vs. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (Case No. CIC/LS/A/2013/001477SS) wherein it has been mentioned that fresh information at later stage i.e. in appeal is not permissible. Hence, the appeal in r/o of Q. No. has not merit.

FAA upholds the reply of CPIO.

**Q.No. 4**


Appellant kind attention is drawn to his question no. 4 "Was there a tendering process involved for preparing the statue? If yes, kindly specify the tender number".

CPIO has already informed that the Tender details are already available in the website under the head "Tender". However for ready reference tender no. is CIHTS/MW/STSTUE/2023-05.

**For Q.No. 5**

As per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, available & existing information has already been provided.

In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need to interfere with the decision of the respondent (CPIO), as all the available and existing information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided. The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

  
(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/07/2025

Date: 09.10.2025

अत्यावश्यक/URGENT

सूचना का अधिकार-विषय/RTI-MATTER

पंजीकृत/स्पीड पोस्ट/Registered/Speed post

- Subject:- (i) First Appeal (RTI registration no. CUOTS/R/E/25/00004 dated 29.07.2025), received through email by the FAA on 27.08.2025.
- (ii) First Appeal (RTI registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00006 dated 13.09.2025) received online by FAA on 25.09.2025. Contents of both the first appeals are same.

Sir,

This is to inform you that being not satisfied with the reply of CPIO letter dated 27.08.2025, you have preferred 02 First Appeals on the same matter, received through email on 27.08.2025 and online on 25.09.2025.

The First Appellate Authority has already disposed of the appeal, received through email, vide order dated 27.09.2025. A copy of the same is attached for redy reference please.

Accordingly, your first appeal received through online bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00006 dated 13.09.2025 is hereby disposed of.

Attached-02 pages



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FAA & Dy. Registrar

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का अधिकार/R.T.I (FAA)

प्राप्त सं./Receipt No.

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Registration

Number (अपील

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RTI Request

Registration No.

(आरटीआई अनुरोध

पंजीकरण संख्या):

Name (नाम) :

Address (पता) :

Pin code (पिन

कोड) :

State (राज्य) :

Phone Number

(फोन नंबर) :

Email-ID (ईमेल-

आईडी) :

Status (स्थिति) :

Citizenship Status

(नागरिकता) :

CPIO Approached

(संपर्क सीपीआईओ)

CPIO's

Order/Decision No.

(सीपीआईओ का

आदेश / निर्णय

संख्या) :

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Text of RTI First

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प्रथम अपील का

पाठ) :

RTI APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)

25/09/2025 (FAA)

CUOTS/A/E/25/00007

RTI Appeal Received Date

(आरटीआई अपील प्राप्त की तिथि)

24/09/2025

RTI Request Registration Date

(आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण की

तारीख) :

02/09/2025

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Provided Incomplete, Misleading or False Information

To The First Appellate Authority (FAA) Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed to be University) Sarnath, Varanasi 221007, Uttar Pradesh Subject: First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 Reference: RTI Application No. CUOTS/R/IT/25/00011 dated 02.09.2025 and CPIO reply dated 11.09.2025 (Ref. No. CIHTS/RTI/21/202526) Brief Grounds for Appeal: The CPIO has denied the names/designations of the enquiry committee members and the minutes of meetings citing Section 8(1)(g), but no specific evidence of any threat to life or safety has been provided. All committee members

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were formally introduced to me during the enquiry proceedings; hence, written disclosure of their names/designations cannot create any additional risk. Section 10 requires severing only the portions that actually attract exemption and providing the rest, which has not been done. I have sought only the text/content of the student complaint/feedback without any names or identifying details so Sections 8(1)(g) or 8(1)(j) are not applicable. Information was specifically requested by email, but the CPIO keeps insisting on hard copy charges, which is contrary to Section 7(9). Relief Sought: Direct the CPIO to provide a certified copy of the committee formation order with names/designations of its members. Provide minutes of meetings after severing only genuinely exempt portions. Supply the text of the student complaint/feedback (allegations only) by email. Waive the insistence on hard copy charges and provide the information in the requested email format. Attachment: Detailed appeal document (2 pages).Appellant:



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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/08/2025

