

RTI matter/ Time Bound

Government of India Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi

06 July 2020

No. E/551/1/2020-RTI

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application bearing Registration No. MOEAF/R/E/20/00632 dated 06 July 2020 seeking information under RTI Act, 2005.

- 2. It may be noted that only such information can be supplied under the RTI Act, 2005 that is available and existing and is held by the public authority.
- 3. With respect to your query, it is our understanding that India Taipei Association is working out an arrangement to organise a flight to bring Indian citizens stranded in Taiwan. Moreover, we understand that India Taipei Association (ITA) has been directly in touch with you.
- 4. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Dr. Amit Telang, 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) DS (China) & CPIO

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CC to:

1. Ms. Deepa Jain, Under Secretary (RTI), MEA, New Delhi

RTI REC	QUEST DETAIL	LS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विव	रण)
Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	MOEAF/R /E/20/00632	Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	06/06/2020
Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :	Online Receipt	Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) •	English

Status (स्थिति) (Rural/Urban) :	Education Status .				
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):	Please find the attached detailed application.				
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To,

Central/Public Information Officer,

Ministry of External Affairs,

Room No. 2021, 'A' Wing,

Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 011

Subject: Request to furnish information under Sec. 6(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 on following points

Sir/Ma'am,

You are requested to furnish following information/documents.

- 1. Information regarding the exact number (headcount) of applications/registrations received by Ministry of External Affairs (of any citizenship) who want to return to India from Taiwan (R.O.C.).
- Copies of communications received by Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India from India - Taipei Association regarding facilitating repatriation of Indians stranded in Taiwan (R.O.C.) after 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 till date.
- Copies of response given by Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India in response to such communication as referred in Point No. 2.
- 4. Information regarding any other efforts which have been undertaken by Ministry of External Affairs to facilitate repatriation of persons willing to travel to India from Taiwan (R.O.C.) after 1st March, 2020 till date.

- Information regarding possible inclusion of Taiwan (R.O.C.) in upcoming Phase – III of Mission Vande Bharat.
- Information regarding future course of action to be undertaken by Ministry of External Affairs regarding repatriation Indians stranded in Taiwan (R.O.C.).

I declare that the information relates to liberty of a person in following situation and therefore the information be provided within 48 hours as provided in proviso to Sec. 7 of the Act.

Information relates to liberty of a person for following reasons:

- A. I am seeking this information in order to find out the efforts undertaken by the Ministry of External Affairs in respect of Indians stranded in Taiwan (R.O.C.) which includes my mother, Ms. Smita K. Jani who is stranded in Taiwan since the day international aviation is suspended. Under Mission Vande Bharat, two phases have passed with Phase I flying 84 flights, Phase II flying 260 Flights and in fact the second phase has been extended to include 169 flights additional flights and as such schedule of as many as 513 flights are provided, there is not a single flight provided for repatriation of Indians in Taiwan.
- **B.** International Aviation is suspended leaving Mission Vande Bharat to be only hope for return to Indians stranded in Taiwan.
- C. I have written several e-mails from my e-mail id:

  , however, your good office has not resolved

the grievance nor supplied any information and has not even bothered to reply to certain e-mails.

D. Similarly, India – Taipei Association has also not supplied any information regarding the repatriation of Indians stranded in Taiwan except for saying that name of Ms. Smita K. Jani is registered and that they would update in future.

Under these circumstances, it has become absolutely urgent to attend to the situation and the information is required to be provided within 48 hours as per proviso to Sec. 7 of the RTI Act, 2005.

I state that the information sought for in the present application, does not fall within the ambit of Sec. 8 of the RTI Act.