

## RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2005

**In pursuant to the section 4(1)(b) of Right to Information Act 2005, the following information regarding the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), (A Registered Society of the Government of Karnataka) is published for the information of general public.**

### **I. Particulars of organization, function and duties:**

In order to give impetus and to further the science and technology related activities in the State of Karnataka as well as to popularize science among different cross sections of civil society, especially in rural areas, Government of Karnataka established "Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA)" under the Department of Science and Technology on July 30, 2005 vide GO No. ವಿಯಇ ವಿತ್ರಮ 2005. KSTA was inaugurated and started functioning from September 1, 2005. KSTA has been registered as a society under the Karnataka Registration Act 1960 on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

KTSA has been playing vital role in bringing science and technological innovations and advancements within the sphere of the general public. In this context, KSTA has been carrying out many science and technology related programs in the State. It has 21 members nominated by the Government comprising of eminent scientists and educationalists as well as Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of some of the Government Departments.

### **a) A brief administration function of the Centre is given below:**

Administration function of the Academy is being carried out as per the rules and regulations outlined in the Memorandum of Association (MoA) as well as decisions of the Executive Committee and General Body meetings. However, day-to-day activities of the Academy are administered by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Member Secretary of KSTA.

### **b) The objectives of KSTA are:**

Objectives of the Society shall be:

- To develop programs to inculcate scientific temper among people, especially in rural areas of Karnataka.
- To create and disseminate knowledge base on science and technology through journals, newsletters & articles.
- Encouragement for basic science degree and post graduate students for higher learning.
- To enlighten students regarding frontier areas of science and technology and various opportunities.
- To support organization of conferences, seminars, workshops, exhibitions and quiz programs, melas, etc., related to science and technology propagation.
- Award for lifetime achievement in S&T and science writers in Kannada.
- To conduct refresher course and workshops for science teachers and professors.
- To encourage science communication.

## **II. The powers and duties of its officers and employees.**

General Administration and Implementation of programmes as per the decisions of the General Body and Executive Committee of KSTA are managed by Director (Technical), Department of Science and Technology, who is the ex-officio Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Member Secretary of KSTA. However, the Executive Committee will provide guidance on the administration and management of the financial affairs of the Academy.

Administrative Officer and Assistant Accounts Officer assist CEO and Member Secretary of KSTA in administration and also management of account of the Academy. Scientific Officers provide assistance in the preparation of proposals, coordination in implementation and monitoring of programmes and in writing reports.

### **iii. The Procedure followed in the decision making process, including channels supervision and accountability.**

The administration and management of the financial affairs of the Academy will be conducted in accordance with decisions and guidance of the Executive Committee of KSTA. However, day-to-day activities of the Academy, both Administration and Programme implementation, will be managed by CEO and Member Secretary of KSTA as per the rules and regulations outlined in Memorandum of Association (MoA) and decisions taken from time to time by the Executive Committee and General Body meetings.

### **iv. The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions:**

Rules and regulations outlined in Memorandum of Association (MoA) and decisions taken in the Executive Committee and the General Body are norms set for the discharge of functions.

### **v. The rules, regulations instructions, manuals and records held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its function:**

The rules, regulations and instructions governing the activities of KSTA are outlined in detail in the MoA. Furthermore, rules and regulations are laid down by the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Academy from time to time. Any amendments to the norms and rules and regulations are discussed in the Executive Committee meeting and recommend to AGM for approval or ratification as the case may warrant.

### **vi. A statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control.**

KSTA maintains documents related to its official functioning such as: files concerning programme execution, administration files with respect to appointments, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda and Proceedings, Government Orders, notifications as well as accounts related documents.

That apart, KSTA has been bringing out science quarterly publication titled, "Vignan Loka" with an objective of popularizing science as well as to bring awareness about science and technological innovations, advancements and usefulness among high school students, teachers and general public. It is being published quarterly. Copies of the publication are being sent to degree colleges, PU colleges, Science Centers, Libraries and other organizations free of cost so as to disseminate scientific information at grass root level.

**vii. The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with or representation by the members of the public in relation to the formation of its policy or implementation thereof:**

There is no separate arrangement for consultation by the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof.

**viii. 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 are open to the public or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public:**

The composition of the General Body is presented in annexure 1. Minutes of the meetings are circulated to all the members and to the Department of Science and Technology, GoK. That apart, a sub-committee may be constituted to deliberate about specific programmes/issues and to give its recommendation regarding the same for taking decisions in the Executive Committee. However, these meetings are not open to the public and minutes of these meetings are not accessible to the public.

**ix. A directory of its officers and employees:** Given in Annexure II.

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

KSTA has employed personnel to work in different positions such as Scientific Officer, Publicity and Public Relations Officer/ Administrative Officer, Assistant Accounts Officer, Personal Assistant, Second Division Assistant and Attender on contract basis. Their monthly remuneration was fixed as per State Government pay scale by a sub-committee constituted for the purpose based on educational qualification, previous experience and performance in the interview. Thereafter, annual increment and promotion to higher scale for the employees are considered based on the competence and performance at work. Employees are provided Provident Fund and Health Insurance as per the norms of the Government. Details of monthly remuneration fixed for different posts at KSTA are given in Annexure III.

**xi. The budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made:** Not Applicable

**xii. The manner of execution of subsidy programs, including the amounts allocation and the details of beneficiaries of such programs:**

In order to give encouragement for basic science education, KSTA Fellowship programme has been instituted for students enrolled for basic science degree in the backward areas of the State. Students enrolled for science degree courses with a combination comprising of any two basic science subjects viz., Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Physics & Mathematics are

elegible. A fellowship of Rs. 10,000/- will be provided for the students who are selected on the basis of merit.