Date: 18.10.2025

IN THE MATTER OF

Central Public Information Officer  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

- Appellant

- Respondent

**ORDER**

RTI application received by CPIO - 03.09.2025  
Date of RTI reply by CPIO - 11.09.2025  
First Appeal received by the FAA - 25.09.2025  
Personal Hearing date fixed on - 15.10.2025  
Appellant not attended the personal hearing - 15.10.2025

1. The order shall dispose of the appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00007 filed by
2. It has been noted that you have initiated 10 (10 + 04 is repetition of same =14) RTI applications within 46 days which contains around 66 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/information. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has provided all the information within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.
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**Ground of First Appeal**

4. The appellant in his original RTI application has sought 07 question / information. Being not satisfied with the information provided by the CPIO in r/o Q.No./information no. 1,3 & 5, this first appeal has been preferred.

**For Q. No. 1.**

The CPIO has informed that the desired information bears the names of the officers, their designation, address and official capacity like Chairman/Member/Member-Secretary of the Committee. The disclosure of such information may endanger the physical safety of the committee members, who under an apprehension of danger to their life may not be able to effectively discharge their duties. Hence, information as to the names and particulars of the committee members like designation, address & their status in the Committee (Chairman/Member/Member Secretary) are exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(g) of RTI Act, on the ground that if such information is disclosed, it may endanger their lives or physical safety.

In support of the above, CPIO has also cited the judgement dated 13/12/2012 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 9052 of 2012 filed by Bihar Public Service Commission v/s Saiyed Hussain Abbas Rizwi & Anr. regarding disclosure of the names, designation and address of the subject expert present in the interview Board under RTI Act. The Hon'ble Supreme Court held that "The disclosure of names and address of the members of the Interview Board would ex facie endanger their lives or physical safety. The possibility of a failed candidate attempting to take revenge from such persons can't be ruled out"



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Hence, the first appeal in r/o Q.No. / information no. 1 has no merit, and FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO.

For Q. No. 3

CPIO has already intimated to the RTI applicant that in accordance with the Section 10 (Severability) of the RTI Act, 2005, the desired information can be provided after severance, wherever required, on submission of the Rs.16/- for 08 page @Rs.2/- per page. RTI applicant in his first appeal has also agreed with the reply of CPIO, however, till date Rs.16/- has not been paid by the RTI applicant. On receipt of Rs.16/- CPIO shall provide the information.

Hence, the first appeal in r/o Q.No. / information no. 3 has no merit, and FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO.

For Q. No. 5

CPIO has rightly informed that the report not only contains names of the officers, their designation and official capacity like Chairman/Member/Member-Secretary of the Committee, but also contains student's & staff feedback, as annexures, which bears their personal details like their names, class, course, year etc.

The disclosure of such information may endanger the physical safety of the students who under an apprehension of danger to their life may not be able to effectively discharge their duties. Hence, the disclosure is exempted under Section 8(1)(g) of RTI Act, on the ground that if such information is disclosed, it may endanger their lives or physical safety.

Further, CPIO has already informed that as per Section 10 (Severability) of the RTI Act, 2005, the desired information can be provided after severance, wherever required, to the RTI Applicant on submission of Rs 26/- for 13 page @Rs.2/- per page on receipt of the payment, CPIO shall provide the information as an annexures.

Hence, the first appeal in r/o Q.No. / information no. 5 has no merit, and FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO.

In view of the above observations, I find that there is no need to interfere with the reply of the respondent (CPIO), as all the available and existing information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

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Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies Mail - Submission of First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 - Agai...



सूचना का अधिकार/R.T.I

प्राप्ति सं./Receipt No.

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10/10/2025

08/10/2025-26 (PAA) (08A)

CPIO CIHTS <cpio@cihts.ac.in>

Submission of First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 - Against  
Reply of CPIO, Ministry of Culture  
message

Fri, Oct 10, 2025 at 9:36 AM

To: Deputy Registrar <doffice@cihts.ac.in>

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Respected Dr. Himanshu Pandey,  
Deputy Registrar & First Appellate Authority,  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed University),  
Sarnath, Varanasi - 221007

Sir,

Please find attached herewith my First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 against the reply received from the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO); Ministry of Culture, regarding my RTI application dated 02/09/2025 related to CIHTS, Sarnath.

