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File No. MoES/29/122/2013-RTI  
Government of India  
Ministry of Earth Sciences

Prithvi Bhawan, IMD Campus,  
Lodhi Road, New Delhi.  
Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013.

To

Dr. S. Kathirolu, Sc 'G'  
Room No. 310, MoES,  
New Delhi .

Subject:-Information sought by Dr. S. Kathirolu, Sc 'G' Room No. 310, MoES, New Delhi under RTI Act. 2005.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your RTI an application dated 25/10/2013 (received on 30/10/2013) on the above mentioned subject.

2. The reply provided by the concerned officer vide F. No. MoES/Adv(SKD)/Misc(RTI)/2013 dated 29/11/2013 of Ministry Earths Sciences, New Delhi is enclosed for necessary action.

3. An appeal, if any, against this reply may be made to the Appellate Authority of the Ministry, at the following address within 30 days of the receipt of the letter i.e. Shri A. K. Madan, Deputy Secretary (Vig.ICC), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Prithvi Bhawan, IMD Campus, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

Encl. As above.

Yours faithfully,



(B. K. Thakur)

Central Public Information Officer & Scientist 'C'  
Tel. No. 24669535.

Copy for information to:-

1. D.S (Vig./ICC), MoES, New Delhi.
2. Dr. M. Sudhakar, Transparency Officer, MoES, New Delhi.
3. PPS to JS, MoES, New Delhi.
4. In Charge IT Section (Sh. Krishnan is requested to upload this reply on website [www.moes.gov.in](http://www.moes.gov.in)).

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Delhi Under RTI Act, 2005

Enclosed herewith the requisite information with reference to  
O.M. No.MoES/29/122/2013-RTI dated 30<sup>th</sup> October in respect of various  
issues raised by Dr. S. Kathirolu, Sct-G, MoES.



( S.K. Das )  
Adviser  
29.11.13

Shri B. K. Thakur,  
CPIO, MoES

**Reply in respect of information sought by Dr. S. Kathirolu, Sct-G**

1. Information is 'Nil'. As NIOT, Chennai has not made any payment during the period 2009-2013 towards expenses incurred by Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) for activities for which MoES was liable to make payments. Expenditure incurred on activities in which NIOT, Chennai was involved and was, therefore, liable to bear the relevant expenditure have been paid by NIOT and the relevant bills pertaining thereto have been forwarded as received in the office of MoES to NIOT for payment since 2005-06 onwards covering the periods when Dr. S. Kathirolu was Director up to 2009 and during the period since then till date.
2. There is no recommendation by either Dr. S.K. Das, Adviser or other MoES Officers authorizing/approving payment by NIOT, if any, bill that was liable to be paid by MoES. As stated in reply at S.No.1 above, only bills relating to activities in which NIOT was involved and was accordingly liable to bear the relative expenditure have been forwarded by the Protocol Officer for payment by NIOT.
3. The mere forwarding of bills to NIOT for payment for activities in which NIOT was involved and liable to pay does not require approval by IFD, MoES who are required to approve only payments to be made by MoES itself, for payments beyond powers delegated to Head of Office. Hence, authentication by IFD, MoES was neither necessary nor available.
4. Payments by NIOT are done by NIOT within the powers delegated to the institution. Officers of MoES neither have any role nor do they enjoy any delegated powers to approve payments to be made by NIOT for activities for which NIOT is liable to make payments.

5. There is no noting of any kind by Vigilance Machinery of MoES relating to "Dr. Das recommending payments for various bills by NIOT". Since – as stated in reply to S.No.2 above – Dr. Das, Adviser, MoES has not authorized/approved any payment by NIOT in respect of any expenditure incurred by MoES for which MoES was liable to make the payment.

6. As stated in reply to the preceding points, NIOT has not been asked to make payments towards expenses incurred by MoES for which MoES was liable to make the payment. Hence, neither such approval was required to be given nor such approval given to NIOT to make payments towards expenditure that MoES was liable to pay.