

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY
(Under the Section 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005)

SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, BHOPAL

APPEAL NO.01 OF 2025 -26

No.SPAB/AA.01/Qtr.1/2025-26/ 70

Dated: 26.05.2025

Ms. Pratyosh Madhavi
AM 2002, Supertect Pavilion Noida
Sector 34 Gautam Buddha Nagar - 201307

Vs

Appellant

First Appellate Authority
School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal

Respondent

ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

Information sought by Ms. Pratyosh Madhavi from CPIO, SPA Bhopal under RTI Act, 2005:

Ms. Pratyosh Madhavi vide her application No.SPABH/R/E/25/00003, dated 10.04.2025 sought reply / information from CPIO, SPA Bhopal under RTI Act, 2005 for the following:

Question 1. A certified hard copy (scan or photocopy) of the final selection committee report signed by all committee members showing the evaluation and recommendation.

Question 2. My evaluation score and detailed remarks (if any) by each selection committee member.

Question 3. The complete selection criteria used in the interview.

Question 4. List of shortlisted and interviewed candidates (anonymized if required), with their scores.

Question 5. Justification provided by the committee for keeping the post vacant despite my eligibility.

Information/reply provided by CPIO, SPAB vide letter No.SPAB/CPIO/RTI/I Qtr./2025-26, dated 22.04.2025 is as under: -

Reply to question no.1: The Selection Committee Report cannot be provided as per section 8 (e) of the RTI Act, as disclosure of the report does not satisfy the larger public interest.




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Reply to question no.2: The evaluation score and detailed remarks of the selection committee members are not available and cannot be provided as per RTI Act.

Reply to question no.3: The selectin criteria was based on the performance in the presentation and interview.

Reply to question no.4: The list of Provisionally Shortlisted Candidates called for presentation and interview was published on institute website. The evaluation scores of the candidates are not available with the institute.

Reply to question no.5: Information sought does not come under purview of the section 2(f) of the RTI Act.

With reference to the information provided by the CPIO, Ms. Pratyoosh Madhavi in her appeal dated 27/04/2025 has made the first appeal to the First Appellate Authority under section 19(1) of RTI Act on the ground 'Refused access to Information Requested' and the text of First Appeal is –

Respected Sir/Madam, I, Dr. Pratyoosh Madhavi, had filed an RTI application dated 10/4/2025 seeking information regarding the selection process for the post of Associate Professor in Planning at your institute. The Public Information Officer (PIO) has denied the information citing that the information sought does not fall under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act. However, I respectfully submit that I am not seeking opinions or deliberations, but factual records that are held by the public authority, including: Signed evaluation sheets by the selection committee of the final selected candidate. Criteria adopted for selection of the final candidates. Marks/scores awarded to each candidate including the selected candidate. Specific reason for not filling the vacant seat under OBC Category. These records clearly fall under the definition of information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act. Moreover, the denial is not supported by any exemption listed under Section 8 or 9 of the Act. For your Reference to CIC Decisions: Multiple rulings of the Central Information Commission (CIC) have established that selection related records in public recruitment must be disclosed: 1) K. Gopalakrishnan vs. Indian Bank (CIC/SG/A/2010/002213): CIC held that interview marks and criteria adopted must be disclosed. Dr. Neeraj Bhargava vs. IGNOU (CIC/SG/A/2011/000945): CIC ruled that marks and the basis of selection are not personal and must be disclosed. 2) Pranesh vs. Indian Institute of Science (CIC/AD/A/2013/001326): CIC affirmed that selection committee reports and evaluations are disclosable. 3) Amandeep Singh vs. Guru Nanak Dev University (CIC/SA/A/2016/001173): CIC directed disclosure of interview process and evaluation criteria in faculty recruitment. These decisions reinforce that public interest in transparency outweighs any vague claims of confidentiality in public appointments. In light of the above, I request you to direct the PIO to furnish the requested information at the earliest.

An opportunity was provided to CPIO, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal for comments on the appeal. Views/comments of CPIO on the said appeal are as under:



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Comments of CPIO:

The RTI application filed by Ms. Pratyoosh Madhavi has been replied within the provisions of RTI Act. The selection for the said post happened based on the personal interaction of the candidate, and the decision was taken collectively by the selection committee. There are no records of individual evaluation scores and detailed remarks of the selection committee. However, applicant may visit the Institute for inspection of the Selection Committee Report and their remarks provided in the report. The applicant may visit the institute during office hours on working days with prior intimation to the Administration.

DECISION

Agreed with the comments of the CPIO. Office of the CPIO may communicate to the applicant to visit the Institute within a month from the date of issue of the communication.

Decision: Disposed of.

Second appeal can be filed before Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Kama Place, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.