The appeal has been submitted on the grounds of incomplete and unsatisfactory response by the CPIO, as detailed in the attached document. I humbly request that the matter be examined and necessary directions be issued to ensure fair disclosure of information as per the provisions of the RTI Act.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email and the attached appeal document.

Thanking you,

Warm regards,

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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/08(A)/2025

Date: 13.10.2025

**Subject:- First Appeal-Reg.**

**Ref.:- Email dated 10.10.2025, received by the FAA on 10.10.2025.**

Sir,

In response to your RTI application, CPIO has already provided the desired information vide letter no. CIHTS/RTI/21/2025-26 dated 11.09.2025.

Further, being not satisfied with the reply of CPIO, you have preferred first appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00007 dated 24.09.2025 received through online by FAA on 25.09.2025

FAA has fixed date of hearing on 15.10.2025 at 11.00 am, and accordingly a letter has been sent to you. A copy of the same is attached for ready reference please.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

  
(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
FAA & Dy. Registrar





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The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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| Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :                               |  | Is Appellant Bellow Poverty Line ? (क्या अपील करनेवाला गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) : No                     |
| CPIO Approached (संपर्क सीपीआईओ) :                            | 24047  | Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order/Decision(सीपीआईओ के आदेश / निर्णय के रसीद की तारीख) : Details not provided |
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| Ground for Appeal(अपील का आधार) :                             | Any Other ground   |  |
| Text of RTI First Appeal (आरटीआई प्रथम अपील का पाठ) :         | To,Dr. Himanshu PandeyDeputy Registrar & First Appellate AuthorityCentral Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed University)Sarnath, Varanasi 221007Email: droffice@cihts.ac.inCC:Shri Praveen Sharma, Under Secretary & CPIO, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture praveen.sharma68@gov.inShri Sanjay Gupta, Under Secretary (BTI & AR/IT), Ministry of Culture sanjay.gupta78@nic.inSunil Kumar, CPIO & Asst. Registrar, CIHTS cpio@cihts.ac.inSubject: First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005against the reply |  |

of CPIO, Ministry of Culture Respected Sir/Madam, I, Nirankar Pandey, resident of Village Hiranpur, Post Sarnath, District Varanasi, hereby submit this First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, against the incomplete and unsatisfactory reply provided by the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Ministry of Culture, in response to my RTI application dated 02/09/2015 pertaining to the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, Varanasi. Grounds for Appeal Query\_No.1: Certified copy of Office Order No. CIHTS/AdmnII/GNS/R/R/2015 dated 07/12/2015. Reply by CPIO: Applicant is requested to pay Rs. 2 for one page @ Rs. 2 per page. Appeal\_Ground: The CPIOs demand for payment is incorrect because, in my RTI application, I clearly requested that all information be provided through email in electronic form. Under the RTI (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005, fees are applicable only for hard copies supplied in physical form. When information is sent electronically, no additional cost applies. Relief\_Sought: Kindly direct the CPIO to provide the requested certified copy in electronic form (PDF) at the email address mentioned, without insisting on payment. Query\_No.2: Certified copy of the Minutes of the 53rd Board of Governors meeting of CIHTS. Reply by CPIO: The document is available on the CIHTS website. Appeal\_Ground: As per Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, information should be provided in the form requested unless it disproportionately diverts resources. Providing merely a web link does not fulfil the request for a certified copy, which carries legal authenticity and verification. Relief\_Sought: Kindly direct the CPIO to provide a certified copy of the said Minutes in electronic form. Query\_No.3: Supporting documents relating to Agenda No. 53.13 (Promotion criteria to the post of Assistant Registrar). Reply by CPIO: The information pertains to a third party and has been denied under Sections 8(1)(e) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. Appeal\_Ground: The requested documents concern promotion criteria discussed in the official Board of Governors meeting of a public authority. Such records form part of official decisionmaking and are not personal information. Hence, denial under Sections 8(1)(e) and 8(1)(j) is unjustified, as these provisions do not apply to policy or promotion criteria deliberations in institutional g



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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/09/2025/426

