Government of India Ministry of External Affairs (United Nations Political Division)

No. U.II/551/34/2018

Dated: 26th November, 2018

To,

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application received in this Division on 9.11.2018. The response to your RTI application is as follows:

2. The Information asked by you is replied as given bleow:

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of <u>53</u> independent and equal <u>sovereign states</u>. More information regarding the Commonwealth can be accessed at http://thecommonwealth.org/about-us.

Regarding your query of the benefits and losses before and after leaving the Commonwealth, under the RTI Act and guidelines therein (can be accessed at https://rti.gov.in/rticorner/guide_2013-issue.pdf) only such information can be supplied under the Act that is available and existing and is held by the public authority or is held under the control of the public authority. The Public Information Officer is not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record of the public authority. The Public Information Officer is also not required to furnish information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Your query is hypothetical in nature with no information available on our record, hence information sought by you is replied as "Nil"

3. This disposes of the application accordingly under Section 19(6) of RTI Act, 2005.

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(Priyanka Mahtani) Under Secretary to Govt. of India Room No. 2027, 'A' Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23 D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011. Ph.: 011-49018416

CC to:

1. Under Secretary (RTI), MEA, New Delhi

RTI REQUEST DETAILS			
Registration No. :	MOEAF/R/2018/80480	Date of Receipt :	09/11/2018
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Information Sought :	Why India does not leave the membership of Commonwealth Nation. What are the benefits and losses before and after leaving		
Original RTI Text :	Why India does not leave the membership of Commonwealth Nation. What are the benefits and losses before and after leaving		