

**F.No.23 - 259 / 2010 - TS.III**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of Higher Education

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New Delhi, dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011

To

*27<sup>th</sup> July, 2011*

Shri Rajendra Lingam,

**Subject : Information sought by Shri Rajendra Lingam,  
Hyderabad under RTI Act, 2005 - seeking  
information related to the appointment of Directors of NITs.**

Sir,

I am to refer to your RTI application dated 25.05.2011 seeking information from this Ministry under the Right To Information Act, 2005. Your RTI application dated 25.05.2011 was received by the undersigned CPIO on 31.05.2011.

2. The point-wise replies to your queries are as under:-

**(i) Provide copies of all applications received for the post of Directors for various NITs through advertisement No.F.25-4/2010-TS.III dated 04.09.2010.**

In response to the advertisement dated 04.09.2010, a total number of 147 applications were received and out of them, some are too bulky. These documents form third party information involving 147 persons. Moreover, due to tremendous pressure of work, it has not been possible for the NIT Division to contact all these persons to seek their opinion for furnishing copies of their personal details / applications to you. Anyway, the data - sheet (which consists of 168 pages) prepared on the basis of the details/ information furnished by the applicants is being furnished to you free of cost.

**(ii) Provide copies of list of names received under nomination and criteria for their selection to interview process and also the names of people who have nominated them.**

The list of names received under nomination for the post of Director and the names of the people who have nominated them is indicated in the data-sheet furnished under para 2(i) above as desired by you.

**(iii) Provide the list of selection committee members with their respective qualifications and experience who recommended selected candidates to the competent authority.**

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As per provisions under the NIT Act, 2007, the Selection Committee with the following experts got approved by the Hon'ble Visitor [i.e. The President of India] for making recommendations for the post of Director in 13 NITs. As far as furnishing the information with regard to educational qualification and experiences of the Selection Committee experts, the undersigned CPIO does not hold any information. However, the same may please be accessed from the links indicated against their names:

S.No.	Name of the Experts	Particulars
1.	Prof. U. R. Rao, Former Chairman ISRO and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Physical Research Laboratory at Ahmedabad	Information about educational qualifications and experiences can be obtained from:- <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Udipi_Ramachandra_Rao">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Udipi_Ramachandra_Rao</a>
2.	Prof. M.S. Ananth, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.	Information about educational qualifications and experiences can be obtained from:- <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M._S._Ananth">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M._S._Ananth</a>
3.	Prof. Ashok Misra, Chairman of Intellectual Ventures India, Bangalore and former Director, IIT - Bombay	Information about educational qualifications and experiences may be obtained from:- <a href="http://www.nituniversity.in/professors/prof-ashok-misra/">http://www.nituniversity.in/professors/prof-ashok-misra/</a>
4.	Prof. K.N. Ganesh, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune.	Information about educational qualifications and experiences may be obtained from:- <a href="http://www.iiserpune.ac.in/~kn.ganesh/">http://www.iiserpune.ac.in/~kn.ganesh/</a>
5.	Prof. N. Sathyamurthy, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Mohali.	Information about educational qualifications and experiences may be obtained from:- <a href="http://www.iitk.ac.in/chm/nsath.html">http://www.iitk.ac.in/chm/nsath.html</a>

- (iv) Provide copies of final evaluation sheets used for marking all the interviewed candidates based on which the selections are made.
- (v) Provide copies of all evaluation sheets used for marking all the candidates pre interview to select candidates for interview.

The Selection Committee has not shared any evaluation sheet(s) including the final evaluation sheet with this Ministry.

- (vi) Provide list of criteria used to shortlist candidates for interviews.

In addition to the published criteria, the Committee shortlisted the candidates taking into account the following additional criteria:

- (i) Maximum age limit of 60 years.
- (ii) 10 year's experience at the level of Professor or equivalent.
- (iii) Ph.D. guidance (completed) atleast 03 (Three).
- (iv) A minimum of 18 Publications in Peer Reviewed National and International Journals.

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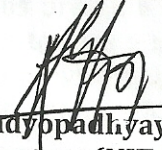
The Committee shortlisted a total number of 46 applicants in the first round of screening and decided to meet once again in order to ensure that every eligible candidate shall be called for personal discussions with the Selection Committee. Accordingly, the second meeting was fixed on 07.02.2011 at ISRO (HQ), Bangalore. The Committee also decided to relax the upper age limit condition (i.e. not more than 60 years) only in case of the eligible candidates who have recently completed their tenure as Directors of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs).

- (vii) **Provide copies of minutes of all meetings of the selection committee.**
- (viii) **Provide copy of the complete file with notings related to this selection process and provide a copy of the documents sent to the President of India for approval.**
- (ix) **Provide copy of orders issued to the selected candidates and their responses to the Ministry or selection committee.**

The Selection Committee was constituted for making recommendations to the post of Director, one each, in 13 NITs. Out of the 13 posts of Director, initially a proposal after completing all formalities in respect of 10 NITs was sent to Hon'ble Visitor. After obtaining the approval of the Hon'ble Visitor towards the recommendations of the Selection Committee, Directors at 08 NITs have accepted and joined the posts of Directors. One more Director is to join his position shortly. In respect of the remaining NITs, this Ministry after completing other formalities would send the proposal for kind approval of Hon'ble Visitor. Therefore, the information on the above point cannot be provided at this stage as the process of selection of Directors of the remaining four NITs is not yet completed.

3. In case you are not satisfied, you may prefer an appeal to Shri Ashok Thakur, Special Secretary (TE) & Appellate Authority (NITs), Ministry of HRD, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 115.

Yours faithfully,



**[R.K. Bandyopadhyay]**  
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Encls.: as above.