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**Sub: Information sought under RTI Act 2005 by Shri Ajay Merchant-
First Appeal**

Please refer to your RTI Appeal dated 11 June 2015 seeking information relating to the British Council.

2. Your application was transferred under Section 6(3)(ii) of the RTI Act 2005 to Shri Srikumar Menon, Deputy Secretary (Europe West), EW Division, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi vide the Protocol CPIO's OM No. DII/551/1/2015-Sh Merchant dated 26.05.2015, as the matter relating to grant of diplomatic status, privileges and immunities to British Council was more closely connected with the subject matter of the Europe West Division of the Ministry. Shri Menon has also sent a reply to you vide letter No. WI/A/551/3/15 dated 15.06.2015. Copies of the two communications are enclosed.
3. Therefore, the appeal is being disposed off accordingly.


(Jaideep Mazumdar)

Shri Ajay Merchant, 27-28, Shanti Layout, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru
PIN-560015

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Time Bound-RTI Matter

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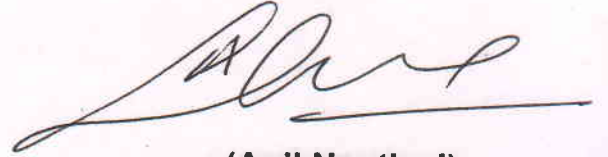
No. DII/551/1/2015-Sh Merchant

Dated 26.5.2015

OFFICE MEMMORANDUM

Attached herewith a copy of an RTI application of Shri Ajay Merchant dated 29.4.2015, seeking information relating to British Council.

2. The matter relating to grant of diplomatic status, privileges and immunities to British Council is more closely connected with the subject matter of Europe West Division of the Ministry. Therefore, the RTI application is hereby transferred to them under Section 6(3) (ii) of the RTI Act 2005, for providing information to the applicant directly. Earlier on 12.7.2013 a similar RTI was also transferred to them.



(Anil Nautiyal)
Deputy Chief of Protocol (Privileges) & CPIO
Tel. 49015449

Shri Srikumar Menon
Deputy Secretary (EW)& CPIO
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. Shri Ajay Merchant, 27-28, Shanti Layout, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru 560015.
2. RTI Cell, MEA, JNB, New Delhi

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EUROPE WEST DIVISION
NEW DELHI

Room no. 270-B,
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No. WI (A)/551/03/2015

15 June, 2015

To,

Shri Ajay Merchant,
27-28, Shanti Layout,
Jalahalli West, Plot No. 3-C, Sector-2,
Bangaluru, Karnataka-560015

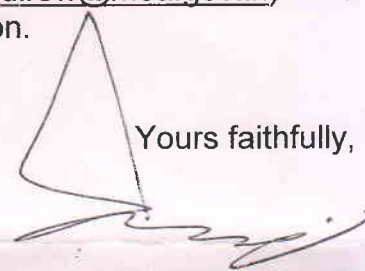
Sir,

This has reference to your RTI application dated 29 April 2015 (received from Protocol Division of the Ministry of External Affairs on 1 June 2015) seeking information relating to British Council.

2. This is to inform that Europe West Division of this Ministry has no information on the subject.

3. The Appellate Authority is Smt. Alpana Dubey, Director (EW), Room No. 39A, South Block, New Delhi. (Tel: 23794145; Fax:23010176. Email: direw@mea.gov.in). The appeal may be sent within 30 days of receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,



(Srikumar Menon)
Deputy Secretary (EW)
Tele: 23011261
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Copy to:

1. Under Secretary (RTI), RTI Cell, Room No. A-2021, Ministry of External Affairs, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, New Delhi (Tel: 49015227, Fax: 49015232). It is understood that matters relating to British Council are handled by ICCR, New Delhi. RTI Cell may kindly confirm and ascertain the requisite details from ICCR.

2. Shri Anil Nautiyal, DCP (Privileges), Ministry of External Affairs, Room No. 1062, B Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D Janpath, New Delhi (Tele: 49015445, Fax: 49015446)