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To.

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Sub:-

Information under RTI.

Sir,

Kindly refer your RTI Application No.8 dated 21/2/23 received in this office on 15/3/23 and it is to inform you that information sought is available on NEPA website (www.nepa.gov.in). for further information, you can also visit NEPA on any working day within 15 days from the date of receiving this letter.

Further this has been observed that you have submitted 08 RTI application in NEPA asking number of questions, taking together all the applications into account you have asked information on more than 45 points, taking it all together a tremendous exercise and volume of information. Though majority of the information is available on website you are invited to NEPA for inspection within 15 days of receiving this letter.

Further your attention is required to the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Central Board of Secondary Education & Anr. Vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay & Ors. where it is observed that "Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquillity and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not

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want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of public authorities prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties."

Further Hon'ble Supreme Court in ICAI vs. Shaunak H. Satya, (2011) 8 SCC 781: observed that "This Court is also of the view that misuse of the RTI Act has to be appropriately dealt with otherwise the public would lose faith and confidence in this "sunshine Act". A beneficent Statute, when made a tool for mischief and abuse must be checked in accordance with law

By filing 08 application repeatedly, asking voluminous information and the information which is already available in the public domain it appears that you want to create a scenario where the maximum officers of NEPA will be busy in collecting your information.

You are hereby requested to take into consideration the observations of Hon'ble Supreme court in as mentioned above and not try to hamper the day to day function of the academy by filing repeated applications.

In case, you are not satisfied with the information provided, you may appeal to Appellate Authority within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Address of First Appellate Authority -

Deepak Kumar, IPS
The Director / Appellate Authority
North Eastern Police Academy
Umsaw-793 123, Umiam, Meghalaya

Yours faithfully,

(J K Dwivedi) Asstt. Director (Law)/CPIO

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