Date:14.11.2025

IN THE MATTER OF

Smt. [Name] - Appellant  
Central Public Information Officer  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies - Respondent  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

**ORDER**

RTI application received by CPIO - 15.09.2025  
Date of RTI reply by CPIO - 07.10.2025  
First Appeal received by the FAA - 01.11.2025  
Personal Hearing date fixed on - 12.11.2025  
Appellant not attended the personal hearing - 12.11.2025

1. The order shall dispose of the appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00008 filed by [Name].
2. It has been noted that you have initiated 12 (12+ 04 is repetition of same =16) RTI applications within 03 months (approx.) which contains around 79 (excluding sub-questions/information) questions/information. In spite of voluminous information asked by you, CPIO has provided all the information within the stipulated period, as provided in the RTI Act, 2005.
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**Ground of First Appeal**

4. The appellant in his original RTI application has sought 03 question / information. Being not satisfied with the information provided by the CPIO in r/o Q.No./information no. 1, 2 & 3, this first appeal has been preferred.

**For Q. No. 1.**

As per Section 4 (a) of the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005 – “Rupees two for each page (in A-4 or A-3 size paper) created or copied” is to be paid by the RTI applicant in lieu of created or copied A4 or A3 size paper.

The desired document i.e. 01 page A4 size has been copied from the record, and accordingly CPIO has requested you to pay Rs.2/- for 01 page. However, you have challenged the RTI (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005 and insist CPIO to send the certified copy in electronic form (PDF) through email without payment i.e. Rs. 2/-, which is contrary to the RTI (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005.

Hence, the first appeal in r/o Q.No. / information no. 1 has no merit, and FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO.

**For Q. No. 2**

CPIO has already informed that the Minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Board of Governors meeting of CIHTs is available in the Institute website – <https://cihts.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/BOG-Minutes-53rd-08.08.2015.pdf>, which can be seen and downloaded.

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Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi  
(Deemed to University)

Please note that as per the direction of the Chief Information Commission & DoPT, third part transparency audit for the year 2024-25 has been done, and the Institute secure 96% i.e. A Grade (highest grade). The audited report is available in the Institute website under heading Suo-Motu Disclosure, and all the related information is available on the website.

In view of the above, your request for certified copy of the said minutes in electronic form has no merit, and hence, the first appeal in r/o Q.No. / information no. 2 has no merit, and FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO.

For Q. No. 3

The desired information pertains to the third party information, and as per Section 11(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, a notice to the third party was issued by the CPIO with copy to the RTI Applicant, the third party has intimated to the CPIO that information asked by the RTI applicant is personal information, and the same couldn't be disclosed keeping in view the Section 8(1) (e) and Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005.


Hence, the first appeal in r/o Q.No. / information no. 3 has no merit, and FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

  
(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

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10/2025-26 (FAA)

दिनांक/Date

RTI APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)

केस न./Case No.

Appeal CUOTS/A/E/25/00009

Registration

Number (अपील

पंजीकरण संख्या) :

RTI Appeal Received Date

(आरटीआई अपील प्राप्त की तिथि)

13/12/2025

RTI Request

Registration No.

(आरटीआई अनुरोध

पंजीकरण संख्या):

CUOTS/R/E/25/00014

RTI Request Registration Date

(आरटीआई अनुरोध पंजीकरण की

तारीख) :

02/11/2025

Name (नाम) :

Gender (लिंग) :

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Pin code (पिन कोड)

State (राज्य) :

Country (देश) :

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(फोन नंबर) :

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Status (स्थिति) :

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(नागरिकता) :

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CPIO Approached

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Date of Receipt of CPIO's

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Ground for

Appeal(अपील का

आधार) :

Provided Incomplete, Misleading or False Information

Text of RTI First

Appeal (आरटीआई

प्रथम अपील का

पाठ) :

First Appeal against improper, illegal and obstructionist replies of the CPIO invoking Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and denial of certified information sought through RTI Registration No. CUOTS/R/E/25/00014

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## BEFORE THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

Under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005

To,

**The First APPELATE AUTHORITY**

Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies,  
Sarnath, Varanasi, U.P 221007.

