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Dated 18th March 2024

To

Shri Raunak Shukla
Pundit, Maharashtra
Chandrapur – 442901, Ballapur Block

From

The Public Information Officer
National Law University Meghalaya
Shillong 793014

Subj: Matter regarding the RTI filed by your kind self

Dear Shri Raunak Shukla,

I hope this letter finds you well.

Please find attached the university responses and information to your queries as per your RTI dated 18th January 2024, 22nd February 2024 and 13th February 2024, under the RTI Act 2005 in so much as the information could be furnished within the provisions of the Act. The delay in providing the same is regretted.

In case you want to appeal the information so provided, you may do so to the appropriate appellate authority of the university within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this response.

Enclosed: Responses

Sincerely


Public Information Officer
National Law University Meghalaya

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Copy to:

1. The Registrar, National Law University Meghalaya for information.
2. PA to the Vice Chancellor, National Law University Meghalaya for information


Public Information Officer
National Law University Meghalaya



I. Response to RTI Filed by Shri. Raunak Shukla, Pundit, Maharashtra, Chandrapur – 442901, Ballapur Block dated 18th January 2024

II. Contents of RTI: -

Request for Information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 Respected Sir/Madam, I, as a citizen of India, hereby submit a request for information under the Right to Information Act, 2005. I request the following information regarding the policies and procedures at National Law University, Meghalaya: 1. Detailed information about the rechecking policy for examination conducted by the National Law University, Meghalaya. Please include: - The procedure to apply for rechecking of examination papers. The fees (if any) required for the rechecking process. The timeline within which a student can apply for rechecking after the declaration of results. 2. Information on the rules and regulations pertaining to the declaration of examination results: The standard time frame within which the university declares results after the completion of examinations. Any provisions for expedited result declaration in special circumstances. Additionally, as the Chief Justice or the Acting Chief Justice is the Chancellor of the university, I am addressing this application to your office due to the ambiguity in the process of directly filing an RTI to the university. In this regard, I also request information on: - The appropriate procedure for directly filing an RTI application to the university. - The qualifications and contact details of the Public Information Officer(s) at National Law University, Meghalaya. I would appreciate it if the information could be provided in writing. According to the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, the information is expected to be provided within 30 days of receipt of this application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

III. Responses: -

a. Detailed information about the rechecking policy for examination conducted by the National Law University, Meghalaya. Please include: - The procedure to apply for rechecking of examination papers. The fees (if any) required for the rechecking process. The timeline within which a student can apply for rechecking after the declaration of results. 2. Information on the rules and regulations pertaining to the declaration of examination results: The standard time frame within which the university declares results after the completion of examinations. Any provisions for expedited result declaration in special circumstances: -

- b. The Applicant can refer to the Academic Regulations of the University (Attached and available the website) as a response to this query.
- i. Specifically, the below chapters and regulations detail the same: -
 - ii. Chapter V – Regulation Process under Regulation 13: Evaluation Process,
 - iii. Chapter VI: Grading System and Promotion under Regulation 14: Grading System and Regulation 15: Criteria for Promotion,
 - iv. Chapter VII: Examination under Regulation 16: General Terms



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The applicant can refer to the attached document which details the nomination of a Public Information Officer for RTI Purposes for the University which was made available to the public on the official website of the university.

The contact details of the same: - pio@nlumeg.ac.in

The current process of accepting of RTI applications and grievances for the university is the applicant can directly reach out to the PIO via email or via submission of the request physically to the office. The applicant can also submit the same to the Registrar, National Law University of Meghalaya via email or physically.

Please note that the current website of the university is under process and the contact details have not been uploaded on the website, however the notification for PIO was uploaded to the website on the Notice Board for all concerned.

IV. Response to RTI Filed by Shri. Raunak Shukla, Pundit, Maharashtra, Chandrapur – 442901, Ballapur Block dated 22nd February 2024

V. Contents of RTI: -

To, National Law University, Meghalaya Nongthymmai, Shillong Dear Sir/Ma'am, I Raunak K. Shukla, hereby submit an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005. Despite repeated efforts to resolve issues through internal communication channels, I have not received satisfactory responses or resolutions from the university's administration regarding several concerns.

These include but are not limited to:

- i. The criteria and process for academic evaluations and promotions.
- ii. The procedure for addressing student grievances and the status of my pending complaints.
- iii. Details of meetings held by the university's administration concerning student welfare and academic standards.
- iv. The university's policies on maintaining transparency and accountability in administrative decisions affecting students.



- v. Clarification on why multiple emails made by myself to various university staff members regarding my grievances and concerns have not been responded to, including seeking information on the standard protocol for communication within the university and the expected timeline for responses. (refer to attached pdf for the copies of the emails)

I also request the following information under the RTI Act:

- i. Copies of minutes of meetings and decisions made regarding student grievances and welfare.
- ii. Details of the process followed for addressing student complaints, including timelines and accountability measures.
- iii. Specific information on the steps taken by the university to ensure fairness and transparency in academic evaluations and administrative decisions.
- iv. Records of received communications concerning my grievances and the actions taken thereof.
- v. Any other relevant information that can shed light on the lack of response to my communications.

Additionally, I seek an explanation as to why the administration hyper focused on only one specific issue out of the multiple concerns I raised, while deliberately ignoring or failing to address the others. This query aims to understand the criteria or rationale behind prioritizing certain student concerns over others, and the administrative process for deciding which issues to respond to and which to overlook. I look forward to your prompt response within the stipulated time frame as per the RTI Act, 2005. Sincerely, Raunak K. Shukla

VI. Responses: -

- i. The criteria and process for academic evaluations and promotions.
 1. The applicant can refer to the response at Section III.(b) above for the same.
- ii. The procedure for addressing student grievances and the status of my pending complaints.
- iii. Details of meetings held by the university's administration concerning student welfare and academic standards.
- iv. The university's policies on maintaining transparency and accountability in administrative decisions affecting students.
- v. Clarification on why multiple emails made by myself to various university staff members regarding my grievances and concerns have not been responded to, including seeking information on the standard protocol for communication within the university and the expected timeline for responses. (refer to attached pdf for the copies of the emails)



Please refer to your email dated 28th January 2024 to the Vice Chancellor, National Law University Meghalaya with subject “Formal Withdrawal from National Law University, Meghaaya – LLM Corporate Law Program” and our letter no NLUM/Admns/St/27/2023/201 dated 16th February 2024 with subject “Acceptance of Withdrawal from the LLM Corporate Law Program”. The university has accepted your request for withdrawal from the program as per our Letter No NLUM/Admns/St./27/2023/201 dated 16th February 2024 as per the University’s standard rules and procedures under the Act and Statutes.

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Response

Please note that the information requested by the applicant at Sno (i) (ii) and (iv) are detailed in the Academic Regulations which are available on the website of the university. The applicant is requested to go through the same. The University had also convened its Academic and Executive Councils on the 09th February 2024 in relation to the matter of your withdrawal from the university amongst other matters.

The applicant is requested to his email dated 28th January 2024 to the Vice Chancellor, National Law University Meghalaya with subject “Formal Withdrawal from National Law University, Meghalaya – LLM Corporate Law Program” which only details his formal request for withdrawal from the university and does not highlight any other grievances.