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Date of Receipt : 30/09/2014

Language of Request : English

Name : O.P. Bhola

Gender : Male

Address : F- 120, Vikaspuri, New Delhi, Pin:110018

Phone No. : Details not provided

Mobile No. : Details not provided

Email : Details not provided

Country : Details not provided

State : Delhi

Status : Details not provided

Educational Status : Details not provided

Requester's Letter No : Details not provided

Requester's Letter Date : 23/09/2014

Citizenship Status : Indian

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Dated: 23 September 2014 ✓

The Central Public Information Officer(CPIO)
(Attention: Director(RTI))
Ministry of External Affairs
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan
52-D, Janpath
New Delhi-110001

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29/09/2014

SUBJECT: INFORMATION SOUGHT UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

PART I:

1. Name of Applicant : O.P. Bhola
2. Address : F-120, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018
3. Whether citizen of India : Yes


PART II:

Specify the particulars of the information sought for:

4. With reference to my letter dated 09 August 2014(copy enclosed for ready reference), addressed to the Joint Secretary(X), the following information may kindly be provided:-

(a) Information relating to any action taken on my letter.

Place: New Delhi


(Signature of the Applicant)

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Dated: 09 June 2014

Shri Syed Akbaruddin
Joint Secretary(XP)
Ministry of External Affairs
External Publicity Division
Shastri Bhavan
New Delhi-110001

Dear Sir,

In response to my two RTI applications, both dated the 26th February, 2014 (copies enclosed for ready reference) seeking information with regard to the two stories entitled "PM's extended IFS terms upset officers" and "India ready to let China keep Aksai Chin if neighbor country drops claim to Arunachal Pradesh" published by Saurabh Shukla in the 29th August 2013 and 28 November 2013 editions of the Mail Online, respectively, I have been informed by the concerned divisions of the Ministry of External Affairs that both the stories filed by Saurabh Shukla were without any basis and, therefore, unsubstantiated.

2. With regard to the journalist's story with regard to some IFS officers' tenures, etc., you are no doubt aware of the longstanding policy of the Ministry of External Affairs not to share any personnel matters of its officers with the media. Similarly, with regard to his story on India's strategic policy with regard to Aksai Chin and Arunachal Pradesh, you will appreciate that such a kind of unsubstantiated report on India's bilateral and strategic relations with a foreign country, particularly China, in this case, could not only seriously jeopardize our relations with China but could also create a wrong perception with the general public, particularly as India's economic relations with China are of paramount importance, and therefore of our overall national interests.

3. From your experience in the Administration Division of the Ministry, you are also, no doubt, aware that Saurabh Shukla has been in the habit of writing unsubstantiated and baseless, and, sometimes, defamatory stories, about the men and matters of the MEA. Cases like Mahavir Singhvi's and mine are relevant in this regard. In the former case, Saurabh Shukla had written a defamatory story in the Hindustan Times where he was working at that time, and the officer (Mahavir Singhvi) had to suffer for almost a decade and finally got justice in the Supreme Court. And, in my case, Saurabh Shukla wrote a defamatory story against me, according to him, "on the basis of information provided to him by his sources in the MEA, in the India Today in April 2007 and the wheels of justice have just started grinding with summons having been issued to him and others for defaming me."

4. In view of the above, it is high time that journalists like Saurabh Shukla are restrained and not allowed to misuse the Freedom of Speech provisions in

the Constitution of India to defame others and to negatively affect India's bilateral relations with foreign countries, particularly China. You will appreciate that this matter is of utmost national importance and interest and the Ministry may kindly investigate the concerned journalist's conduct and take necessary action against him so that he is not able to ruin the lives of innocent officers of the MEA.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



(O.P. Bhola)
IFS(Retd.)

F-120, Vikaspuri
New Delhi-110018

Dated: 26 February 2014

The Central Public Information Officer(CPIO)
Department of Personnel & Training
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
North Block
New Delhi-110011

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PART I:

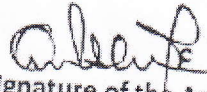
1. Name of Applicant : O.P. Bhola
2. Address : F-120, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018
3. Whether citizen of India : Yes

PART II:

Specify the particulars of the information sought for:

4. With reference to the news story captioned "PM's extended IFS terms upset officers" published by Saurabh Shukla in the 29 August 2013 edition of Mail Online(copy enclosed), the following information may kindly be provided:
 - (a) All Information/Papers, including file notings with regard to the extensions granted to IFS officers mentioned in the news article.
 - (b) Information relating to the rules of the Government of India under which the extensions to the IFS officers have been granted.
 - (c) Information relating to the rules under which extensions in service can be granted to the officers almost two years before their retirement dates.

Place: New Delhi


(Signature of the Applicant)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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R. No. 256A, A- Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: October 24, 2014

Mr. O.P Bholia
F-120, Vikaspuri,
New Delhi – 110018

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Reference is invited to your RTI Application No. MOEAF/R/2014/00269 dated 30.09.2014. External Publicity and Public Diplomacy Division's response to the Application is as follow:

While it is mentioned in the Application, a letter dated 09 August 2014 as reference, the said letter is not attached with the Application. In the absence of the said letter based on which the query was raised, the Division is unable to determine the substance of the query and furnish the relevant 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

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