



RTI matter/ Time Bound

Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

No. E/551/1/2020-RTI

11 December 2020

To:

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application bearing Registration No. MOEAF/R/T/20/00784 addressed to Ministry to RTI cell, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, received by this Division on 12 November 2020.

2. It may be noted that under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005, a CPIO/ Public Authority is under obligation to provide an applicant only that information which exists in the records and that which is held by or under the control of that authority.
3. Information pertaining to your query is not available with the undersigned CPIO.
4. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Satish K. Sivan, Director (East Asia) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi -110001, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Karthik G. Iyer)

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RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) : MOEAF/R/T/20/00784 Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) : 12/11/2020

Transferred From (से स्थानांतरित) : Prime Minister's Office on 12/11/2020 With Reference Number : PMOIN/R/E/20/06208

Remarks(टिप्पणी) : RTI Application is being transferred for appropriate action.

Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) : Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) : English

Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? (क्या आवेदक गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) : No Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) : Indian

Amount Paid (राशि का भुगतान) : 10) (original recipient) Mode of Payment (भुगतान का प्रकार) : Payment Gateway

Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person? (क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है?) : No(Normal) Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) : US (China)

Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी): Sir,
The request for information is attached, please.

Original RTI Text (मूल आरटीआई पाठ): Sir,
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THE BORDER BETWEEN INDIA AND TIBET

Sir

1. India recognised the occupation of Tibet by China in 1954 and confirmed it again in 2003. However, we are also hosting the independent Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) [that is the Government of Tibet in Exile (GoT)], which has been functioning in India since 1959. Since we recognise this GoT and permit it to function, it is axiomatic that we do not truly recognise the occupation of Tibet by PRC.
2. However, our official approach and our true position are at variance. This is because we are militarily weaker and hence forced to appease PRC by abhorring actions likely to cause them discomfort.
3. The fact is that we believe that PRC has illegally occupied Tibet and most Tibetans across the World also believe the same. Our unvoiced aim is also that Tibet is made free from PRC occupation. Therefore a time will come when Tibet is free.
4. Hence it is necessary to be prepared for that event and avoid any conflict arising with a free Tibet at that time. Thus, to ensure smooth and peaceful execution of India's and Tibet's roles when that happens it is necessary to draw up agreements between GoT and India now.
5. Of the many possible agreements, a major one will be the International Border demarcation. It is, therefore, necessary to have an agreement on the International Border jointly agreed to by the GoT, India, GoT and any other stakeholders.
6. This border agreement will set the stage for further agreements that will define the relationship between India and GoT. It will also lend legal support to our averred claim of the International Border with the PRC and will also boost the case for a free Tibet.
7. In the light of the above and the present situation between India and PRC (also Pakistan) as on 10 Nov 2020, the following information on our current position (that is India's position) may please be provided.
 - (a) Have we held discussions with the GoT on the status of the McMahon Line?
 - (b) Have we jointly ratified this line afresh and/or demarcated the border afresh between India and Tibet jointly with the GoT?
 - (c) If the answer to the above is yes, have we arrived at an agreed border alignment and has that been marked on large scale maps precisely and accurately?
 - (d) If yes, have we identified that line jointly on the ground? At least in areas where it is possible to do so and are not under PRC occupation?
 - (e) Are there any jointly agreed or even 'draft agreed principles' on which the border ratification and or demarcation has been done or is proposed to be done?
 - (f) If the above has not been done have we entered into a border agreement with the GoT in exile in India and to also carry out this demarcation of the border on maps and 'on the ground'?

(g) If no, then are there any plans to do so?

(h) Is there a long-term plan to get PRC to vacate Tibet?

8. It is requested that answers to the above may please be provided at the earliest, please.