

Summary of ONLINE RTI applications and appeals received and their response

2022-23
4th Quarter

Sr. No.	Registration No.	Received Date	Current Status	Text of RTI Request	Text of RTI Reply
1	ISERK/R/E/23/00001	02-01-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	<p>1. Kindly state whether IISER–Kolkata has access to the purported suicide note (or a copy thereof) of . If yes, kindly provide a copy of the same.</p> <p>2. Kindly inform whether the institute received any comments, feedback, or suggestions from any person (whether associated with the institute or not), regarding the issues of mental health of Ph.D. students and bullying/harassment by supervisors, after the tragic demise of . If yes, kindly share a copy of all such comments, feedback, and suggestions. Kindly further provide the institute’s responses to such comments, feedback, and suggestions.</p> <p>3. Kindly provide a copy of all communication between IISER–Kolkata and the State Police regd. the tragic demise of .</p> <p>4. Kindly inform whether the inquiry/ investigation of the committee into the conduct of is complete as on today’s date or not. If yes, kindly inform whether family was heard by the committee or not.</p> <p>5. Kindly inform whether family made a formal complaint to the institute or not. If yes, kindly inform the date on which complaint was received by the institute, and provide a copy of the same.</p>	<p>1. No, the same was seized by the police officers.</p> <p>2. The then Director, Prof. Sourav Pal received some feedback on the said issue. Since, the information was received by him in his fiduciary relationship, the same is not disclosed. However, several policies were taken by the Students and Academic sections, as well as the departments, to bolster the structure of the PhD program, and create several checkpoints for identification of research getting hampered. The policy made by Department of Physical Sciences has been shared earlier and available with the institute.</p> <p>3. The matter is subjudice, hence the same is not shared.</p> <p>4. The inquiry / investigation of the internal committee into the conduct of is complete as on today.</p> <p>family was not heard by the committee.</p> <p>5. Yes, family made a formal complaint to the Institute. The matter is subjudice, hence the same is not shared.</p>
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2	ISERK/R/E/23/00002	02-01-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	<p>1. Kindly provide the details of such training programs and workshops conducted by the institute in the last three years. Please include the dates of the programs, and the names of the trainers/speakers.</p> <p>2. Kindly inform whether the reports for each of the last five years has been submitted by the institute to UGC or not, and provide the dates of such submissions (for each year separately).</p> <p>3. Kindly (a) inform the number of such reviews undertaken by the institute in the last three years, and (b) provide a copy of the reports and findings of such reviews.</p> <p>4. Kindly inform whether the student members of the ICC have been elected by a democratic process or have been nominated.</p> <p>5. Kindly inform the</p> <p>(a) Number of complaints of sexual harassment received by the ICC during the years 2017-2022,</p> <p>(b) number of such complaints, out of those in 5(a) above, in which investigation was/has been initiated,</p> <p>(c) number of such complaints, out of those in 5(b) above, in which the investigation has been completed,</p> <p>(d) number of complaints, out of those in 5(c) above, in which the accused was found guilty (on at least one count/charge/allegation in the complaint), and (e) number of cases, out of those in 5(d) above, in which some penalty or punishment was imposed (please exclude cases where a mere warning</p>	<p>1. From Jan 2020 to till date, ICC conducted two Awareness Programmes on 28 Jan 2021 and 25 Nov. 2022 respectively. 28 Jan 2021: Speaker: Dr. 25 Nov 2022: Speaker: Dr. ICC Members of the Institute have also attended two training programmes during the tenure: i. Webinar/Online training on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 by National Productivity Council from 21/12/2021 to 22/12/2021. ii. An open orientation workshop for IC Members by SASHA, NGO Member of IISER Kolkata: 1 December 2021.</p> <p>2. IISER Kolkata is not under UGC, so the reports have not been submitted to the UGC but reports have been submitted to the Ministry of Education from time to time and whenever enquired.</p> <p>3. No such formal review has been conducted but the Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act 2013 is being followed.</p> <p>4. Student members are nominated by Students Affairs Council (SAC) which is a elected body.</p> <p>5. (a). The no. of cases reported to ICC during 2017-22 are as follows: 2017: 3 2018: 2 2019: 3 2020: 0 2021: 4 2022: 1 Total : 13 (b). 13 (c). 12 (One case was withdrawn by the complainant) (d). 9 (e). 6</p> <p>6. (a). 3 (b). 3 (c). 3 (d). 1 (e). 1 7. Nil</p>
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3	ISERK/R/E/23/00003	04-01-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	<p>1. As gathered from the website of IISER Kolkata, "Select List" for the post of Assistant Registrar (AR) for the year 2018 has not been published. However, from the website of IISER Kolkata it is gathered that one candidate Shri _____ has joined the post of Assistant Registrar. His Date of joining and category (UR, SC, ST, OBC etc.) kindly be provided;</p> <p>2. Reference is invited to the following orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court: -</p> <p>a) After the selection process is complete, a merit list (also known as Select List) has to be prepared. [Ref:State of Bihar vs. Kaushal Kishor Singh (1998) 9 SCC 104:AIR 1997 SC 2643]; b) When selection list is not published recruitment process is not complete. Applicants do not have a vested right to claim appointment. [Ref:- State of AP vs. D Dastagiri's 2003(5) SCC 373: AIR 2003 SC 2475]; c) Even if the selection process is completed, granting appointment is impermissible where there is no select list. [Ref:- State of MP vs. Sanjay Kumar Pathak, (2008) 1 SCC 456]; d) If appointment is made without preparing a select list then the same will be arbitrary and illegal. [Ref:- State of Bihar vs. Kumar Pramod Narain Singh, JT 1997(5) SC 667: (1997) 5 SCC 298: 1997(4)]; In reference to the above, it is requested to furnish copy of the "document/ Note sheet" where approval has been granted along with details of the Approving Authority, like Name, Designation, etc., who permitted to violate the above provision and to allow one candidate to join the above referred post without publication/notifying</p>	<p>1. Date of Joining is 22.08.2022(FN) and selected against UR vacancy. 2. There is no such instances of violations of Recruitment rules with regard to recruitment of Assistant Registrar for the year 2018 issued vide advertisement Advt. No. IISER-K/Rectt. NT-01/2018/Admn., dated 25.05.2018. 3. As per the instructions of Competent Authority the appointment of candidate against one vacancy is completed and appointment against second vacancy is under process. 4. Information requested pertains to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual, hence it is rejected under Sec. 8(1)(J) of RTI Act-2005. 5. Information requested pertains to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual, hence it is rejected under Sec. 8(1)(J) of RTI Act-2005. 6. Recruitment process is conducted by the IISER Kolkata as per the provisions of the Institute. 7. Candidates were shortlisted based on the essential eligibility criteria and then shortlisted for interview based on the marks obtained in the written test.</p>
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“Select List”.