**Subject:** First Appeal against improper, illegal and obstructionist replies of the CPIO invoking Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005 and denial of certified information sought – RTI Registration No. CUOTS/R/E/25/00014

### Particulars of the Appellant

|   |                       |  |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | NAME OF APPLICANT     |  |
| 2 | COMMUNICATION ADDRESS |  |
| 3 | EMAIL                 |  |

### RTI Application Details & Timeline

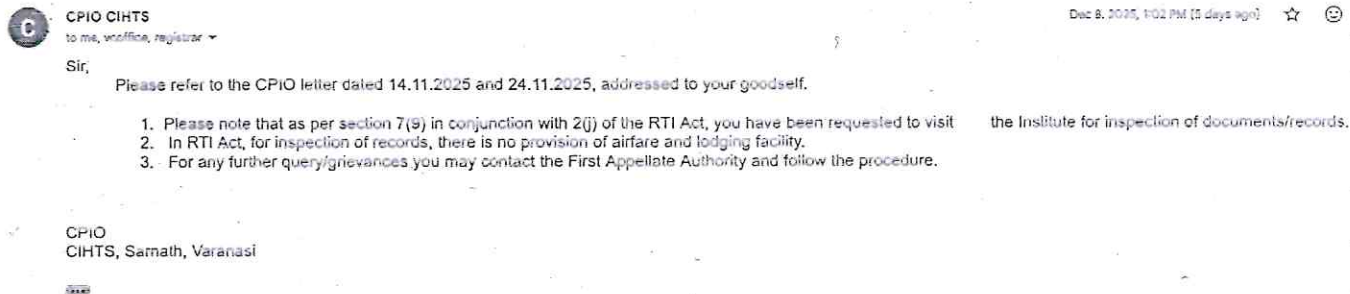
- Date of RTI Application: **02.11.2025**
- RTI Registration No.: **CUOTS/R/E/25/00014**
- First Reply of CPIO: **14.11.2025**
- Subsequent Reply / Email of CPIO: **08.12.2025**
- Date of First Appeal: **13.12.2025**

### Facts of the Case

1. The Appellant filed an RTI application dated **02.11.2025** seeking *certified copies of record-based information* pertaining to the utilization of public funds, specifically:
  - The number of advances and reimbursements requested by **Group-A, Group-B and Group-C** officials/staff, along with their **designation and date**, for the period **March 2023 to March 2025**.

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5. The CPIO, vide subsequent reply/email dated 08.12.2025, mechanically reiterated the same stand, again refused to provide certified copies, denied any logistical support for inspection, and insisted that inspection was the only option available. Following is the screenshot:



6. The replies of the CPIO amount to a **constructive and deliberate denial of information**, compelling the Appellant to file the present First Appeal.

## 5. Grounds of Appeal

The impugned replies of the CPIO are illegal, arbitrary and unsustainable in law on the following, amongst other, grounds:

### A. Misuse and Misinterpretation of Section 7(9) of the RTI Act

- I. Section 7(9) of the RTI Act is not an exemption clause and does not permit denial of information.
- II. The Hon'ble Central Information Commission has consistently held that Section 7(9) only relates to the *form* in which information may be supplied, not to its denial.  
**CIC – Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta v. ITAT (CIC/OK/A/2006/00163):**  
“Section 7(9) does not permit denial of information but only allows providing it in a form different from that requested.”
- III. In the present case, the CPIO has completely refused to supply any information, which is **ultra vires** the Act.

### B. Inspection Cannot Be Forced in Lieu of Certified Copies

- I. The Appellant specifically sought **certified copies of records**, not inspection of files.
- II. Inspection under Section 2(j) is a **right of the applicant**, not a substitute that can be compulsorily imposed by the CPIO.

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**CIC – S.C. Sharma v. Delhi Transport Corporation (CIC/AD/A/2013/001326):**  
“Inspection of records cannot be imposed upon an applicant when copies of information are sought.”

- III. Forcing inspection, particularly when the Appellant is located away from the Institute, defeats the very object of the RTI Act.

**C. Information Clearly Falls Within Section 2(j) of the RTI Act**

- I. Section 2(j) expressly includes records, documents and data material held in physical or electronic form.
- II. The Appellant has not sought creation of new information, but only copies/extracts of **existing financial records**.

