



No. E-551/01/2024-RTI

19 April 2024

To:

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

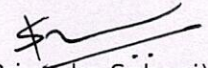
Please refer to your RTI application Registration No. MOEAF/R/P/24/00106 (DMAND/R/T/24/01673 & MODEF/R/E/24/01777) which was received by the undersigned CPIO on 15 April 2024.

2. With regard to query no. 2, in respect of China, under so-called China-Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' signed in 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. kms of Indian Territory in Shaksgam Valley from areas illegally occupied by Pakistan in Union Territory of Ladakh to China. Government of India has never recognized the so-called Pakistan-China 'Boundary Agreement' of 1963 and consistently maintained that it is illegal and invalid. Further, in the Eastern Sector, China claims approximately 90,000 square kilometers of Indian territory in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Indian territory under occupation of China in the Union Territory of Ladakh is approximately 38,000 square kilometers. India's consistent and principled position is that Arunachal Pradesh and the entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, have been, are and shall be an integral part of India. This fact has been clearly conveyed to Chinese authorities on several occasions.
3. With regard to query nos. 3 & 4, they are vague and speculative in nature and hence outside the purview of Section 2(f) of the RTI Act 2005.
4. With regard to query nos. 5 & 6, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had answered several Parliament Questions which are available in the public domain on the Ministry's website (<https://www.mea.gov.in>). There are also several press releases available for public access on the website.
5. With regard to query no. 7, agreements and treaties which India is a signatory to, have already been placed in the public domain and are available for public access on the MEA website.
6. With regard to query nos. 9 & 11, they cannot be answered as they are outside the purview of Section 2(f) of the RTI Act 2005.
7. With regard to query no. 10, the information is not available with the undersigned CPIO and the same is being transferred to CPIO (Legal & Treaties) for providing information directly to the applicant.
8. With regard to query no. 12 (*Are there existing plans or future strategies to safeguard Indian territory in this region?*), the information is not available with the undersigned CPIO and the same is being transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act, 2005, to Army HQ for providing information directly to the applicant.

9. It is also stated that under the provisions of RTI Act 2005, a CPIO/ Public Authority is under obligation to provide an applicant only that information which exists in records and that which is held by or under the control of that authority.

10. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Aniket G. Mandavgane, 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,



(Priyanka Sohoni)
DS (China) & CPIO
Room no. 270 A, South Block,
New Delhi - 110011
Telefax: 23011356
Email: dschina2@mea.gov.in

Copy to:

1. **Legal Officer (Legal & Treaties) & CPIO** [for providing information directly to the applicant]
2. **RTI Cell, ADGAE, G-6, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi** [for providing information directly to the applicant]
3. **US (RTI), JNB, MEA, New Delhi**
4. **Sh. Vipul Bawa, US(PAK) & CPIO** [for information]
5. **US (GS.V) & CPIO, Room No. 201, South Block, Department of Military Affairs** [for information]

RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

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| Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) : | MOEAF/R/P/24/00106 | Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) : | 15/04/2024 |
| Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) : | Local Receipt | Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) : | English |

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| Requester Letter Number (निवेदक पत्र संख्या) : | Details not provided | Letter Date : | Details not provided |
| 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) | Cash |
| 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) : | DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni |
| Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी): | RTI application is being fwd for providing information directly to the applicant. | | |
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Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) : DMAND/R/T/24/01673

Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) : 03/04/2024

Transferred From (से स्थानांतरित): Department of Defence on 03/04/2024 With Reference Number : MODEF/R/E/24/01777

Amount Paid (राशि का भुगतान) : 0 (Received by Department of Defence) (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) : Deepak Khatwani US(GS-V, China & Pak)

Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी):

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2. Similarly, please provide information on the land occupied by China in the north and northeast of India..
3. Kindly share details of any infrastructure (such as roads, buildings, or military installations) built by Pakistan and China in the disputed territories of India.
4. Specify the nature and location of such infrastructure.
5. What steps has the Indian government taken to reclaim the occupied land from Pakistan and China?
6. What are the ongoing efforts to resolve territorial disputes?
7. Provide information on any bilateral treaties or agreements between India and Pakistan and China aimed at preventing

invasion or territorial disputes.

9. Is the bilateral Treaties duly followed.

10. Are there any Prosecution against Pakistan and China regarding the borders dispute going in the International Court of Justice.

11. Describe the specific steps taken to prevent further encroachment by China in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh and other regions

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Original RTI Text (मूल आरटीआई पाठ):

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Ministry of Defence
Department of Military Affairs
D(GS-V)

Subject : Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 – reg.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of RTI Application Registration No.DMAND/R/T/24/01673 dated 03.04.2024 (received on 09.04.2024) of

2. Since the information sought by the applicant pertains to Army HQ and MEA, the RTI application is hereby transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act, 2005 for providing information to the applicant directly, w.r.t. concerned points, under intimation to this office. It is also intimated that as per this office is concerned, information may be treated as 'Nil'.

3. The address of the First Appellate Authority is:

Col. Parimal Bharti
Director (G)
Ministry of Defence
Department of Military Affairs
R.No.5A, South Block, New Delhi - 110011

Deepak Khatwani
(Deepak Khatwani) ^{09/04/24}
Under Secretary (GS.V) & CPIO
Tel.No.2301 3539

- (i) DDG, RTI, IHQ, MoD (Army), Sena Bhawan [D1 Wing, Near Gate No.6]
(ii) Under Secretary (RTI), RTI Cell, MEA, R.No.1024, A Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi - 110011

MoD ID No.27(01)/2023-D(GS-V)

Dated: 9th April, 2024

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DS(LEA) & DS(Pak)

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15/04/24

80(21) / Ms. Anjali

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.MOEAF/R/P/24/00106

Applicant Name

Text of Application

RTI application is being fwd for providing information directly to the applicant.

Reply of Application

| SN. | Action Taken | Date of Action | Action Taken By | Remarks |
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| 1 | RTI REQUEST RECEIVED | 15/04/2024 | Vipin - (SCPIO) | |