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31 August 2014

Under Secretary (XP) & CPIO,
External Publicity Division
Ministry of External Affairs
Room no. 245, Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110001

Information requested under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Dear Sir,

Kindly provide information and **certified** copy of documents / records sought under **the Right to Information Act, 2005** as detailed below, **in tabular format**. Copy of the Documents / Records sought be **mandatorily certified as required u/s 2(j)(ii) of the Right to Information Act, 2005**.

1. In respect to the Official Visit to India, of Mr. George W Bush, President of the United States of America, between 1st to 3rd March 2006, kindly provide COMPLETE (a) Record, (b) Correspondence, (c) Documents, (d) Details of Action taken, (e) Notings on File, & (f) Details of Movement of file along with diary number (including a copy of FTS record), pertaining to
 - i. Issuance of Passes / Invitation to Media persons,
 - ii. Accreditation of Media persons,
 - iii. List of events that were open to the Media,
 - iv. List of Media persons who were issued Accreditation / Pass / Invitation, for each of the event, &
 - v. List of Media persons as per attendance recorded for each of the event.
2. List of documents held on record along with page numbers.
3. Bank Name & Branch with address, Account Name, Account Number, Type (Savings/Current, etc.), MICR Code, IFSC code, in which RTI application fee, Additional Fee under RTI Act, 2005, is deposited by the public authority to which this RTI application is addressed to, and / or is transferred to u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.
4. Any other relevant information.
5. Complete record (including file notings on every aspect) of this RTI petition and on movement of this RTI petition.

Your attention is drawn to the order of the Hon'ble CIC under File No.CIC/SM/A/2011/901365, dated 9 July 2012, which states that...

"6. It must be remembered that the transparency demanded under the Right to Information (RTI) Act of all public authorities would also extend to the CPIO, the Appellate Authority and the Central Information Commission in equal measure. The records generated by these authorities while dealing with any RTI application or appeal will have to be readily available in the public domain without any hindrance."

6. In case queries also relates to some other public authority, please transfer this RTI petition to CPIO there, u/s 6(3) of the RTI act, 2005, **in addition to providing of all information available with you.**

Kindly note:

It is clarified that Inspection of record is not sought. Only certified copy of the record on file is sought as detailed above. The CPIO is requested to specify the record and provide certified copies of the same. Section 7(9) of the Right to Information Act, 2009 mandates the following.

"7(9) An information shall ordinarily be provided in the form in which it is sought unless it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority or would be detrimental to the safety or preservation of the record in question."

Note on Demand of Additional Fee, if any:

- i) Demand for additional fee, if any can be made **only within 30 days of receipt of RTI application by the Public Authority**. It is clarified that **these 30 days are counted from the receipt of the RTI Application by the Public Authority**, or receipt of application by the CPIO, whichever is earlier. **This being an online RTI application, the demand for additional fee, if any, is to be raised via website www.rtionline.gov.in as detailed in the FAQ's reproduced below:**

"6. In case additional fee representing the cost is required for providing information, the Nodal Officer will intimate the same, which can be viewed by the applicant through 'View Status' option in the RTI Online Portal and an e-mail alert will be sent to the applicant for the same. For submitting the additional fee online, the applicant needs to use the option 'View Status' in the RTI Online Portal and on providing the registration number of the request option for 'Make Payment' will provided."

- ii) Provided that this RTI application is transferred to a Public Authority which is not a participant in the web portal www.rtionline.gov.in, complete bank account details, including IFSC code, of any such public authority making the demand be provided. In this regard your attention is drawn to section 6(c) of the RTI Rules, 2012, reproduced below. The bank account of the Public Authority is a facility for receiving fees through electronic means available with the public authority.

"6. Mode of Payment of fee. - Fees under these rules may be paid in any of the following manner, namely:-

(c) by electronic means to the Accounts Officer of the public authority, if facility for receiving fees through electronic means is available with the public authority."