**Delhi High Court – Registrar of Companies v. Dharmendra Kumar Garg (2012):**  
“Inconvenience or multiplicity of files is not a valid ground for denial of information available on record.”

**D. Bald and Unsubstantiated Claim of “Disproportionate Diversion of Resources”**

- I. The CPIO has failed to:
- Quantify the number of files or pages involved.
  - Estimate manpower or time required.
  - Explore partial, phased or electronic disclosure.
- II. Mere assertion that records are maintained in different files does not satisfy the legal threshold of Section 7(9).

**CIC – Ramesh Kumar Singh v. Ministry of Railways (CIC/LS/A/2010/000366):**  
“A general statement regarding diversion of resources is insufficient without justification.”

**E. Admission of Poor Record Maintenance – Violation of Section 4(1)(a)**

- I. The plea that financial information is scattered across files is an admission of failure to maintain records in a systematic and retrievable manner as mandated under **Section 4(1)(a)** of the RTI Act.

**Delhi High Court – Union of India v. Vishwas Bhamburkar (2013):**  
“It is not open to the CPIO to state that information is scattered; public authorities are expected to maintain proper records.”

***F. Non-Application of Mind and Obstruction of Transparency***

- I. The RTI application pertains to a defined period (March 2023–March 2025) and concerns current financial transactions, which should be readily available.
- II. The repeated refusal reflects a willful attempt to shield information relating to public expenditure of Group-A, B and C officials, undermining accountability.

**Supreme Court – CBSE v. Aditya Bandopadhyay (2011) 8 SCC 497:**  
“The RTI Act is a beneficial legislation and must be interpreted to promote transparency.”

***G. Unreasonable Expectation of Physical Visit at Appellant's Cost***

- I. The RTI Act does not require an applicant to incur travel, lodging or incidental expenses to obtain information that can otherwise be supplied by copies.
- II. By denying copies and disclaiming any logistical support, the CPIO has rendered the statutory right illusory.

**6. Relief / Prayer**

In view of the facts and grounds stated above, the Appellant respectfully prays that the Hon'ble First Appellate Authority may be pleased to:

- (a) Set aside the replies of the CPIO dated 14.11.2025 and 08.12.2025;
- (b) Hold that Section 7(9) of the RTI Act has been wrongly and illegally invoked in the present case;
- (c) Direct the CPIO to provide complete and certified copies of the information sought in the RTI application dated 02.11.2025 within a stipulated time;
- (d) Direct supply of information free of cost under Section 7(6) of the RTI Act due to obstruction and failure to provide information in time;
- (e) Issue appropriate advisory / warning to the CPIO for misapplication of the Act and obstruction of information;
- (f) Pass any other order deemed fit in the interest of justice, transparency and accountability.

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## 7. Declaration

The Appellant declares that the facts stated above are true to the best of his/her knowledge and that this appeal is filed within the prescribed time limit.

Place: New Delhi

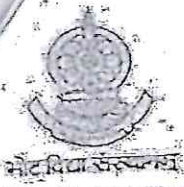
Date: 13.12.2025

Signature of Appellant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Enclosures

1. Copy of RTI Application dated 02.11.2025
2. Copy of CPIO's reply dated 14.11.2025
3. Copy of email correspondence including reply dated 08.12.2025



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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/10/2025

Date: 18.12.2025

Subject:- First Appeal-Reg.


Ref.:- First Appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00009 dated 13.12.2025,  
received by the FAA on 16.12.2025

Sir,

Please refer to your online appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00009  
dated 13.12.2025.

1. I have gone through the reply of CPIO and your First Appeal, and it has been observed that being not satisfied with the reply of CPIO, you have preferred First Appeal.
2. In view of the above and following the principle of natural justice and before deciding the appeal, you are requested to attend the personal hearing on 01.01.2026 at 11.00 am. The venue of the hearing shall be O/o Deputy Registrar & FAA (RTI), Administrative Building, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi-221007. After hearing, FAA will take decisions, as per the RTI Act, 2005.

