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Shri R.K. Dhawan,
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Opposite Metro Pillar-39,
New Delhi
Email: tan008@hotmail.com

Subject:- Information sought under RTI Act 2005: RTI application No. MOEAF/R/2015/61031 dated 26/9/2015 – regarding levy of property tax.

Sir,

Please refer to your above RTI application on the above subject. The information sought is as follows:

i) **For Para 1, (a) and (b):** The extant of privileges in terms of taxes to foreign Missions in Delhi is being followed in accordance with Article 23 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961 for Diplomatic Missions and Article 32 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963 for Consular Missions as well as on the principle of reciprocity. However, the disclosure of such information in public domain and any critical analyses that entails is not in the best interest of India's relations with foreign States and thereby invoking the Section 8 (1) (a) of the RTI Act 2005.

(ii) **For Para 2:** As far as information related to Embassy of India, Chile, is concerned, the part of this question is being transferred to CPIO, Embassy of India, Chile (CPIO, Second Secretary (Consular), Embassy of India Santiago, Email: pressinfo@embajadaindia.cl) for suitable necessary action.

2. In case you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may appeal within 30 days to the Appellate authority in this Ministry at the following address: Joint Secretary (COP)/Appellate Authority, Room No. 149 A, South Block, New Delhi 110011.

Yours sincerely,

(Madan Singh Bhandari)
Deputy Chief of Protocol (Privileges) & CPIO
Room No. 1062, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhavan
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Tel. 49015449

CC:

1. JS (COP), First Appellate Authority, MEA, New Delhi
2. Shri S. Rajendran, Second Secretary (Consular), Embassy of India, Santiago, Chile (pressinfo@embajadaindia.cl)
3. US (RTI), MEA, New Delhi
4. PO (XMM), MEA, New Delhi poxmm@meaindia.in

RTI REQUEST DETAILS**Registration No. :** MOEAF/R/2015/61031 **Date of Receipt :** 26/09/2015**Type of Receipt :** Online Receipt **Language of Request :** English**Name :** RK Dhawan **Gender :** Male**Address :** No. 1 Panchkuian Road, opposite metro pillar 39, New Delhi ,
Pin:110055**State :** Delhi **Country :** India**Phone No. :** +91-01123529122 **Mobile No. :** +91-9810565069**Email :** tan008@hotmail.com**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**Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? :** No(Normal) **Request Pertains to :** DCP (Privilege)

My name is Dr. RK Dhawan resident of No.1 Panchkuian Road New Delhi 55. I am the owner of premises A 16/1 Poorvi Marg Vasant Vihar New Delhi which is occupied on rent by the Embassy of Chile in India.

I am an Indian citizen. I would like to receive the following information within 30 days as prescribed under RTI Act 2005.

Information Sought :

1. Please provide copies of rules/instructions/orders issued by MEA regarding levy of property tax on properties by the Municipal Corporations in Delhi which are occupied by a foreign embassy/governments alongwith

a. instructions issued to the three municipal corporations in Delhi regarding property tax on premises occupied by foreign Embassies/ Governments and

b. orders / decisions on similar cases regarding whether such use of the premises by the foreign Embassy/ Government is to be considered as Commercial use for purpose of levy of property tax.

2. Whether the Embassy of India in Chile is paying property tax or any other such similar tax to the local municipal authority in Chile.

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