- III) Provided that the demand is raised on the 30th day, the information sought by the applicant will have to be **delivered** (despatching is not good enough) on the same day of making the payment in compliance of section 7(1) & 7(3) of the RTI Act, 2005. Provided the demand is raised on the 29th day, information will have to be provided within one day of making the payment, and so on. Section 7(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, is reproduced below as a ready reckoner.

"(3) Where a decision is taken to provide the information on payment of any further fee representing the cost of providing the information, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall send an intimation to the person making the request, giving—

(a) the details of further fees representing the cost of providing the information as determined by him, together with the calculations made to arrive at the amount in accordance with fee prescribed under sub-section (1), requesting him to deposit that fees, and the period intervening between the despatch of the said intimation and payment of fees shall be excluded for the purpose of calculating the period of thirty days referred to in that sub-section;

(b) information concerning his or her right with respect to review the decision as to the amount of fees charged or the form of access provided, including the particulars of the appellate authority, time limit, process and any other forms."

IV) Provided that the Public Authority fails to **deliver** the information to the appellant within 30 days, the same will have to be provided "Free of Costs" u/s 7(6) of the RTI Act, 2005. Section 7(6) of the RTI Act, 2005, is reproduced below as a ready reckoner.

*"7(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (5), the person making request for the information shall be provided the information free of charge **where a public authority fails to comply with the time limits specified in sub-section (1).**"*

V) **In this regard your attention is drawn to decision no. CIC/SM/A/2011/000296/SG/12458, dated 20 May 2011, of the Hon'ble Central Information Commission, under Appeal No. CIC/SM/A/2011/000296/SG, in which the Public Authority was directed to refund to the appellant, the additional fee charged in violation of section 7(6) of the RTI Act, 2005 as the information sought was **not delivered** within permissible time.**

VI) Provided that the CPIO makes any illegal demand of additional fee, or fails to discharge his duties under the RTI Act, 2005, he/she is liable for penal action u/s 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

VII) Additionally, the appellant maybe compensated u/s 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005.

VIII) You are therefore requested to deliver information sought well within permitted time.


Payment of fee

INR 10 (Rupees Ten Only) has been paid online, towards fee paid for this RTI petition. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Declaration

I declare that I am a bonafide citizen of the Republic of India.

Many thanks in advance


Amit Bhargava



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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. Q/XPC/551/28/2014

R. No. 256, A- Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: September 18, 2014

**Mr. Amit Bhargava,
B5-44, Azad Apartments
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi
Pin: 110016**

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Reference is invited to your RTI application No. MOEAF/R/2014/61037 dated 31.08.2014. Following information is provided in response to your application:

On examining the information being requested, it has come our notice that similar queries had been sent by the applicant to this Division bearing Registration No. MOEAF/R/2013/60994 dated 11/11/2013. The Division replied to the Application vide its letter No. Q/XPP/551/33/2013 dated 29th November 2013 requesting the Applicant visit this Division which the Applicant did on Friday 13 December 2013 at 1100 hours. All available records and correspondences pertaining to the RTI Application on official visit of Mr. George W. Bush, former President of United States of America to India in March 2006 were put up at his disposal for inspection.

The relevant file, being of 2006 has outlived its normal prescribed life and has been weeded out. The Applicant may therefore refer to the previous application and the information and records obtained/inspected on his subsequent visit to this Division.

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)
Tel No. 011- 23388947

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RTI REQUEST DETAILS

Registration No. : MOEAF/R /2014/61037 **Date of Receipt :** 31/08/2014

Type of Receipt : Online Receipt **Language of Request :** English

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Status(Rural/Urban) : Urban **Education Status :** Details not provided

Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? : No **Citizenship Status :** Indian

Amount Paid : 10 **Mode of Payment :** Payment Gateway

Mode(s) of information Supply : Hard Copy

Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? : Details not provided. **Request Pertains to :** US (XP)

Information Sought : Find enclosed RTI application in the PDF file

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*Please forward to PoC (XPR)
04/09/14*

Mr. Bialk, Asst.