



विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No.Q/XPC/551/01(01)/2024

09th April, 2024

Subject: Information sought under the RTI Act, 2005

Please refer to your RTI application No. MOEAF/R/E/24/00473 dated 07/04/2024 received on 08/04/2024 seeking information under RTI act 2005.

2. The information sought by you is as below:

1. Provide information regarding what is the role of Chief Passport Officer in MEA.
2. Provide information regarding what are the powers and functions of Chief Passport Officer provide detailed information regarding this point.
3. Provide information regarding former from First till current Chief Passport Officers names list with respective tenure list.
4. Provide org chart of CPV Division as MEA ministry structure chart.
5. Provide information regarding what is the role of spokesperson in MEA.
6. Provide information regarding former from First till current as of now spokesperson names list with respective tenure list.

3. The ad-seritum reply of CPIO is furnished below:

1 to 4 - The information sought for S.No. 1 to 4 does not pertain to this Division.

5. The Official Spokesperson heads the External Publicity and Public Diplomacy Division (XPD) of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The Spokesperson functions as the interface between the MEA and Indian & International Media on developments related to India's foreign policy.

6. List of MEA Official Spokespersons:

S. No.	Name	Tenure
1.	Shri V.R. Bhatt	1949-1954
2.	Shri R. Ramamirtham	1954-1955
3.	Shri P.N. Haksar	1955-1958
4.	Shri R. Goburdhan	1958-1959
5.	Shri P.N. Menon	1959-1962
6.	Shri M.A. Rahman	1962-1964
7.	Shri I.J. Bhadur Singh	1964-1967



विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

8.	Shri R. Jaipal सत्यमेव जयते	1967-1968
9.	Shri A.B. Bhadkamkar	1968-1969
10.	Shri S.K. Singh	1969-1973
11.	Shri A.N.D. Haksar	1973-1976
12.	Shri S.V. Purushottam	1976-1979
13.	Shri J.N. Dixit	1979-1982
14.	Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar	1982-1983
15.	Shri Salman Haidar	1983-1985
16.	Shri G. Parthasarthy	1985-1988
17.	Shri Aftab Seth	1988-1992
18.	Shri S.S. Mukherjee	1992-1994
19.	Shri Arif Khan	1994-1997
20.	Shri Talmiz Ahmed	1997-1997
21.	Shri Pavan K. Varma	1997-1998
22.	Shri K.C. Singh	1998-1999
23.	Shri R.S. Jassal	1999-2001
24.	Smt. Nirupama Rao	2001-2002
25.	Shri Navtej Sarna	2002-2008
26.	Shri Vishnu Prakash	2008-2012
27.	Shri Syed Akbaruddin	2012-2015
28.	Shri Vikas Swarup	2015-2017
29.	Shri Gopal Baglay	2017-2017
30.	Shri Raveesh Kumar	2017-2020
31.	Shri Anurag Srivastava	2020-2021
32.	Shri Arindam Bagchi	2021-2024
33.	Shri Randhir Jaiswal	2024-till date (incumbent)

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

Your Faithfully

(Arpit Jain)

Under Secretary (DD) & CPIO
XPD Division

Room No.141, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110001

Phone No. – 23387524

Email- dsdd@mea.gov.in

अर्पित जैन/Arpit Jain
अवर सचिव (डिजिटल डिप्लोमेसी)
Under Secretary (Digital Diplomacy)
विदेश प्रचार और लोक राजनय विभाग
External Publicity and Public Diplomacy Division
विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi