

Declaration under Right to Information Act (2010)

1. Particulars of its organization, functions & duties :

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium was established by BBMP and was opened to public in 1989. Later in 1992, the Bangalore Association for Science Education (BASE) an autonomous registered society was formed by Government of Karnataka and the administration of Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium was entrusted to it. Popularisation of Science, Non-formal Science Education, Strengthening of scientific temper amongst public and students are objectives of this Institution.

BASE is administered by a Governing Council comprising senior scientists, Educationists, Mayor and Commissioner of BBMP, Finance secretary, Government of Karnataka, Principal Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka. The Director of the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium is Member Secretary of the Governing Council of BASE.

2. The powers and duties of its officers and employees :

The Director J.N. Planetarium is the Principal Executive Officer. He exercise such powers as are delegated to him and also superintends all the activities of the organization. The Governing Council provides guidance and directions for the management of the affairs and finances of the BASE.

The Administrative Officer manages the administration and also Finance and Accounts. A Deputy Director and a Scientific Officer assist the Director in academic work.

A Deputy Director and Planetarium Engineers assist in sky-theatre activities, shows, maintenance etc.

3. The procedure followed in the decision making process including channels of supervision and accountability:

Administration and Management of the BASE are done as per the policies and decisions of the Governing Council under the supervision and with approval of the Director.

4. The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions:

Routine procedures as prevalent in the offices of the Government of Karnataka are generally followed. In exceptional cases, approval of the Director/Governing Council are taken.

5. the rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions :

No separate rules and regulations have been framed and followed. Decisions taken by Governing Council and the Director are norms for discharging the duties.

6. a statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control:

Activities of the organization do not call for any such categorization or preservation of any documents.

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:

Opinion and feedback are taken into account while reviewing ongoing programmes and making new programmes. However, no formal arrangement exists where members of public can participate in policy making or implementation.

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 advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public:

The constitution of the Governing Council is appended in annexure-1. The Governing Council meets twice every year. The minutes of the meeting are circulated to BBMP, DST etc. The minutes are not accessible to general public.

9. a directory of its officers and employees:

Enclosed in annexure - 2

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

Enclosed in annexure - 3

11. the budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made:

BASE does not have any agency. BASE does not grant funds to any other body.

12. the manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes:

Many of the facilities like visiting Science Park, Science Movies on 3rd Sunday of every month etc., are without any admission fee. Prescribed admission fees for others programmes are less than cost price. All visiting public and student are benefited.

13. particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorizations granted by it:

All general public, teachers and student are beneficiaries of the concessional admission rates. Need to maintain the details of the beneficiaries has not been considered necessary because all activities are aimed at public benefit.

14. details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form :

Information about BASE are available on our website www.taralaya.org.

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 :

No facilities are available.

16. the names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers:

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ANNEXURE – I

1. Prof. U.R. Rao - Chairman
Former Secretary
Dept. of Space/Chairman, ISRO
Bangalore
2. Prof. C.V. Vishveshwara - Vice-chairman
Former Senior Professor
Indian Institute of Astrophysics
Bangalore
3. Prof. N. Kumar - Member
Homi Bhabha
Distinguished Professor and former Director
Raman Research Institute
Bangalore
4. Prof. P. Balram - Member
Director, Indian Institute of Science
Bangalore

5. Prof. Naresh Dadhich - Member
IUCAA, Pune

6. Dr. T K Alex - Member
Director, ISRO Satellite Centre
Bangalore

7. Prof. Ajit K Kembhavi - Member
Director, IUCAA
Pune

8. The Principal Secretary - Ex-officio Member
Dept. of IT and BT and
Science and Technology
Govt. of Karnataka
Bangalore

9. The Secretary - Ex-officio Member
Dept. of Finance
Govt. of Karnataka
Bangalore

10. The Commissioner - Ex-officio Member
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Bangalore

11. The Mayor - Ex-officio Member
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Bangalore

12. Prof. C.S.Shukre - Member Secretary
Director
Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium
Bangalore

ANNEXURE – II

1. Prof. C.S. Shukre, Director
2. Sri. Pramod G Galgali, Deputy Director
3. Dr. B.S.Shylaja, Deputy Director
4. Sri. K.K. Kutty Administrative Officer
5. Sri. H.R. Madhusudan, Scientific Officer
6. Sri. M. Nagaraja Babu, Planetarium Engineer
7. Sri. V. Murali Krishna, Planetarium Engineer
8. Smt. G.K. Rajeshwari, Stenographer
9. Smt. R.S. Sujatha, First Division Assistant
10. Sri. C. Somashekhara, First Division Assistant
11. Sri. A.P. Lokesh, Technical Assistant
12. Sri. T. Venkatapathy, Attendant
13. Sri. L.Lokesh, Attendant
14. Sri. Sanganagouda A Patil, Attendant
15. Smt. Shanthamma, Supporting staff

ANNEXURE – III

Out of 15 employees, 3 are employed on a monthly consolidated remuneration. Remaining employees are permanent staff drawing salary in appropriate pay scales as prevailing in Government of Karnataka.