



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Department of Information & Cultural Affairs

পশ্চিমবঙ্গ বাংলা আকাদেমি

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Disclosure of Information u/s 4 of the RTI Act 2005 i.c.w Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi

The Right to Information Act has envisaged that all the Public Authorities shall make a constant endeavour to take steps in accordance with the requirements of this Act to publish all relevant information for knowledge of citizens at large and update the same at regular intervals. The Act enjoins that all records of the Public Authority should be duly catalogued and indexed in a manner and in the form which facilitates the right to information of citizens. The relevant information under section 4(1)(b) of RTI Act, 2005 is given below :

(1) The particulars of its organisation, functions and duties:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(i) of RTI Act, 2005]

Name of the Public Authority	: Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi
Name/Designation of P.A Executive Head	: Shri Basudev Ghose, Secretary, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi
Address	: 1/1 A. J. C Bose Road, Kolkata-700020
Websites	: https://www.wbicad.in/
Contact No.	: (033) 22231985 / 22230946

Functions:

Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi is the apex learned body under the direct control of Director of Culture, I & CA Department, Govt. of West Bengal, reflecting the ceaseless care of the state for Bengali language, literature & culture. The Akademi works for promoting the study of different aspects of Bengali language and literature and encouraging research on Bengali Script, spelling, lexicography, terminology etc. The institution also took upon itself the mission to establish an interface with other language and language communities of the world.

Apart from round the year Activities of publishing books and journals, framing an all-embracing principles for Bengali spelling, compiling lexicon and handbook of terminology, Akademi organises seminars and birth anniversaries of notable litterateurs. It organises an annual literary festival and Little Magazine Fair, in Kolkata, North Bengal and Jungle Mahal.

It has altogether 3 (three) cultural Auditoria-- named as Rabindra Okakura-Bhavan (27A/1 DD Block, Saltlake, Sector-I, Kolkata-700064), Bangla Akademi Sabhaghar and Jibanananda Sabhaghar(attached to Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi Bhaban at RabindraSadana-Nandan Complex). Besides organising various cultural and literary programmes at these venues, the Akademi also allots the Auditoria in favour of different cultural organisations for their cultural performances as per recommendations of the Hall Bantan committee of the I & CA Department. Moreover basic & elementary education is imparted on Japanese language and JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) Curriculum at Rabindra Okakura Bhaban, which has been conceptualised as an Indo-Japan Cultural Center. There are altogether 4 retail counters to sell the Publications of Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi, which are located at Rabindra-Sadana-Nandan Campus, College Street Coffee House, Rabindra Okakura Bhaban and "Puthighar" Chandannagar (at the campus of Chandannagar Rabindra Bhaban)

(2) The powers and duties of its officers and employees:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(ii) of RTI Act, 2005]

Powers :

Secretary, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi is executive head of the Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi and he has been vested with the powers to execute any decision that has been approved by the Director of Culture or the Secretary of the Department or any higher authority as per order, issued by the I&CA Department. Secretary, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi enjoys the power of incurring expenditure in the case of grant-In Aid, as per Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1977 as amended, from time to time. Similarly the Administrative Officer, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi, also enjoys the power of incurring day to day expenditure, as per Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1977 as amended, from time to time. Power and duties of the Officer is clearly defined by the different rules as described primarily in W.B. Service Rules Part-I & II, W.B. Financial Rules, W.B. Treasury Rules including procedure to execute the Work. Employees of Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi work under the direct supervision of the Secretary, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi.

Duties:

The Duties of the Officers and employees of Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi is same as any officer and employee of any office of the State Government and this has elaborately stated in the W.B. Service Rules (Part 1), 1987 vide Appendix 6A of West Bengal Service (Duties, Right and obligation of the Government employees) Rules, 1980. They are also guided by relevant society registration acts and rules.