3. Name, Designation and present employer of those candidates whose name/s is/are included in the “Select List (if any)”, but not yet published/notified; 4. With reference to Point No. (3) above, copies of Application Forms for the post of AR (2018) (in r/o the applicant/s who has/have been selected but not yet notified/published) may be furnished; 5. With reference to Point No. (3), copies of the Marksheets/Certificate, determining the essential educational criteria for the post of AR (2018), i.e. ‘Master Degree’ or equivalent, may be furnished. 6. The Name, Designation of the Recruiting Officer or equivalent who is/was responsible for the above referred Recruitment process along with years of experience in handling recruitment processes of similar kind, with name/s of such recruitment process and year of commencement; 7. With reference to Advertisement No. IISER-K/Rectt. NT-01/2018/ Admin. date: 25.05.2018, for the post of AR (2018), kindly provide the number of candidates who have been shortlisted on the basis of experience as detailed under “Desirable Clause:- Experience in handling computerized administration / legal / financial / establishment matters.”

4	ISERK/R/E/23/00004	08-01-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	I have done teaching assistantships for the course PH2203 in the Spring Semester of 2022 for the Department of Physics IISER Kolkata. There is a quid pro quo provision for monetary benefits for MS students. However, I have been informed that my name is not on the list of the TAs that the academic office has achieved. been around three months, and I did not receive any payment. I have tried to enquire about the same from my department. I have mailed them to rectify this multiple times but there is no substantial reply from the concerned authorities. I have attached the relevant mail from the Head of the Department of Physics which substantiate of my point being the TA of the course. Can you please tell me if my name is being put on the list or not? And when should I expect the payment for my TAship?	was assigned to the course PH2203 at the beginning of January 2022. After that, a call was sent to all MS and RS students to fill out a google form giving details of the course they worked for and their bank details. Out of 54 students, only 45 responded and their claim was processed. Mr. Ankit Anand never gave his details. This led to situations such as his friends getting paid while he did not. The said google form was closed by early September 2022. In short, Ankits name was not there in the list of people to be paid because he never filled out the required form.
			(As On 01/02/2023)		
5	ISERK/R/E/23/00005	12-01-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	Sir please give the right answer below the given option Q1. A point on the principal axis which is equidistant from the curved surface of a spherical mirror is- (a) infinity (b) centre of curvature (c) principal focus (d) pole	Your application was forwarded to the Head, Dept. of Physical Sciences of IISER Kolkata and the reply received from the concerned dept. is (b) centre of curvature.
			(As On 31/01/2023)		
6	ISERK/R/E/23/00006	17-01-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	Dear Sir/Madam, I want to know when the exam will be conducted? For the post of Junior Assistant as far the Advt.No- IISER-K/Rectt. NT-01/2022/Admn. What is the number of candidates have applied for the post of junior assistant category wise?	The selection process for the post of Junior Assistant has been kept in abeyance till further instruction.
			(As On 31/01/2023)		

