

RTI REQUEST DETAILS

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Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi
CPV Division, Patiala House Annex, T. 10
Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001

No.2176 /RTI-Transfer/2014

Dated: 25.09.2014

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Information sought under the Right to Information Act, 2005 – Transfer of RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Enclosed please find an application made by Shri krishnanand under the RTI Act, 2005 dated 16.09.2013, which has been received in this office on 22.09.2014.

2. As the information sought pertains to XP Division, the application, in original, is transferred to US(RTI), MEA New Delhi, under Section 6(3) (ii) of the RTI Act, 2005, with a request that a suitable reply may be sent to the applicant directly within the prescribed time limit, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. The applicant has paid the RTI fee of Rs. 10/- Through Online.

M Kalra
(Madhu Kalra)
Section Officer (CPV-RTI) &
Central Public Information Officer

To

✓ The CPIO,
US(RTI), MEA J.N.B. New Delhi

Encl: as above

Copy to: Shri krishnanand, 107, E Block, Tower-07, GH-07, Crossings Republik Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201016 with a request that he may get in touch with the abovementioned CPIO directly, for any further correspondence.

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To
The CPIO
MEA, Govt. of India
North Block, New Delhi

Sub: Application under RTI Act of 2005.

Sir,

This application refers to the news reports appearing in a section of media about union government's decision not to extend journalist category visa of Mr. Shogo Takahashi, former bureau chief of NHK in New Delhi, who was stationed in India from June 2008 to July 2010.

These news reports claimed that the Govt. of India was reportedly not happy with the content of some of the news program or documentary produced by NHK. The news reports also claimed that the Govt of India was particularly unhappy with the content of a documentary – 'Indo no Shogeki' or 'Impact of India' produced by Mr. Takahashi.

Kindly also provide a copy of the above mentioned NHK program, and its English version or translation if it is available with the MEA, and also the opinions recorded by MEA officials in India and Japan that led the MEA to conclude that the content of the said news program, as reported in accompanying news agency reports was 'inappropriate'.

The reports also claimed that it was a joint decision of MHA and MEA not to extend the journalist visa of Mr. Takahashi and one official of ministry was quoted by the news reports as saying that 'extension of Mr. Takahashi's visa not convenient to interest of India.'

I'm seeking the entire record available with the MEA and MHA in this regard, please feel free to refer this application or a part of it as the case may be to the other department under section 6(3) of the Act if the requested info is more closely connected with them.

The info must include relevant details of Mr. Shogo Takahashi's India stint with from and to date, entire record including papers submitted by him and NHK to get him a Journalist category visa. File notings, opinions recorded by MEA, MHA officials while clearing his visa and denying the extension to his 'Journalist' category visa. Pls also provide the entire record if 'J' category visa to any other NHK journalist was denied between 2008 to 2012.

I'm in possession of a certified copy of the entire record of a legal suit initiated by a former NHK Employee Mr. Raje Singh Negi son of Gaver Singh Negi vide suit number 478/2010 (Raje Singh Negi versus NHK) filed in and decided by Patiala House Court in New Delhi. The said suit was decided by learned judge Ms. Ina Malhotra on 06.07.2012.

The said suit was decided by learned judge Ms. Ina Malhotra on 06.07.2012. In that suit, the respondent company – NHK – in a bid to defend Mr. Shogo Takahashi, former bureau chief of NHK New Delhi had stated:

"Point 26- paragraph 26 of the plaint is incorrect and is denied. Mr. Takahashi had never used the racial slur "Bloody Indian" or other discriminating or disrespectful words. Mr. Takahashi is a Japanese man and since the mother tongue of Japanese people is the Japanese language, not English, such words are very unfamiliar to all Japanese people, including Mr. Takahashi. He did not know the expression and it's meaning. Even now, he doesn't know the meaning and nuance of the words."

In this context I would like to receive the entire record of 'J' category visa issued to Mr. Shogo Takahashi, including the application form filled by him and documents submitted by him and his company NHK confirming relevant details for this purpose as he might have demonstrated knowledge of certain language while filling the form including English as English is the primary language of work of high courts and supreme court, ministry of external affairs and top bureaucracy in India and also of corporate sector.

He might have wilfully made a false statement in an Indian court to mislead the court and hinder the administration of justice in India. This fact can only be corroborated by the application form filled by him while seeking J category visa to work in India as a journalist and report to the world about the country.

