

RTI REQUEST DETAILS

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Amount Paid : 10)	Mode of Payment : Payment Gateway
Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? : No(Normal)	Request Pertains to : P. Jeya Pazham
Information Sought :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When was the ICWA library renovation project started? 2. Initially, what was the date of completion of the ICWA library renovation project? 3. What was the projected expenditure on library renovation? 4. Is the estimate of renovation changing? How many changed and how many times changed, all the information may kindly provide. 5. During renovation, any worker died, if yes, any compensation was paid to the deceased family. 6. Who has completed the library renovation project? If the project is completed by the CPWD, then the CPWD must be awarded to some other contractor/ agency. Please kindly provide information about the contractor/ agency that works for the ICWA library contractor/ agency under the supervision of CPWD. If there is more than one contractor/ agency involved in the renovation of the ICWA Library, kindly provide details about the agencies. 7. If the one job like library renovation work is done by many contractors/ agencies, kindly provide the details. 8. If any contractor/ agency contract was terminated by the agency himself or by CPWD, kindly provide the details. 9. In library renovation, any court case is running, and any contractor may file a lawsuit against ICWA or CPWD for library renovation work, financial payment, or any other reason, kindly provide the details. 10. What was the status of all the court cases? 11. If any amount was paid after the court case verdicts, kindly inform us, if any settlement has been reached, kindly inform us, or kindly provide any other information about the court case. 12. The work of library renovation is complete, if yes, kindly provide the date of completion. 13. The newly opened library will be inaugurated by a VIP, please provide the date of inauguration. 14. The work completion certificate and utilisation certificate for library renovation have been received, a copy may be kindly provided.
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October 9, 2023

Shri Ravinder Singh Payal,
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Subject : **RTI Request Registration No.MEAWA/R/E/23/00025 dated 10.9.2023**

Please refer to your RTI Request Registration No.MEAWA/R/E/23/00025 dated 10.9.2023.

2. Point-wise response is as under:

1. ICWA Library renovation project started in March, 2015.
 2. Project was to be completed in 9 months as per CPWD's estimate.
 3. Projected expenditure on library renovation and other civil works was Rupees.7,32,00,000 plus 3.12% consultancy fees.
 4. Estimate on library renovation and other civil works changed once to Rupees.8,10,44,984.
 5. No such information exists on record of ICWA.
 6. CPWD completed the renovation project. Other information sought does not exist on record of ICWA.
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 12. Work was completed in January, 2023.
 13. Renovated library has already been inaugurated on 13.09.2023 by Hon'ble Vice President of India.
 14. Work Completion Certificate and Utilization Certificate are yet to be received.
3. Since you are aware that certain query-numbers (6) to (11) and (14) relate to CPWD, you are free to file RTI application directly with CPWD.
4. It is observed that you are in habit of frequent filing of RTI applications with ICWA with so many queries and sub-queries. Already eight of your RTI applications have been disposed of

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by ICWA till 25.09.2023 having as many as 53 questions and 86 sub-questions for which ICWA even having also provided 1164 copied pages of documents. Such a tendency that too by a former employee has been held misused by Delhi High Court in several of its verdicts, some of which are listed as hereunder:

- Verdict dated 08.10.2015 (WPC 7911/2015) in the matter "Rajni Maindiratta versus PIO, Director of Education (North-West B)"
- Verdict dated 05.02.2014 (WPC 845/2014) in the matter "Shail Sahni versus Sanjeev Kumar and others"
- Verdict dated 19.01.2016 (WPC 406/2016) in the matter "Shail Sahni versus Smt Valsa Sara Mathew and others"

5. Otherwise also handling such regular RTI applications requiring voluminous information disproportionately diversifies resources of ICWA. Reference in this context is invited to para 37 of Supreme Court verdict dated 09.08.2011 in the matter "*Central Board of secondary Education versus Aditya Banopadhyaya and others*" (Civil Appeal number 6454 of 2011). Relevant extracts of para 37 of the said Supreme Court verdict are reproduced as hereunder:

"...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 counter-productive 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, tranquility 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 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 a public authorities prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties."

6. Your attention is also invited to CIC decision dated 25.6.2014 in the matter of Ramesh Chand Jain vs Delhi Transport Corporation (CIC/AD/A/2013/001326-SA) regarding filing of repeated RTI requests.

7. If you are not satisfied with this response, you may if so desire, file First Appeal under Section-19(1) of RTI Act within 30 days of receipt of this response with the following:

**Shri Soumen Bagchi, Deputy Director General,
ICWA, Sapru House, Barakhamba Road,
New Delhi-110001.**

P. Jeya Pazham
(P. Jeya Pazham)
Under Secretary & CPIO