7	ISERK/R/E/23/00007	27-01-2023	<p>REQUEST DISPOSED OF</p> <p>(As On 22/02/2023)</p>	<p>Respected sir I have applied for Junior Assistant Multi Skill whose Advertisement Notice Number is IISER K Rectt NT 01 2018 Admn my Application number is NF3503 and Date of Birth is 30 May 1992 I have been selected for the online screening test held on 7th November 2021 which was informed by mail and i was appeared for the test and it was conducted successfully The result of that exam was announced on the Official Website of IISER KOLKATA i was pretty sure about my passing result but unfortunately i was not selected for the next stage exam Respected sir please provide the following details about this exam 1 Provide my Score Marks that i obtained in that exam 2 Please provide my Exam response Answer Sheet with Question Paper</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 16. 2. Copy enclosed at Annexure-A. The question paper and answer keys to the questions are available on the Institute website under Recruitment.
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8	ISERK/R/E/23/00008	05-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	Pls go through my hand written application and provide information.	1.Total Sanctioned Posts (Designation wise) of non teaching Category as on 31.01.2023 is attached at Annexure I. 2.Total in service positions (Designation wise) as on 31.01.2023 under non-teaching category is attached at Annexure II. 3.Total vacant positions (Designation wise) as on 31.01.2023 under non-teaching category is attached at Annexure III. 4.Teaching: IISER Kolkata has 162 Sanctioned strength of Faculty members (under flexi cadre system) as on 31.01.2023. Non-Teaching: The details in respect of non teaching staff is same as provided in reply to the RTI Query No. 1. 5.The recruitment of the posts which are already advertised will be processed in accordance with IISER Recruitment and Promotion norms-2016 (attached at Annexure IV) and for the posts to be advertised will be advertised as per the provisions of IISERs Uniform Recruitment Rules-2021, Institute is in the process of submission of its observations to the Board of Governors, once the observations are approved by the Board, it will be amended accordingly, and the same will be uploaded in institutes website along with its amendments, if any. 6.The recruitment process against Advt. No. IISER K/Rectt. NT-01/2018/Admn., Dated 25.05.2018: As per the instructions of the Competent Authority the appointment of candidate against one vacancy is completed and appointment against second vacancy is under process. The recruitment process against Advt. No. IISER K/Rectt. NT-2/2019/Admn. Dated 22.08.2019: As per the instructions of the Competent Authority the post shall be readvertised.
			(As On 28/02/2023)		

9	ISERK/R/E/23/00009	15-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	Dear Sir/Madam, I am seeking information under RTI act 2005. Kindly provide present non-teaching staff position working at IISER Kolkata. The data should include the following information: 1. Administrative and Scientific/Technical officer positions: Post-wise details of sanctioned officer posts and positions held as on 15th Feb, 2023 2. Administrative and Scientific/Technical Group B and Group C positions: Post-wise details of the sanctioned posts and positions held as on 15th Feb, 2023. Kindly refer to the attached document containing similar data from NIT, Rourkela as a reference document for the format of the information I am seeking. Thanks. Yours sincerely, Parveen Nasa	1. Kindly refer the attached enclosures Annexure-I and Annexure-II. 2. Kindly refer the attached enclosures Annexure-I and Annexure-II.
			(As On 14/03/2023)		
10	ISERK/R/E/23/00011	19-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	Please given the answer (choose the right option below a,b,c or d) Q1.Which of the following step can the government take to move towards sustainable use of natural resources (a) making the study of environmental science compulsory (b) building metro and bus services (c) prohibition of fireworks in festivals (d) prohibition of air travel	The information is readily not available with IISER Kolkata. Hence, the information in respect of IISER Kolkata may be treated as NIL.
			(As On 22/02/2023)		
11	ISERK/R/E/23/00010	19-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	Please given the answer below the option(a,b,c,d or e) Q1. Which of the following colloids has solid dispersed phase in a liquid dispersing medium (a) sol (b) gel (c) emulsion (d) foam (e) both a & b option	The questions asked by the applicant have nothing to do with IISER. The questions are scientific questions and the applicant may directly seek the information from relevant subject experts
			(As On 17/03/2023)		
12	ISERK/R/E/23/00012	20-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	ADVT NO-01/2022/Admn dated 04/08/2022 FOR THE POST OF JUNIOR ASSISTANT QUEARY NO-1) NO OF APPLICATION RECEIVED CATEGORY WISE 2)SYLLABUS OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION 3)WHEN WRITTEN EXAMINATION WILL BE HELD.	The selection process for the post of Junior Assistant has been kept in abeyance till further instruction.
			(As On 01/03/2023)		

