

Q/XPC /551/52/2015  
Ministry of External Affairs  
XPD Division(XPC Section)  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

**Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.**

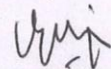
Reference inputs desired by RTI Cell in connection with an RTI application dated 22.11.2015 (received on 23.11.2015) of Shri Sunil Verma, seeking information under RTI act 2005.

As far as XPD Division is concerned the point wise desired inputs in connection with above mentioned RTI with w.r.t points 6-9 are given as under:

6 & 7 The Ministry receives a number of proposals from time to time for the making of films on different aspects of India. It must balance its budgetary allocation for the limited number of films possible keeping in view the overall foreign policy objectives of the Government. These would depend on Government's thrust/focus areas given its multi-dimensional foreign policy engagements, and the need to leverage its public diplomacy outreach to create the greatest impact possible. The documentary in question is under consideration along with a number of other proposals.

8 & 9 An Expression of Interest was invited from Filmmakers for making a film with a working title of "The Ramayana – A shared culture in India and South East Asia." Interested filmmakers have made presentations on their various proposals.

The objective of the proposed film is to highlight the rather obscure knowledge in the public domain about the cultural bonds and linkages between the countries of South East Asia and India that have existed for millennia. The reinvigoration of these age-old ties has been a critical plank of India's engagement with the ASEAN Organization as well as individual countries, and a film that celebrates this shared heritage would have a wide audience and form an essential aspect of our public diplomacy outreach to the region.

  
(Kapil Raj)

Under Secretary (PD) & CPIO  
29.12.2015

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1. US (RTI), MEA, JNB 2021


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**Public Authority:** Ministry of External Affairs      **Role :** CPIO      **User :** US (PD)

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<b>Date of Receipt :</b>	29/12/2015
<b>Language of Request :</b>	English
<b>Name :</b>	Sunil Verma
<b>Gender :</b>	Male
<b>Address :</b>	H. No. 125, Sector - 10, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad,, Uttar Pradesh
<b>Phone No. :</b>	Details not provided
<b>Mobile No. :</b>	Details not provided
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**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**(RTI Cell)**

**2021- A Wing,**  
**Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan,**  
**D- 23, Janpath, New Delhi -110 011.**

**No. RTI/551/2453/2015**

**Dated: 29/12/2015**

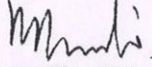
**Office Memorandum**

Subject :- Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005- regarding.

Attached herewith is an RTI application dated **22/11/2015** (received on **23/11/2015**) of **Shri Sunil Verma**, seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

2. US (XPD) may kindly give inputs w.r.t points 6-9 of the RTI application to RTI Cell. RTI cell will be sending a consolidated reply of the said RTI.

3. Under Section 5(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, the officer whose assistance has been sought under Section 5(4) will be treated as Public Information Officer. Delay in furnishing the requisite information not only invites show cause notice but also may entail penalty from the Hon'ble Central Information Commission.

  
**(Meera Sisodia)**  
**Under Secretary(RTI)**

Encl..... as above

**To:**

**Shri Kapil Raj**  
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To  
The CPIO,  
RTI Cell,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Room No. 2021, 'A' Wing,  
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan,  
23-D, Janpath,  
New Delhi - 110 011

Sub : Information required under RTI Act 2005

Sir,

Kindly provide me the answers to the following questions at the earliest.

1. Did former Minister Prof KV Thomas and several other Members of Parliament wrote a letter to the Minister for External Affairs, regarding the commissioning of a documentary film on two Christian saints of India?
2. When was this letter received by the government ?
3. If so, please provide the content of the said letter ?
4. Who are other Members of Parliament who signed along with Prof KV Thomas MP?
5. How many Members of Parliament signed the letter in support of Prof KV Thomas request ?
6. What did the government do on the request of Prof KV Thomas and MP's?
7. Will this documentary film which promotes Indian views and values, be sanctioned without any further delay?
8. Is it true that MEA is making a documentary film on Ramayan?
9. If so, the details about Ramayan?

Enclosed is the Rs. 10/- Postal order bearing No. 32F142201 as RTI fees.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

*Sunil*

Sunil Verma  
H No. 125, Sector - 10,  
Vasundhara,  
Ghaziabad  
Uttar Pradesh

*Support from E.A.M.O.*

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