I also need blank copy or copies of application forms to be filled by the people those who seek 'Journalist' category visa from India.

I need the copies of the applications forms filled by below mentioned NHK journalists who sought and obtained 'J' category visa with the entire records/papers, including proof of employment with NHK and other service conditions and recommendation letters, submitted by them including any undertaking for proper conduct during their stay in India:

1. Akira Takezawa s/o Soichi Takezawa, former Bureau Chief in New Delhi (01.06.2006 to July 2008)
2. Shogo Takahashi s/o Late Masanori Takahashi, Ex Bureau Chief, New Delhi (July 2008 to July 2010). As per attached reports extension to his J category visa was denied by Govt. of India.
3. Kazuya Osakada s/o Susumu Osakada, former correspondent, NHK New Delhi was employed in India till September 2009.
4. Takuya Ogawa s/o Kunihiko Ogawa, former cameraman, NHK New Delhi was employed in India till August 2010.
5. Masaru Zenke s/o Yoshihisa Zenke, Program Director NHK Tokyo, travelled to India between March to May 2008.

MEA has a vast publicity division to disseminate relevant info and track news reports concerning it. Kindly give me the entire record that was generated subsequent to publishing of these news reports. If publicity division or any other division of MEA in India or Japan found them untrue or concocted then please give the copy of the press release clarifying the factual position and entire material associated with it.

The info must include any submissions or representation made by either Mr. Shogo Takahashi, NHK or any other authority of Japan in India or Japan subsequent to denial of extension to visa to Mr. Takahashi and the follow up action taken by the GOI. Please also provide details of any meetings that may have taken place either in India or Japan between NHK officials and GOI officials in this regard and copies of subsequent decisions with entire record of file notings, opinions recorded by the GOI officials.

Kindly also provide true certified copies of any complaints received by MEA or its offices in India and Japan against any NHK or its officials between 2008-2012.

NIHK is public broadcaster of Japan and conduct of its officials as was reported by news reports and content of its programs about India have a bearing on image of India across the globe.

Please feel free to write to me seeking any further info or clarification on this. Please provide me the entire info as requested in whatever form it is available, wherever it is available within 30 days.

Links to news reports:

http://www.telegraphindia.com/1100717/jsp/nation/story_12693353.jsp

<http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201007090563.html>

<http://www.livemint.com/2010/09/03203027/Reporting-India.html>

http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/uncategorized/japanese-journalist-refused-visa-extension_100394757.html

I would like to supply any other additional info concerning this RTI application through email as and when it becomes available to me.

Regards,

Krishnanand Tripathi

कपिल राज
Kapil Raj

Under Secretary (PD) & CPIO
R.No. 256A, A-Wing Shastri Bhawan



विदेश प्रचार और लोक राजनय विभाग
External Publicity & Public Diplomacy Division
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Q/XPC/551/39/14

Date: November 5, 2014

Mr. Krishnanand Tripathi
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Crossings Republik, Ghaziabad,
Uttar Pradesh – 201016

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Reference is invited to your RTI Application No. MOEAF/R/2014/00289 dated 10.10.2014. This Division's response to the relevant queries is as follow:

In so far as press release or statement on the said 'news report' is concerned, the Division would like to inform that all transcription of Media Briefings and Statements/Speeches are available on MEA website mea.gov.in. However, there are no such records on the said subject.

The Division would also like to bring to notice that the Applicant visited this Office on 14.10.2014 to inspect the available relevant files/records on NHK in connection with an earlier RTI application No. MOEAF/R/2014/80090 and is scheduled to visit this office again. In light of this, the Division shall await the next visit at which time all available records/files relevant to the queries shall be made available to the Applicant for inspection as per RTI Act, 2005.

The Applicant may therefore visit this office, taking a prior appointment with Mr. P.C Mishra, US (XFM), Ministry of External Affairs at 011-23385193 to obtain/inspect the available declassified information.

2. In case the Applicant is not satisfied with the above response he may file an appeal with Dr. Sumit Seth, Deputy Secretary (Digital Diplomacy) and Appellate Authority, Room No. 141, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi within a month of the receipt of this letter.

(Kapil Raj)

Under Secretary (PD) & CPIO

Copy for information to:

Ms. Meera Sisodia

Under Secretary (RTI), Room No. 2021

A-Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan

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