



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

National Fire Service College

Third Party Audit Report for 2023-24

National Fire Service College (NFSC) is a subordinate office of Ministry of Home Affairs situated at its present location Rajnagar since, 2016 earlier this College was shifted from Rampur in 1957 to last location Civil Lines, Nagpur.

The duties and functions of the Public Authority (PA) is to cater the need of advanced firefighting training of the country, to provide information to Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for policy making and decisions, to impart training to Central/State Government, Municipal Corporations/Councils, Government PSU sponsored trainee officers and to run Bachelor of Technology (Fire Engineering) a four-year degree course affiliated to Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur.

The PA has provided for a separate link (<https://nfscnagpur.nic.in/WriteReadData/RTF1984/1723181670.pdf>) for the RTI disclosure as laid down under section 4 (1) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005. Regarding "Powers and Duties of Officers and Employees", the disclosure states that the same may be accessed through www.nfscnagpur.nic.in, which after clicking doesn't elicit any result. The PA must review the link, as it will leave the stakeholders confused.

While making disclosure on rules, regulations, instructions, manual and records for discharging functions, PA provides the link as www.nfscnagpurmha@nic.in, which is sheer callousness. The PA must immediately correct the link.

The PA, in respect of making disclosure about "Anti-Ragging Committee for B. Tech Students", "SC-ST Committee for employees & B. Tech Students", and "Grievance Redressal Committee", simply provides "Click here" without creating any link. These Committees are neither available anywhere on the home page of the PA. Such discrepancies should be

avoided all the times.

The details about monthly remunerations to the employees have been provided except for the Director, and Deputy Director. It is advised that the disclosure should be made for all the employees irrespective of their designations.

The disclosure regarding CAG and PAC paras and the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) after these have been laid on the table of both houses of parliament, it is stated that ISTM is an attached office of DoPT. The Action Taken Report on CAG and PAC paras is compiled and sent to Department of Personnel and Training which is the nodal agency for sending the final ATRs which is laid on the table of both houses of Parliament. Therefore, the above is not applicable in respect of NFSC. This is beyond comprehension as to how the ISTM can act on behalf of NFSC on these matters. Further, while making statement of fact on details of questions asked in the parliament, it is stated that NFSC is a Subordinate office of DoPT. Any questions pertaining to NFSC are answered by NFSC. This is disclosed without any application of prudence. This is likely to put the PA in a poor light.

All in all, efforts of the PA for disclosing information under section 4 (1) (b) of the RTI Act, 2005 is appreciable, however, they must be done in true spirit and in its entirety. PA may like to review the disclosures.