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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Q/XPC/551/2(11)/2018

Date: 06.07.2018

Dear Shri Pankaj Sharma,

Reference is invited to your RTI Application bearing registration No. MOEAF/R/2018/50666 dated 26.06.2018 regarding shooting/filming of documentaries by British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) or its affiliates in India. Following is the ad-seriatim reply to the queries:

- (1). The Ministry of External Affairs has neither prohibited nor banned BBC or any of its affiliates from shooting/filming documentaries in India.
- (2) & (3). No Applicable in view of (1) above.

II. In case you are not satisfied with the above response you may file an appeal with Dr. Venkatachalam Murugan, Director (XPD) and Appellate Authority, Room No. 143, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, within a month of the receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Kapil Sharma)
US (PD) & CPIO

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Copy to:

1. Mr. Mukesh Kumar Ambasta, US (RTI), RTI Cell, Ministry of External Affairs w.r.t. RTI Application No. MOEAF/R/2018/50666.

20.06.2018

To,
The Public Information Officer,
Ministry of External Affairs

SUBJECT: SEEKING INFORMATION UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

a. The point wise information is being sought by the applicant here-in-under:-

b. **PARTICULAR OF INFORMATION REQUIRED:-**

1. Please kindly inform whether British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) or any of its affiliates have been banned or prohibited from shooting/filming documentaries in India?

If yes, Please provide the copy of orders or office circulars or office memo through which they have been banned/prohibited along with the copy of file noting and other documents.

2. Please kindly inform whether such ban or prohibitory order is applicable to 3rd parties who are

a. Jointly producing such documentaries with BBC? Or

b. Plan to subsequently market the documentaries to BBC or any of its affiliates?

3. Please kindly inform whether visa and permits of foreign citizens/journalists will be affected if the proposed documentary is:-

a. broadcasted or aired on BBC or any of its affiliates channels? or

b. proposed documentary is subsequently gets aired on BBC or any of its affiliates channels?

- c) **Kindly provide the information to each point separately. Please do not club the information to the points, even if the information is repeated.**
- d) Whether Information is Required by post or in person: by post/Soft Copy In case of post : by Speed Post.
- e) The applicant kindly submits that the above information sought does not fall within the exemptions U/s 8 of RTI Act, 2005 and to the best of my knowledge it pertains to your esteemed office in your statutory capacity as PIO u/s 5 (1) of RTI Act read with 5(4) and 5(5) of the RTI Act, 2005.
- f) The applicant kindly submits that if the requested information does not pertain to your department, then it is requested to please follow the provisions of Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 and kindly also intimate the applicant through registered/speed post to whom you are forwarding / transferring the application as prescribed in RTI Act 2005.
- g) Applicant may be supplied information under proactive disclosure under section 4 (1) (b) of RTI Act of your office / department.
- h) And also mention the name and address of Appellate authority in reply as per Section 7 and 19 of RTI Act 2005.
- i) If my request or part of request is rejected by PIO then provide reason for rejection as per Section 7 (8) of RTI Act.
- j) Kindly provide information on above mentioned questions.

Yours Sincerely, Respectfully,

Pankaj Sharma