Thanking you,

  
(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)  
Dy. Registrar & FAA

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CIHTS/RTI/FAA/10(2)/2025

Date: 03.01.2026

IN THE MATTER OF

Central Public Information Officer  
Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies  
Sarnath, Varanasi-221007

अत्यावश्यक/URGENT  
Appellant  
सूचना का अधिकार-द्वारा/RTI  
पंजीकृत/सीड पोर्ट/Regi  
Respondent

ORDER

RTI application received by CPIO - 04.11.2025  
Date of RTI reply by CPIO - 14.11.2025  
First Appeal received by the FAA - 13.12.2025  
Personal Hearing date fixed on - 01.01.2026  
Appellant not attended the personal hearing - 01.01.2026

- The order shall dispose of the appeal bearing registration no. CUOTS/A/E/25/00009
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Ground of First Appeal

- The appellant in his original RTI application has sought information pertaining to:
  - The number of advances and reimbursements requested Group-A, Group-B and Group-C Officials/Staff along with their designation an for the period March, 2023 to March, 2025, and
  - Amount disbursed against the rquests made and government rate adapted settlement, with date from March 2023 to March 2025 and details of the adv and/or reimbursements settled till 2025 from March 2023.

Being not satisfied the reply of CPIO, this appeal has been preferred by the appellar applicant).

For Q. No. 1. & 2

4. Reply of the CPIO:

As intimated by the Deemed CPIO (AR-Accounts), the information for the period M 2023 to March, 2025 in respect of Group-A, Group-B and Group-C Officials/ Staff their with designation is not readily available at one place and is spread across s files. Manual collection/compiling of data/information from many files/documents wil considerable time, manpower and disproportionately divert the available resources i public authority.

Accordingly, as per Section 7(9) in conjunction with Section 2(f) of the RTI Ac appellant was requested to visit the Institute for inspection of documents/records.

5. Relief / Prayer by the appellant before the First Appellate Authority:

- Set aside the replies of the CPIO dated 14.11.2025 and 08.12.2025
- Hold the Seciton 7(9) of the RTI Act has been wrongly and illegally invoked in present case
- Direct the CPIO to provide complete and certified copies of the information souc the RTI application dated 02.11.2025 within stipulatged time
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- (e) Issue appropriate advisory / warning to the CPIO for misapplication of the Act  
obstruction of information
- (f) Pass any other order deemed fit in the interest of justice , transparency  
accountability.
- (g) Further, the appellant in his complaint email dated 26.12.2025, addressed to  
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the Institute with copy to FAA, CPIO & Registrar  
requested to take action against CPIO & FAA and also cancel the personal hearing  
date fixed by the FAA.

Decision of the First Appellate Authority:

- (i) It has been noted that CPIO at any stage has never refused or denied to provide  
the information. Moreover, he has only followed the RTI Act in true spirit by  
the Section 7(9) in conjunction with Section 2(j) of the RTI Act, and requested  
visit the Institute for inspection of the documents/records, as per mutually agreed  
date and time.
- (ii) Appellant kind attention is drawn to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India  
Petition (Civil) No. 210 of 2012 – Namit Sharma vs Union of India wherein  
been mentioned that "They are required to give notice to the parties  
them the opportunity of hearing and pass reasoned order".
- (iii) It has also been noted that later on through email dated 05.12.2025, you  
raised additional issue like- providing airfare & lodging facility to  
representative and your goodself to attend the hearing and your copy  
letter/email dated 26.12.2025, addressed to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,  
action against the CPIO & FAA are different from the ones raised in the first/  
RTI application dated 02.11.2025, addressed to CPIO. As per CIC decision  
CIC/AB/A/2016/000004 dated 22.08.2017, appellant is not entitled to  
queries/information at later stage.

Hence, your contention that CPIO has illegally invoked the Section 7  
inspection of documents/records and cancel the hearing date fixed by the  
before passing reasoned order is not correct and has no merit. In fact, inspection  
record by the appellant (RTI applicant) and giving notice to the parties, offer the  
opportunity of hearing and pass reasoned order by the FAA are in consonance  
RTI Act & the compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Writ Petition  
No. 210 of 2012.

In view of the above, FAA upholds the reply of the CPIO and app  
accordingly disposed of.

  
(Dr. Himanshu F  
Dy. Registrar

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