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Place: Bhopal
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APPEAL NO.02 OF 2025-26

No.SPAB/AA.02/Qtr.3/2025-26/313

Dated : 13.11.2025

Ms. Priya Jain

Appellant

**B2-08, SPA Campus, Behind IISER Bhopal
Bypass Road, Bhauri, Bhopal-462030**

Vs

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School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal

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ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

Information sought by Ms. Priya Jain from CPIO, SPA Bhopal under RTI Act, 2005:

Ms. Priya Jain vide her application No.SPABH/R/E/25/00008, dated 16.09.2025 sought reply / information from CPIO, SPA Bhopal under RTI Act, 2005 for the following:

1. Provide the details with name including: Designation (e.g., Teacher, Clerk, Registrar).
I) Study Leave period (start and end dates). II) Brief description of study (e.g., PhD, Masters) held at SPA Bhopal of the all teaching staff (teachers/professors) and non-teaching staff granted Study Leave since 2008 and as on dated 16-Sep-25
2. Details of all teaching staff and non-teaching staff study leave permitted with pay or without pay in separate sheet. On the basis of which rules notified as per standing order of the Government of India for education Institute.
3. Institutions rules and policies for approving Study Leave:
Please provide a copy of relevant rules/manual /standing order of the Government of India for benefits of the employee for career progression where promotion policies for employee benefits is vacuum or NIL as in case of the Nursing staff posted at SPA Bhopal. This request is made under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Information/reply provided by CPIO, SPAB vide letter No.SPAB/CPIO/RTI-II Qtr./2025-26/29, dated 30.09.2025 is as under: -

Reply to question no.1: (I) & (II) The details of faculties and staff granted leave on study ground is attached on Annexure A along with their office order.



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Reply to question no.2: Please refer Annexure A. As per clause 34 of SPAs Statutes, Leave(s) are granted to the employee as per CCS (Leave) Rules, 1971. The SPAs Statutes is available on Institute website. In regard, Circular was issued with clarification, copy of which is enclosed as Annexure 'B'. DoPT website may be referred for CC (Leave) Rules.

Reply to question no.3: The information regarding rules and policies for approving Study Leave has already been provided in our reply to Question No.2. Career Progression Scheme for non-teaching staff (including Nursing Assistant), applicant may refer SPAs statutes available on institute website, according to which MACP is applicable.

With reference to the information provided by the CPIO, Ms. Priya Jain in her appeal No.SPABH/A/E/25/00002, dated 30/10/2025 has made the first appeal to the First Appellate Authority under section 19(1) of RTI Act on the ground 'Provided Incomplete, Misleading or False Information' and the text of First Appeal is –

Subject: First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 against unsatisfactory response to RTI Application No. SPABH/R/E/25/00008, Respected Sir/Madam, I, Priya Jain, had submitted an RTI application dated 16/09/2025 under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 to the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal, seeking information on Providing information on teaching and nonteaching staff who have availed Study Leave. The application was registered under RTI Application Number SPABH/R/E/25/00008. A reply was received on 30/09/2025. The response was inadequate and failed to address the specific queries raised in the original application. Grounds for Appeal: 1.The reply lacks clarity, incomplete information and specificity. 2.The information provided does not satisfactorily address the queries raised in the RTI application. Relief Sought: I request the First Appellate Authority to kindly provide a detailed, pointwise response to the original RTI queries, along with any supporting documents, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. 1.Requested details was from 2008 to September 2025, and CPIO given the details from 2014 onwards. Incomplete information was provided. 2.Incomplete information given as it is related with point number 1. 3.Response of point number 3 (Annexure B pdf) clearly shows the rules for faculties only, nowhere it is mentioned for nonteaching staff. Moreover, Clause 34 of the CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972 pertains to the Status ((e.g., gazetted/nongazetted, permanent/temporary) of a government servant while on leave. It clarifies that a government servant continues to retain their official status during the period of sanctioned leave.

An opportunity was provided to CPIO, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal for comments on the appeal. Views/comments of CPIO on the said appeal are as under:




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Comments of CPIO:

1. The records available on grant of leave on study grounds have been provided to the applicant.
2. The CCS Leave Rules are issued/notified by DoPT, Govt. of India. As per Clause 34 of the SPA Statutes, CCS Leave Rules are applicable to the School of Planning and Architecture.

DECISION

Agreed with the comments of the CPIO.

Decision: Disposed of.

Second appeal can be filed before Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Kama Place, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.

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SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, BHOPAL

APPEAL NO.03 OF 2025-26

No.SPAB/AA.03/Qtr.3/2025-26/314

Dated: 13.11.2025

Mr. Santosh Kumar Singh
C/o Shubham Kumar, Ward No.31, Suryapath,
Chandmari Road, Patna – 800020.

