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F.No. NBA/RTI/2021/98

26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Sub.: Information under RTI Act, 2005

Dear Shri Narasimha Raju,

This is reference to your online RTI Registration DOHED/R/E/21/01733 dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 transferred to this office under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005 from the Dy. Director (Science) & CPIO, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Technical Section-II, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 vide letter No. 18-1/2021-TS-II dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as well as your First Appeal Registration No. DOHED/A/E/21/00145 dated 04.05.2021 transferred to this office from the Director (TE) vide Office Order F. No. 18-2/2021-TS.II dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. Your RTI application was received in NBA through e-mail on 28/04/2021.

The information related to this public authority is given below:

Sl. No.	RTI Query	Response
A	What is the process adopted by MHRD, if any complaint is received regarding submission of fabricated and manipulated data by an institute which is participating in NIRF? Please provide a copy of the guidelines regarding this.	The responsibility to handle NIRF Scheme is assigned to National Board of Accreditation (NBA). All correspondences including complaints w.r.t. NIRF is handed over to NBA for necessary action.
B	What is the status of the complaint submitted by me to the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, through my letter dated 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021?	Your complaint was received at NBA and action has been initiated on action it.
C	Any notice given to the institute to submit Explanation? Please provide a copy of the same.	Explanation was sought from College. Copies of explanation sought and response received are being examined at NBA. These documents cannot be shared as per Section 8(1) (h) of RTI Act, which states that the information which would impede the process of investigation need not be provided.
D	If yes to (C) above, what is the time period for submitting the response by the institute? Please provide a copy of the response submitted by the institute?	Copies of response received from SRK Raju Engineering College was received on 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2021. These documents cannot be shared as per Section 8(1) (h) of RTI Act, which states that the information which would impede the process of investigation need not be provided.

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E	Any enquiry committee will be appointed to verify the facts on the items mentioned in the complaint, response submitted by the institute? Please provide the details in case of above said college?	Response received from SRKR Engineering College will be examined by authorities at NBA. Appropriate action will be taken by the NBA after detailed examination and verification of response submitted by the college.  Please note that the Public Information Officer is not required to furnish information which require drawing of inference and/or making of assumptions; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions.
F	Any Complaint received on S R K R Engineering College regarding NIRF earlier between 2016 and 2020?	A complaint dated 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018 addressed to Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education was received by the NBA.
G	If Yes to (F) above, any notice given, reply from the institute, any fact verification by NIRF authorities and action taken by the authority, please provide supporting documents	Clarification was sought from the college w.r.t. complaint. Response received from the college was examined and verified by data verification team at NBA and was found to be correct.  The names of complainants and response provided by the colleges cannot be share under 8(1) g of the RTI Act since it would reveal personal details of complainants which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the complainants.
H	If a notice is given to an institute on receiving a complaint on NIRF ranking, if the institute submits compliance for the same, does it be relied and taken into consideration directly and NIRF rank will be announced or any further enquiry will be done?	Please note that the Public Information Officer is not required to furnish information which require drawing of inference and/or making of assumptions; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions. As mentioned above, appropriate action will be taken by the NBA after detailed examination and verification of response submitted by the college by data verification team at NBA.
J	Please provide the details of institutes on which complaints are received, action by the authority between 2016 and 2021 regarding NIRF ranking.	It is not possible to provide details of institutions against whom complaints were received and action taken between 2016 to 2021. The information sought will disproportionately divert the resources of this public authority as such it cannot be provided.

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It is noted that you have filed the 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal without waiting for the response to your original RTI. However, content of your RTI and first appeal are same. As such, your 1<sup>st</sup> appeal is not being considered at this stage.

It may further be reiterated that 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. The CPIO is also not required to interpret information or furnish replies to hypothetical questions. This public authority has provided information on questions raised by you.

In case you are not satisfied with the information, you may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Authority (Dr. A.K. Nassa, Member Secretary, NBA, 4th Floor, NBCC Place, East Tower, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi-110 003) within 30 days of receipt of the reply.

Sincerely yours

(Jagdish Arora)

Central Public Information Officer

**Shri Jampana Vijaya Narasimha Raju**  
27-17-55/11C, Flat No 105 Lotus  
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Copy to:

1. Dy. Director (Science) & CPIO, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Technical Section-II, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
2. Director (TE) & First Appellate Authority, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Technical Section-II, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

RTI No. 08  
Reply sent through mail  
on 26/5/21  
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**F.No.18-1/2021-TS-II**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Education  
Department of Higher Education  
Technical Section II  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated 28 April, 2021.

To

Shri JAMPANA VIJAYA NARASIMHA RAJU  
27-17-55/11C, Flat No 105, Lotus Regency C Block,  
ASR Nagar, BHIMAVARAM, Pin:534202

**Subject: Seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 -regarding.**

Sir,

Please refer to your online RTI applications Registration No DOHED/R/E/21/01733 dated 25.04.2021 seeking reply to grievances dated 24.3.2021 to Secretary(HE).

2. In this regards it is intimated that your grievance dated 24.3.2021 has not been received in this Section so far. However, from the text of the RTI, it seems that the matter pertains to National Board of Accreditation (NBA), the same is being forwarded to NBA. Your RTI application is also being transferred to PIO, NBA under section 6(3) of the RTI ACT, 2005 for providing requisite information to applicant directly.

3. If you are not satisfied with the above reply/ information , you may prefer an appeal to Dr. Renuka Mishra, Director (TE) & First Appellate Authority, Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Room No. 326-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, within thirty days of the receipt of the reply/ information.

4. D D(Science) has approved it on e-file.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(Kirti)

Dy. Director(Science) & CPIO

Copy to:

The PIO, RTI Cell, National Board of Accreditation, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, NBCC Building, Bhishma Pitahama Marg Pragti Vihar New Delhi along with online RTI application Registration No. DOHED/R/E/2021/01733 dated 25.04.2021 and its enclosure for providing requisite information to applicant directly.

RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)			
Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	DOHED/R/E/21/01733	Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	25/04/2021
Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :	Online Receipt	Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :	English
Name (नाम) :	JAMPANA VIJAYA NARASIMHA RAJU	Gender (लिंग) :	Male
Address (पता) :	27-17-55/11C, Falt No 105, Lotus Regency C Block, ASR Nagar, BHIMAVARAM, Pin:534202		
State (राज्य) :	Andhra Pradesh	Country (देश) :	India
Phone Number (फोन नंबर) :	+91-9848462026	Mobile Number (मोबाईल नंबर) :	+91-9848462026
Email-ID (ईमेल-आईडी) :	jvnraju@gmail.com		
Status (स्थिति)(Rural/Urban) :	Urban	Education Status :	Above Graduate
Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? (क्या आवेदक गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) :	No	Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :	Indian
Amount Paid (राशि का भुगतान) :	10 ) (original recipient)	Mode of Payment (भुगतान का प्रकार) :	Payment Gateway
Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person? (क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है?) :	No(Normal)	Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :	CPIO (TS-II)
Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी):	Status of action taken on Letter submitted by me to The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, dated 24th March 2021 on Manipulations by SAGI RAMAKRISHNAM RAJU (SRKR) Engineering College, Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh in National Institutional Ranking Frame Work NIRF under Engineering Category		
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**(2) Description of information required :**

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