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No.FTII/RTI/FAA/06/2021

Date : 02.07.2021

IN THE MATTER OF : I.D. NO.60  
FATIP/A/E/21/00010

Shri Indranil Bhattacharya      Appellant

V/s

PIO/Admin Officer  
FTII, Pune

Respondent

**ORDER**

Date of RTI Application      - 12.04.2021  
Date of RTI Reply            - 11.05.2021  
Date of RTI Appeal            - 01.06.2021

1. This order shall dispose off the appeal filed by Shri Indranil Bhattacharya in respect of ID No.60.
2. The appellant in his Original RTI application dated 12.04.2021 had sought various documents/information as at serial No.1 to 6 of his Application. The PIO sent a reply through his letter dated 11.05.2021. Out of all documents requisitioned and supplied as at serial No.1 to 6, the Appellant has made an appeal (First Appeal) disputing on the document at serial No.1 only i.e. supply of copies of approved minutes of all meetings held about administrative issues of Film and television Institute of India, Pune, attended by Joint Secretary (Films) Smt. TCA Kalyani or her nominee, Secretary Films, Shri Amit Khare or nominee, incumbent ASFA or his nominees.
3. The PIO had mentioned in his reply dated 11.05.2021 quoting the provisions of Manual of FTII that the minutes of various meetings of the Boards, Councils and Committees of FTII are not relevant to the public, as the meetings organized by the FTII Society are for smooth functioning of the Institute and on this ground, the PIO had denied the requisitioned document(s).
4. The Appellant has made the present appeal disputing on the reply given by the PIO in respect of information as in serial no. 1 pertaining to minutes of various meetings attended by the representatives of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (i.e. Secretary, Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser etc.) alleging that the information has been denied in complete disregard and utter and brazen violation of the RTI Act as mentioned by the appellant.

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5. The appellant also contends that the information provided by the PIO is bewildering and, prima facie, it seems that there is an attempt to either conceal the relevant GC minutes or delay its dissemination. He also urged to pass a speaking order on the appeal as per the provisions of the RTI Act and impose exemplary penalty on the PIO for persistent violation of the RTI Act.
6. I have examined the case thoroughly and found that the Manual of the Film and Television Institute of India Society stipulates that the minutes of various meetings of the Boards, Councils and Committees of FTII are not relevant to the public, as rightly mentioned by the PIO in his reply to the RTI application, while denying the documents.
7. In view of the above, the decision taken by the PIO on this matter is hereby upheld by the undersigned.

The appeal is therefore disposed off accordingly.

If the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided, he may file an appeal before **Central Information Commission, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi – 110 066** within the stipulated time.

  
(Sayyid Rabeehashmi)  
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