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Please refer to your RTI Application No. MOEAF/R/2015/60010 dated 04.01.2015 and received in this Ministry on 4 January 2015.

2. The applicant has requested for the following information:

Question:

1)Particulars of information required Please provide certified copy of the information and documents with file notes US 6(1), 6(3) of the RTI Act on queries regarding the death of Indians in prisons abroad and Indian fishermen in foreign jails and other related documents.

2) The purpose of information sought this information involves larger public interest. Hence the information may be provided on that ground.

3) Period of information From 01-01-2005 to till date. YEAR WISE, country-wise, UT-wise state wise, details may be provided.

(A) Please provide certified copy of the document which shows the number of Indian fishermen languishing in various foreign jails particularly in Pakistan and Sri Lanka along with the details of the boats seized from them as on date.

(B) Please provide certified copy of the document which shows the details of various mechanisms put in place along with the role of Coast Guards in preventing Indian fishermen from crossing International Maritime Borders.

(C) Please provide certified copy of the document which shows the whether the recent incident regarding pronouncing death sentence to few Tamil Fishermen by a Sri Lanka court and if so, the complete details thereof.

(D) Please provide certified copy of the document which shows the total number of Indian fishermen who are in the custody of Pakistan as on date.

(E) Has the govt. received from various quarters for the early release of these fishermen and if so, the details thereof.

(F) Please provide certified copy of the document which shows the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the release of these fishermen and their fishing boats in various foreign jails.

(G) Has Indian fishermen was recently arrested by the Sri Lank an Navy on charges of illegal fishing in their territorial waters If so, the details thereof along with taken up this issue with Sri Lanka.

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(K) Has the autopsies of dead bodies were conducted by the authorities concerned If so, the case-wise findings thereof, and if not, state the reasons.

(L) Has the mortal remains of all those who have died in foreign jails have been brought back to the country If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore, case-wise.

(M) Has the Government proposes to chalk out any concrete action plan to address the issue If so, the details in this regard

(N) Please provides the file noting on movement of this R TI application.

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