

Ray institute chief asks CAG to probe accounts

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CALCUTTA: Matters at the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute of India (SRFTI) took yet another dramatic turn with chairman Buddhadev Dasgupta shooting off a letter to the comptroller and auditor-general of India, asking him to urgently arrange the auditing of the institute's accounts.

He also wants the auditing report be sent to the Union ministry of information and broadcasting. Mr Dasgupta's decision is seen by many as a move to clear his name, and that of others, on various allegations raised by the agitating students.

Meanwhile, with the students refusing to enter into any kind of dialogue with the authorities till such time that Mr Dasgupta resigns, the SRFTI has virtually ceased to function. With neither side willing to relent, the institute remains paralysed. There has also been concern over the alleged reluctance of the Union ministry of information and broadcasting to mediate at this stage despite several representations made to I&B minister Jaipal Reddy.