

M-551/35/2014

Room No. 28
South Block
New Delhi

21 Aug 2014

To

Shri Rupak Ghosh,
Holding No. 62,
Nibedita Abashik,
Kanainutshal, Burdwan,
West Bengal-713103

Subject: Right to Information Act, 2005- Application by Shri Rupak Ghosh dated 22/07/2014 about Government of India's policy regarding Palestine.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your application dated 20/7/2014, wherein you had sought information on Government of India's policy regarding Palestine. Your application was forwarded to this Division i.e. West Asia and North Africa Division (WANA Division) of the Ministry of External Affairs by RTI Cell, Ministry of External Affairs vide OM No. RTI/551/949/2014 dated 24.07.2014.

2. The information, relating to your queries in so far as WANA Division of the Ministry of External Affairs is concerned, is given below:

(a) India continues to remain steadfast and unwavering in its commitment to the Palestinian cause for a sovereign, independent, viable and united State of Palestine living within secure and recognized borders with East Jerusalem as its Capital, side by side and at peace with Israel as endorsed in the Quartet Roadmap and relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

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(c) India is deeply concerned at the increasing loss of civilian lives in Gaza resulting from the steep escalation of violence in the region. We have called upon both sides to exercise maximum restraint and resume talks for a comprehensive resolution of the Palestinian issue. We support all efforts towards the achievement of a sustainable ceasefire, which

will contribute to the security and stability of the region and its people.

- (d) The Ministry of External Affairs issued a statement on 10 July 2014 expressing deep concern at the escalation in violence, particularly the heavy air strikes in Gaza resulting in loss of civilian lives and damage to property. India's concern for the killing of civilians in Gaza was also articulated in India's statements made at the United Nations Security Council Open Debate on 22 July 2014 as well as at the United Nations Human Rights Council on 23 July 2014.

India has called for an end to Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories and for an early and significant easing of restrictions on the free movement of persons and goods within Palestine.

3. It may be stated that if you are not satisfied with the information provided herein, an appeal could be sent by you to the Appellate Authority, Shri Sandeep Kumar, Joint Secretary (WANA) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi, within thirty days of the receipt of the response.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

(Ram Rattan)
Consultant (WANA)

Copy forwarded for information to-

Smt. Meera Sisodia, US (RTI), MEA

RTI REQUEST DETAILS

Registration No. : MOEAF/R/2014/60974 **Date of Receipt :** 22/07/2014

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

Name : Rupak Ghosh **Gender :** Male

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Status(Rural/Urban) : Urban **Education Status :** Above Graduate

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 (WANA -I)

Information Sought :

- What is the policy of Government of India regarding Palestine
- Whats the view of India regarding the present conflict in Gaza
- Whether India support or oppose the present invention of Israeli troops , Please give the justification
- What specific action has been taken or going to be taken by Government of India to regarding it