13	ISERK/R/E/23/00015	21-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF (As On 21/03/2023)	From the response to a previous RTI application, it is learnt that the former Director Prof. Sourav Pal received feedback/comments/suggestions regarding the issues of mental health of Ph.D. students and/or the issues of bullying/harassment by supervisors. Kindly provide a copy of all such comments/suggestions/feedback.	The copies of feedback/comments/ suggestions received by the then Director, Prof. Sourav Pal as available on the Institute record is attached herewith (3 copies).
14	ISERK/R/E/23/00014	21-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	<p>From the response to an earlier RTI application, it is learnt that in 2019 a Ph.D. student had lodged a complaint of bullying/harassment/unprofessional conduct against a faculty member. As on the date of response (11th May 2022) of the aforesaid previous RTI application, investigation into this complaint was under process. In this context, kindly provide the following information.</p> <p>1. Whether the investigation/inquiry into the said complaint is complete as on today's date or not. If it is complete, please inform (a) the date of such completion, (b) whether the complainant was invited to testify before the inquiry/ investigation committee, (c) whether the complainant testified before the committee, and (d) whether the report of the committee has been shared with the complainant.</p> <p>2. Regardless of the status of investigation, please inform (a) the total number of members of the investigation committee, (b) the number of faculty members of the institution who are/were members of this committee, and (c) the number of students of the institute who are/were members of this committee.</p> <p>3. Kindly inform whether the complainant completed his/her Ph.D. or left the institute without submitting his/her Ph.D. thesis. Please further inform the total number of years and months for which the complainant was a Ph.D./integrated Ph.D. student at the institute.</p>	<p>1. A report was submitted to the then Director Prof. Sourav Pal by the Fact-Finding Committee. Final investigation/enquiry /decision is pending. (a). NA (b). Yes (c). Yes (d). Yes 2. (a). 2 Nos. (b). Nil (c). Nil 3. The complainant has completed his/her PhD. The complaint was registered for PhD on 01/08/2011 and graduated on 07/07/2017.</p>

15	ISERK/R/E/23/00013	21-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	<p>This is an application u/s 6 of the RTI Act seeking information pertaining to the investigation into circumstances of Mr. [redacted] tragic death. 1. In response to an earlier RTI application, it was informed that the family of [redacted] was not heard by the investigation committee. Kindly inform whether the committee or the institute invited the family of [redacted] to observe, or take part in, the proceedings of the committee or to testify before the committee. If yes, please provide the date(s) of such letters by which such invitation was made. 2. Kindly inform the dates on which witnesses or any other persons gave their testimony to, or were heard by, the investigation committee. 3. Kindly inform the date on which the investigation was complete, and the date on which the committee submitted its report to the institute administration. 4. Kindly inform whether the report of the committee has been shared with [redacted] family. If yes, please provide the date on which the report was shared with [redacted] family. 5. Kindly inform (a) the total number of members of the investigation/ inquiry committee, (b) the number of faculty members of the institute who were members of the committee, and (c) the number of students of the institute who were members of the committee. 6. In response to a previous RTI application, IISER-Kolkata has informed that the institute does not have access to the purported suicide note or a copy thereof. (a) Kindly further inform whether the committee/institute has the knowledge of, or access to,</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No. 2. From 13.04.22 to 19.04.22. 3. 29.04.22. 4. No. Report was submitted to the Director. 5. (a) 3 nos. (b) 3 nos. (c) nil. 6. (a) No (b) No (c) No. 7. No. Committee has access to limited whatsapp message between them. 8. (a) 21 nos. (b) PhD - 3 Nos., IPhD - 1 no. 9: (a). Two undated letters were received on 11th April and 12th April 2022. (b). A copy of the letter sent by the Director is attached (Annexure-I). (c). Two undated letters were received on 11th April and 12th April 2022 (Annexure-II). (d). As mentioned in point no. 9.b., a letter was sent to the family of Mr. [redacted] on 20.04.2022. Point No. 10: A copy of the email reg. constituting the Fact Finding Committee is attached (Annexure-III). <p>-----</p>
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the contents (text) of _____ purported suicide note. (b) Kindly inform whether the contents of _____ purported suicide note are mentioned in the report of the investigation committee or not. (c) Kindly inform whether the institute/ committee requested the State Police for access to a copy, or contents (text), of _____ purported suicide note. Please further inform whether the State Police responded to the institute's /committee's request, and provide a copy of their response. 7. Kindly inform whether the investigation committee examined email correspondence between _____. If yes, kindly inform the total number of emails placed before the committee. 8. Kindly inform (a) the total number of persons who testified before, or gave information/ statement(s) to, the investigation /inquiry committee, and (b) the number of Ph.D./ integrated Ph.D. students, being mentored by _____, who testified before, or gave information/statement(s) to, the investigation /inquiry committee. 9. From the response to an earlier RTI application, it is learnt that the mother of the deceased student _____ made a formal complaint to IISER Kolkata. Kindly inform (a) the date on which this complaint was received by the institute (b) whether the institute acknowledged the receipt of the complaint, and if yes a copy of the institute's letter/email (c) the total number of communications (including letters and emails) received by the institute from _____ family and the dates of receipt of each communication, and (d) the total number of communications (including

