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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 17th February, 2020

To
Sh. Vikram Ramakrishnan
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Raja Annamalaipuram
Tamil Nadu.

Subject:- Seeking information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,
With reference to your online RTI request (Registration No. DOHED/R/E/20/00194) a reply has been enclosed for your perusal.

2. If you are not satisfied with this reply, you can make an appeal within thirty days of the receipt of this reply, to the 1st appellate authority whose details are given below:-

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Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Shastri Bhawan,
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Encls: As above.

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Reply to RTI online request (Registration No. DOHED/R/E/20/00194) of
Shri Vikram Ramakrishnan

(a) Did Members of Working Committee or Resident Assembly ask the Ministry of HRD for the complete set of documents of the Enquiry Report submitted by the Governing Board on basis of my complaints – If so, was it refused by the Ministry of Human Resource Development

Ans: No information available with the CPIO

(b) If they did not send any official letter or their response was negated did they ask the same did they ask for the complete report and additional set of 670 pages of documents through the provisions of Right to Information Act.

Ans: No information available with the CPIO

(c) Why is Sec 12 and Sec 3 and 4 of Auroville Foundation Act not enforced – Explanation is required.

Ans: Only existing and available information is provided under RTI Act.

(d) If the Ordinance during the formation of Auroville Foundation was faulty what steps has the current Ministry of HRD taken to set right the wrong of the past.

Ans: It seems to be an assumption on the part of the applicant and it is not obligatory on the part of MHRD to answer this question

(e) What is the term of office of Working Groups in Auroville and who governs the same.

Ans: The term of office / governance of the Working Groups shall be decided by the Residents' Assembly, according to the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988.

(f) If out of all Residents of Auroville only 200 odd residents attend the meetings and the remaining list of residents are not informed why the Ministry of HRD is giving such facilities to waste public money. Can the Ministry of HRD make compulsory voting and participation in meetings of all residents of Auroville.

Ans: CPIO, Auroville Foundation to answer (may be approached).

(g) Are Working Groups deemed as Public Offices – Yes/No – Explanation required.

Ans: This may be sought from Auroville Foundation.

(h) What action was taken on basis of email sent to your esteemed office on 9th October, 2019 about investigative forensic audit & legal constitution of FAMC.

Ans: Audit is being done by Auroville Foundation with the Registered Chartered Accountants. Besides Audit of Auroville Foundation is also being done by C&AG.

(i) What action was taken on basis of email sent to your esteemed office on 18th October, 2019 about Suicide of entire Family of Tamil Aurovillians and Benami Transactions and did the Working Committee of Auroville accept responsibility.

Ans: Not received yet.

(j) What action taken on the basis of email sent to your esteemed office on Government Grant Misappropriation and irregularities sent on 24th September, 2019.

Ans: The same is under consideration of this Department

(k) Can the Resident Assembly request for not enforcing the sections of the Auroville Foundation Act and ask for extension of term of office and does the Ministry of HRD adhere to such requests – Explanation required.

Ans: This does not come under the purview/domain of RTI Act. No explanation can be sought.

(l) Does so called Autonomy of Auroville make them impervious to investigation and are they above the law.

Ans: According to this Department nobody is above the law.