Vs

Appellant

First Appellate Authority
School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal

Respondent

ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

Information sought by Mr. Santosh Kumar Singh from CPIO, SPA Bhopal under RTI Act, 2005:

Mr. Santosh Kumar Singh vide his application No.SPABH/R/T/25/00053, dated 09.10.2025 sought reply / information from CPIO, SPA Bhopal under RTI Act, 2005 for the following:

I, Santosh Kumar Singh, an Ex-Serviceman presently employed as a Security Guard, am filing this RTI application under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The purpose of this application is to obtain information on the recruitment, wage compliance, and statutory contributions relating to Ex-Servicemen Security Guards deployed in various Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) across India. This information is being sought in view of concerns that certain institutions, including NIT Patna, neither adhered to prescribed guidelines under the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Army Welfare Placement Organisation (AWPO), and Sainik Kalyan Board nor paid EPF & other allowance, as well as the Office Memoranda of the Ministry of Defence regarding minimum wages and statutory benefits. Accordingly, kindly provide the following information for the period 2013 to 2025: Kindly provide the following information:

1. List of HEIs where ExSM Security Guards were or are employed through DGR AWPO or Sainik Kalyan Board
2. Whether such HEIs adhered to Office Memorandum No 28(3)/2012-D RES-(I) dated 09.07.2012 and amendment dated 16.01.2013 onwards




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3. Institution wise details of Revision of Minimum Wages Basic plus VDA for one day and one month for security guards with arms and without arms from 2013 to 2025

4. Institution wise details of remittances for the period 2013-2025:

- (i) ESIC contribution percentage and amount one day and one month
- (ii) EPF contribution percentage and amount one day and one month
- (iii) EDLI contribution percentage and amount one day and one month
- (iv) Administrative Charges EPF plus EDLI percentage and amount one day and one month
- (v) House Rent Allowance percentage and amount one day and one month
- (vi) Bonus percentage and amount one day and one month
- (vii) Uniform Outfit Allowance percentage and amount one day and one month
- (viii) Uniform Washing Allowance percentage and amount one day and one month

5. Institution wise breakup of Consolidated Gross and Net Salary for one day and one month for security guards with arms and without arms from 2013 to 2025

6. Action taken by Department of Higher Education or other authority against HEIs for non compliance of DGR AWPO or Sainik Kalyan Board guidelines regarding Minimum Wages and statutory benefits

Information/reply provided by CPIO, SPAB vide letter No.SPAB/CPIO/RTI-III Qtr./2025-26/05, dated 31.10.2025 is as under: -

Reply 1: The information sought is not related to SPA, Bhopal. However, it is informed that for the period from 01.10.2020 to 30.09.2022, security personnel at SPA, Bhopal were engaged through Madhya Pradesh Bhoot Poorva Sainik Kalayan Samiti.

Reply 3, 4 & 5: The required information is available in various documents, bills, and payment vouchers. As per the Section 2(J)(I) of RTI Act, 2025 the applicant may visit the Institute, with prior permission of the CPIO, during working day/hour, to inspect the relevant record.

Reply 6: The Information Sought is not related to SPA Bhopal.

With reference to the information provided by the CPIO, Mr. Santosh Kumar Singh in his appeal No.SPABH/A/E/25/0003, dated 31/10/2025 has made the first appeal to the First Appellate Authority under section 19(1) of RTI Act on the ground 'Provided Incomplete, Misleading or False Information' and the text of First Appeal is –

Compelling me to visit physically before your office is deliberate attempt to disobey RTI Act 2005. Your CPIO is corrupt and denied information with vague reasons. 2. Whether such HEIs adhered to Office Memorandum No 28(3)/2012D RES(I) dated 09.07.2012 and amendment dated 16.01.2013 onwards 3. Institution wise details of Revision of Minimum



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Wages Basic plus VDA for one day and one month for security guards with arms and without arms from 2013 to 2025. Institution wise details of remittances for the period 2013 to 2025 : (i) ESIC contribution percentage and amount one day and one month (ii) EPF contribution percentage and amount one day and one month (iii) EDLI contribution percentage and amount one day and one month (iv) Administrative Charges EPF plus EDLI percentage and amount one day and one month (v) House Rent Allowance percentage and amount one day and one month (vi) Bonus percentage and amount one day and one month (vii) Uniform Outfit Allowance percentage and amount one day and one month (viii) Uniform Washing Allowance percentage and amount one day and one month. 5. Institution wise breakup of Consolidated Gross and Net Salary for one day and one month for security guards with arms and without arms from 2013 to 2025. 6. Action taken by Department of Higher Education or other authority against HEIs for non compliance of DGR AWPO or Sainik Kalyan Board guidelines regarding Minimum Wages and statutory benefits

An opportunity was provided to CPIO, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal for comments on the appeal. Views/comments of CPIO on the said appeal are as under:

Comments of CPIO:

1. The reply furnished vide reply letter dated 31.10.2025 for the questions (1) & (2) of the RTI application is correct as per the RTI Act.
2. For the questions (3), (4) & (5) of the RTI application, the applicant was advised to visit the Institute to inspect the relevant record. The applicant has not turned up. However, copy of one relevant bill during the period from 01.10.2020 to 30.9.2022 is attached herewith, to obtain the requisite information.
3. The information sought under question (6) is not related to SPA Bhopal.

DECISION

Agreed with the comments of the CPIO.

Decision: Disposed of.

Second appeal can be filed before Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Kama Place, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.

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Encl.: a/a

Place: Bhopal
Date: 13.11.2025



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