- (3) The procedure followed in the decision making process, including channels of supervision and accountability:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(iii) of RTI Act, 2005]

Procedure followed in the decision making process, including channels of supervision and accountability is well defined by the different rules as mentioned in

- (a) W.B. Service Rules Part-I & Part- II,
- (b) W.B. Financial Rules ,
- (c) W.B. Treasury Rules and
- (d) Administrative orders/ Notifications etc. of the Government as issued time to time

- (4) Norms set for the discharging functions:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(iv) of RTI Act, 2005]

Norms set for the discharging functions of the Officers and employees of the Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi are as laid down in:

- (a) W.B. Service Rules Part-I & W.B. Service Rules Part- II,
- (b) West Bengal (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules
- (c) West Bengal Service (Duties, Right and obligation of the Government employees) Rules, 1980
- (d) W.B. Financial Rules ,
- (e) Audit and Accounts Code and related different Orders, issued time to time
- (f) W.B. Treasury Rules and
- (g) Administrative orders/ Notifications etc. of the Government as issued time to time

- (5) The rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging functions:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(v) of RTI Act, 2005]

- (a) W.B. Service Rules Part-I & W.B. Service Rules Part- II,
- (b) West Bengal (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules
- (c) West Bengal Service (Duties, Right and obligation of the Government employees) Rules, 1980
- (d) W.B. Financial Rules ,
- (e) Audit and Accounts Code and related different Orders, issued time to time
- (f) W.B. Treasury Rules and
- (g) Reports / Orders of the I&CA Department/ Orders of the Finance Department/ Administrative orders & Notifications of the I&CA Department etc. as issued time to time.

(6) Categories of documents that are held by it or under its control:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(vi) of RTI Act, 2005]
Files related to

- (a) Accounts and Audit Matters
- (b) Budget Matters
- (c))Revenue matters
- (d) Pay & Service matters
- (e)Miscellaneous matters

Matters are dealt mainly through e-office/ IFMS and hard copy files and Registered books as per Government guideline.

(7) The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with or representation by the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(vii) of RTI Act, 2005]

Being a registered society, there are members in the General Body, from the field of Language and Literature.

(8) A statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advise and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies

[u/s 4(1)(b)(viii) of RTI Act, 2005]

General Body of the Akademi is constituted as per the Govt. Orders issued by the Department of Information & Cultural Affairs, Government of West Bengal. The Body meets time to time and put forwards recommendations.

(9) Directory of the Officers of Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(ix) of RTI Act, 2005]

- (a) Shri. Basudev Ghose, WBICS, Secretary, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi
1/1 A. J. C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700020,
Contact No : 22231985 / 22230946/9433353142
- (b) Shri. Devasish Dutta, WBICS, Administrative Officer, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi
1/1 A. J. C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700020, Contact No : 22231985
- (C) Shri Suvomay Mandal, Publication Editor, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi
1/1 A. J. C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700020, Contact No : 22231985/9836542599

(10) The monthly remuneration received by each of its officers and employees, including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(x) of RTI Act, 2005]

Monthly remuneration:

Monthly remuneration of all officer and Government employee of Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi are guided as per West Bengal Services (Revision of Pay and Allowances) Rules, 2019

(11) The budget allocated to each of its agency, including the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(xi) of RTI Act 2005]

Budget allocation is well defined as mentioned in Budget book under Demand no. 30 for the current financial year which may kindly be seen in the following link :

https://finance.wb.gov.in/writereaddata/Budget_Publication/2025_bp17.pdf

- (12) The manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(xii) of RTI Act, 2005]

Not Applicable

- (13) Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorizations granted by it:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(xiii) of RTI Act, 2005]

Not applicable

- (14) Details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(xiv) of RTI Act, 2005]

As in the I&CA Department's website :<https://www.wbicad.in/>

- (15) The Particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(xv) of RTI Act, 2005]

A reference Library is open from 12 Noon-7 P.M. daily except Government Holidays for use of researchers and students, on prior permission.

- (16) (The names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers:

[u/s 4(1)(b)(xvi) of RTI Act, 2005]

(a) Name of the Appellate Authority:

Name : Shri Kausik Basak, IAS,
Designation : Special Commssioner & E.O. Director of Culture
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Contact No : 033-22536619
e-mail add : dirculturewb@gmail.com

(b) Name of the State Public Information Officer:

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Designation : Secretary, Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi
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