

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

OFFICE ORDER

No. HE-OE-RTI-0001-2019

23 553 /HE, Dated 6/11/19

In pursuance of Sub Section-(1) of Section - 5 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 read with Rule-3 of the Right to Information Rules, 2005, the Officers including Joint Secretary / Deputy Secretary / Under Secretary / Deputy Director / Assistant Director of the integrated Higher Education Department are hereby designated as Public Information Officers of their respective Administrative Sections in order to deal with RTI matters. The Desk Officers / Section Officers of the concerned Administrative Sections will act as designated APIO in order to deal with RTI matters until further orders in case of absence of above designated PIOs.

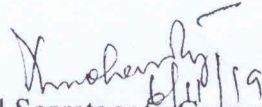
2. The RTI Cell will act as a nodal point for all RTI implementation issues within the Department. The Cell will be a single reference point to receive applications, appeals, complaints and decisions of the Odisha State Information Commission. The Cell will segregate applications and appeals pertaining to different Administrative sections and forward the same to the concerned PIOs without delay so that they can act within the time specified in the Act. The Cell will transfer applications not pertaining to this Department to the concerned public authority. The cell shall maintain lists of PIOs, 1st Appellate Authority and link officers.

4. Complaint cases, 1st and 2nd appeals received in this Department shall be submitted to the concerned PIOs and the designated PIOs will appear before the Appellate Authority/ Commission in person to file show cause/ affidavit. But, in absence of PIO of any Administrative Section, Nodal PIO will appear before 1st Appellate Authority / Odisha State Information Commission as the case may be, while notice has been received from the concerned authority for appearance/hearing.

5. All concerned are requested to provide necessary co-operation to RTI Cell for discharging its functions.

6. This order supersedes all previous orders issued in this regard and comes into force with immediate effect.

By order of Commissioner-cum-Secretary


Additional Secretary to Government

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