(v) the total number of communications (including letters and emails) sent by the institute to family, and the date of dispatch of each such communication.

10. The statement issued by HoD, DPS on behalf of the institute after the incident mentioned that “. . . ,the Institute has also formed an internal committee to investigate the matter. . . .”. Kindly provide a copy of all documents (notices, memoranda, letters etc.) connected with the constitution of this committee.

16	ISERK/R/E/23/00016	27-02-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	<p>I request you to provide me with the following information:</p> <p>(1) The name and designation of the authorities whose signature/approval is required to apply for a master's thesis outside of IISER Kolkata for all Departments as applicable.</p> <p>(2) The process followed by these authorities to approve the application forms for external institutes, including the competent authorities responsible for approving the external institute's forms if they have their own application form.</p> <p>(3) As applicable, any other relevant information related to the above queries for all Departments.</p>	<p>The Academic Guidelines BSMS answers these queries vide Point 2.4. MS Project carried outside the Institute: i. Normally the 5th year project should be done within IISER Kolkata. However, if the Institute does not have faculty in the area of interest of a student, he/she may be allowed to do the final year project outside the Institute provided the coursework is not hampered, and a co-supervisor from IISER-K is allotted. In case supervisor is not from IISER-K, the Co-supervisor will be accountable for ensuring completion of academic requirements of a student as per IISER-K rules. ii. In case a student wishes to do a part of the project work in another Institute in India or abroad, he/she should submit expression of interest in the field of proposed research, offer letter from the host Institute and/or MoU (in case of foreign universities) and financial statement, on the basis of which the concerned UGAC Convener and the Head of the Department will forward the request to the DoAA. In such a case, the concerned Department should have a Co-supervisor who will be accountable to ensure that the academic requirements of the student are fulfilled as per IISER-K rules. iii. A student must give a presentation upon his/her return and submit a report to DoAA, duly forwarded by the concerned supervisor, the UGAC Convener and the HoD. iv. If a student is required to do some coursework in a semester in addition to the project, that course can be done as an Independent Study course with special permission from the DoAA (provided there is no other Independent Study course to be taken that semester). The student will have to appear in the end-semester examination and will be evaluated on the basis of that examination alone.</p>
			(As On 24/03/2023)		

17	ISERK/R/E/23/00017	08-03-2023	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	<p>Honourable Sir/Madam, Kindly provide me the information regarding the followings:- 1. A total number of applicants applied (successfully filled out the IAT exam form through the SCB channel after paying examination fees) for the IAT (IISER Aptitude Test), 2018 (IISER Kolkata organized the IAT 2018 exam) under UR, OBC, SC, and ST categories. 2. A total number of candidates appeared out of the applied candidates for IAT 2018 exam under UR, OBC, SC, and ST categories. 3. All India Rank of last admitted student in any IISER under General Category from SCB Channel in 2018 (from the IAT exam). 4. All India Rank of last admitted student in IISER Bhopal under General Category from SCB Channel (IAT 2018). 5. Total Number of Qualified Candidates out of appeared candidates under all categories in IAT 2018. .</p>	<p>1. Total number of applicants applied - General OBC-NC SC ST Total 7784 4294 1819 442 14,339 2. Total number of candidates appeared - General OBC-NC SC ST Total 6102 3513 1422 334 11371 3. Rank list was not applicable. 4. Rank list was not applicable. 5. Total number of qualified candidates - General OBC-NC SC ST Total 1686 794 571 243 3294</p>
			(As On 03/04/2023)		