Subject: Information sought by Shri Arvind Chaudhary under Right to information Act 2005

Sir,

Reference Under Secretary/CPIO, UNES Section's letter No. UI/551/05/2014 dated 13/05/2016, on the above mentioned subject.

2. UNES Division has forwarded the RTI Application for following information:

(i) Are there any guidelines for the UN agencies to open an office in India?

(ii) Can a UN agency open an office without signing a MoU and obtaining the permission/approval of the MEA and other concerned Ministries of the GOI?

3. The following is the response of the CPIO:

(i) No such information is available under the custody of the undersigned.

(ii) Protocol Division provides its views on the privileges and immunities to be granted to the concerned UN Agency/International Organisation under the UN(P&I) Act, 1947 through the proposed Headquarters Agreement. The Headquarters agreement is drafted by the concerned Ministry/department.

4. In case the applicant is not satisfied with the response given by the undersigned, the applicant may file an appeal within 30 days of the receipt of this communication to Shri Sanjay Verma, Chief of Protocol and First Appellate Authority, Room No. 2001, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, 23D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011.

Yours sincerely,

(Madan Singh Bhandari)
Dy Chief of Protocol (Privileges)/ CPIO
Room No. 1062, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan
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Copy to:
1. Chief of Protocol, MEA (iscop@mea.gov.in) – for kind information.
2. US (RTI), MEA (usrti@mea.gov.in)
3. PO (XMM), MEA, New Delhi (poxmm@meaindia.in).
4. US (UNES), MEA (soun1@mea.gov.in), with reference to his letter No. UI/551/05/2014 dated 13/05/2016 on the above mentioned subject.
FORM A
Application under Right to Information Act, 2005

To,

The PIO,
Ministry of External Affairs
Address: Room No. 2021, ‘A’ Wing,
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D,
Janpath, New Delhi - 110 011

1. Name of the applicant

Mr. Arvind Chaudhary
S/o Shri Charan Singh

2. Address

C-481A, Sushant Lok-I,
Gurgaon – 122009, Haryana

3. Particulars of information sought: -
   [Details should include specific points for each information sought]

   (i) Are there any guidelines for the UN agencies to open an office in India?
   (ii) Can a UN Agency open an office without signing a MoU and obtaining the permission/approval of the MEA and other concerned ministries of the Govt?
   (iii) Has UN-Habitat informed Government of India before advertising the Country Manager's position for opening a new office in India?
   (iv) Was any permission sought from your office to earlier run a make shift office from a guest house for about a year from Delhi? If yes, kindly furnish the permission so granted.

You are requested to kindly furnish the same at the earliest.

4. To the best of my knowledge the information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in Section 8 and 9 of the Act and it pertains to your office.
5. This to certify that I, Arvind Chaudhary, son of Sh. Charan Singh am a citizen of India.

6. A fee of Rs. 50/- is enclosed vide Postal No. 1, dated 18-04-16. I undertake to pay any such additional fee as may be informed to me by your office.

Place: Gurgaon
Date: 18-04-2016

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