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Subject: Fee regarding Third Party Transparency Audit under the RTI Act, 2005.

Reference: The e-mail received from the Ministry dated 1st March 21 suggesting to exempt charging any fee from Ministry of I&B for conducting Transparency Audit this year also.

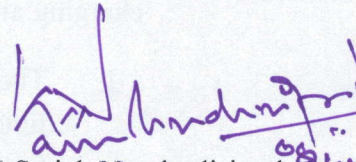
1. The RTI Act, 2005 was enacted with the aim to promote transparency audit in the functioning of the administration. The Act empowers Indian citizen to seek information from Public Authorities.
2. The Act mandates the Third party Transparency Audit of Proactive disclosure under section 4(1) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005 which is to be carried out by the training institute under the ministry vide DoPT O.M No. 1/34/2013-IR dated 15.10.2019.
3. In the case of the Ministry of Information & broadcasting there are Four training Institute & including 23 public Authorities for whom transparency audit is to be done.
 - i. Indian Institute of Mass Communication
 - ii. Satyajit Ray Film & television Institute
 - iii. National Academy of Broadcasting & Multimedia
 - iv. Film & Television Institute of India

Only IIMC is approached consecutively for two years for doing the Transparency Audit in respect of 21 Public Authorities of the Ministry of I&B. IIMC has engaged resources specifically for this task.

4. Apart from this, IIMC is getting requests from other public authorities also, and during 2019-20 IIMC did the Transparency Audit for 10 Public Authorities other than our own Ministry
5. The process of Transparency Audit involves man power; it is a voluminous, crucial & time-bound task. Accordingly, IIMC is charging Rs.50, 000/- so as to generate resources which are required to be done by it under the internal resource generation obligations arrived at with the parent ministry.
6. It is also pertinent to intimate that institutes like ISTM and IIPA also charge Transparency Audit fee @ Rs 175,000/- and Rs. 4, 00,000/- respectively. It has also been observed that every training institute empanelled in the CIC is charging some fee

in this regard. The Transparency Audit fee charged by the IIMC is very nominal and justified in comparison to the other training institutes.

7. In the light of above, the proposal made for charging Transparency Audit fee from various institutions under the Ministry of I&B (parent offices) may be concurred with, so that a uniform policy can be framed as IIMC has been processing requests/proposals from other Public authorities as well, as intimated above. Further, this will also help IIMC to generate revenue as mandated.
8. This issue with the approval of competent authority.



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