

F. No. 29-01/2023-Estt./RTI
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Directorate of Extension

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Dated the 19 March, 2024

To,

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Subject:- Supply of Information under RTI Act, 2005 – Application received from Sh. Rahul Chaudhry, Delhi vide Registration No.DOEXT/R/E/24/00004 dated 23-02-2024– reg.

Sir,

I am to refer to your RTI application dated 23-02-2024 seeking information on the subject cited above under the RTI Act, 2005. So far as the Directorate of Extension is concerned, the requisite information is given as under:

S.No	Information Sought	Reply
	Digital Agriculture Extension Program (VISTAAR)	
1.	Was any Expression of Interest (Eoi) floated prior to signing of the MoU between MoA&FW and Digital Green Trust? If yes, kindly provide details of the same, If no, then what is the reason for not floating Eoi/	The information sought by the applicant are in the form of questions. As per RTI Act, 2005, answers cannot be provided on questions like, 'What', 'Was', 'Were', 'Why', 'If', 'Is', 'How', 'Did', 'Do' etc. Only available information which falls under Section 2(f) of the said Act can be furnished.
2.	Was Internal Finance Department (IFD) approval taken prior to signing of the MoU between MoA&FW and Digital Green Trust? If yes, kindly provide the details/proceedings of the said meeting. If no, then what is the reason for IFD approval not being taken?	
3.	On what basis was Digital Green Trust unanimously nominated for implementation of Digital Agriculture Extension Program (VISTAAR)? Kindly provide details/proceedings of the meeting, when this decision was taken.	
4.	Were the credentials of the controversial foreign funded NGO, Digital Green Trust properly scrutinized and evaluated prior to nominating them as implementing partner for the pilot program of MoA&FW, VISTAAR?	
5.	What has been the progress so far in the project related activities, as per originally planned and approved timelines by Extension Directorate? Kindly provide details of the project related activities, as on 16-02-2024.	
7.	What is the reason for delay in roll-out of the VISTAAR program by Extension Directorate, despite full support from DoA&FW?	Approved SOP of VISTAAR project is sent through e mail.
6.	SOPs/Guidelines of the scheme and details of scheme-related committees etc. have not yet been uploaded on the website of MoA&FW, even after a year has been completed since the signing of MoU between the two parties. Have the SOPs/Guidelines of the of the Scheme been drafted by Extension Directorate and approved to DoAFW? If yes, kindly provide the details. If no, then kindly provide the reason for this negligence.	

2. It is to mention that the First Appeal, if any, against the reply of CPIO may be made to the First Appellate Authority within 30 days of receipt of this reply. The particulars of the First Appellate Authority are as follows:-

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Yours faithfully,

Deepa Pande
19/3/2024

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Copy to:

1. Section Officer (RTI), Deptt. of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
2. Dr. Jagdish Prasad Yadav, Joint Director/ IT Incharge, Krishi Vistar Bhavan, New Delhi with request to upload RTI reply on DOE website www.krishivistar.gov.in. Soft copy is being sent on e-mail.