**xiii.Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorization granted by it:**

Not applicable

**xiv.Details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form:**

Proposals, details of programmes implemented, reports and official correspondence are kept in electronic form. Details of programmes implemented are given in the website of KSTA (<http://www.kstacademy.in>) for information of the general public.

**xv.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;**

Citizens can contact CEO and Member Secretary, KSTA for information at the office between 10.00 am to 5.30 pm, except for second Saturday of every month and other holidays, or obtain through KSTA website. KSTA has not yet set-up library and reading room facilities in its premises.

**xvi.The names, designations and other particulars of the public Information officers;**

**Chief Public Information Officer**

Dr. H Honne Gowda

CEO & Members Secretary

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**xvii.Such other information as may be prescribed and thereafter update these publications every year**

## Annexure - I

Sl. No.	Name & Address	
1	<b>Dr. S. K. Shivakumar</b> Former Director, ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC), Bengaluru	Interim Chairman
2	<b>Secretary to Govt. Dept. of IT, BT and S&amp;T</b> Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru-560001	Member
3	<b>Principal Secretary to Govt.</b> Dept. of Finance Government of Karnataka , Bengaluru-560001	Member
4	<b>Principal Secretary to Govt. Dept. of Higher Education</b> Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru-560001	Member
5	<b>Director,</b> <b>Directorate of Secondary Education and Research Training (DSERT),</b> BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-85	Member
6	<b>Dr. H. Honne Gowda</b> Special Director (Technical), Dept. of IT, BT & S&T 24/2, 21st, BSK II Stage B'lore- 560070	Member Secretary
7	<b>Prof. Jayagopal Uchil</b> Director (Academic), Jain University B-1579, Akankshe Sahakara Nagar, Bengaluru – 500092	Member
8	<b>Dr. P.S. Shankar</b> Emeritus Professor, M R Medical College “Deepti” Behind District Court, Gulbarga	Member
9	<b>Prof. Ramalingaiah</b> Director, PES Educational Institution, Shani Krupa, K.T.501, 4th Cross, Chamundeshwari Nagar Mandya – 571401	Member
10	<b>Prof. Chidananda Gowda</b> Former Vice Chancellor Udaya Ravi, 5th Main, 12th Cross, V.V.Puram, Mysore -02	Member
11	<b>Prof. Geetabali</b> Former Vice-Chancellor Karnataka State Women's University No. 10, Sterling, South End Apartment, 30th Cross, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bengaluru – 560082	Member
12	<b>Prof. H.S. Nagaraja</b> Founder Director, BASE Education Trust Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560004	Member
13	<b>Prof. Sudhindra Haldodderi</b> Director, Alliance College of Engineering & Design Alliance University, # 1499, South End ‘B’ Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bengaluru – 69	Member
14	<b>Prof. K.M. Kaveriyappa</b> Former Vice-Chancellor Mangalore University, B-1, Gagan Tara, H D Deve Gowda Road, R. T. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 032	Member
15	<b>Dr. Syed Shakeeb Ur Rahaman</b> Principal, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (S.J.C.E.), Mysore-570006	Member

16	<b>Dr. M. N. Madyasta</b> Former Professor and Head Dept. of Bioscience, Managalore University	Member
17	<b>Prof. K.S. Nataraj</b> Former Vice Principal, National College, Jayanagar, Bengaluru	Member
18	<b>Shri Sa. Ra. Sudarshan</b> Rtd. Deputy Director, Prasaraanga, Mysore University, Mysore	Member
19	<b>Dr. Vasundara Bhupati</b> Hon. Secretary Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat, Bengaluru Email: bhupathivasundhara@gmail.com	Member
20	<b>Dr. S. A. Patil</b> Rtd. Registrar, Karnatak University, Dharwad	Member

## Annexure II

### Directory of Officers and Employees:

1. Dr. H Honne Gowda  
Special Director (Technical)  
Department of Science and Technology  
and Ex-Officio CEO & Member Secretary  
Karnataka Science and Technology Academy
2. Dr. A M Ramesh, Scientific Officer III
3. Dr. Anand R, Scientific Officer II
4. Mr. Sreenivas, Scientific Officer I
5. Mr. Umesh Gatege, Scientific Officer I
6. Mr. Mahadevegowda, Administrative Officer
7. Mr. H.V. Honne Gowda, Accounts Superintendent
8. Mr. Dileep, Office Superintendent
9. Ms. Leelu, Personal Assistant
10. Mr. Panduranga, Stenographer
11. Mr. Chandrashekhara Murthy, Junior Assistant
12. Mr. Umesh, Junior Assistant
13. Mr. K.C. Ramesh, Driver
14. Mr. Gopalaiah, Driver
15. Mr. Bharath, Attender
16. Mr. Mohan, Messenger
17. Mrs Lalitha

**Details of monthly remuneration fixed for different posts at KSTA**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Pay Scale</b>
1.	Scientific Officer III	40,050 to 56,550
2.	Scientific Officer II	36,300 to 53,850
3.	Scientific Officer I	36,300 to 53,850
4.	Administrative Officer	30,400 to 51,300
5.	Accounts Superintendent	22,800 to 43,200
6.	Office Superintendent	20,000 to 36,300
7.	Personal Assistant	16,000 to 29,600
8.	Stenographer	12,500 to 24,000
9.	Junior Assistant	11,600 to 21,000
10.	Driver	11,600 to 21,000
11.	Attender	10,400 to 16,400
12.	Messenger	9,600 to 14,550
13.	Cleaning	8,000