Subject: Information under Right to Information Act, 2005

Reference is invited to your initial RTI Application dated 06.06.2016 and our reply vide letter of even No. dated 22.06.2016. Following your subsequent Application dated 14.08.2016 wherein you have clarified the term “Applicant” in your original RTI Application following is the response of External Publicity & Public Diplomacy (XPD) Division of the Ministry of External Affairs:

(a). As has already been conveyed to you in our letter dated 22.06.2016, a duly constituted book committee selects the books.

(b) & (c). It is hereby informed that the information sought pertains to the period 2006-2013 and that records pertaining to the period prior to 2010 have been destroyed as per policy. The remaining information sought is voluminous and will disproportionately divert the resources of the Public Authority collating and compiling the information as per Section 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005. As such, in accordance with the provision of Section 2 (j)(i) of the RTI Act, 2005, you are requested to visit this office for inspection, with prior intimidation, of the available information.

You may contact Ms. Reeta Arora, Publicity Officer (PMS), Room No. 255, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, Phone No. 23381719 for making an appointment.

2. In case the Applicant is not satisfied with the above response he may file an appeal with Shri Sugandh Rajaram, Director (PD) and Appellate Authority, Room No. 143, ‘A’ Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi within a month of the receipt of this letter.

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1. US (RTI), 2019, JNB

2. PO (PMS) with a request to coordinate with the Applicant for the visit and maintain records of the particulars of the visit, if and when the Applicant visits.
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Request for information under the RTI Act, 2005
(Related in the Ministry of External Affairs)

The CPIO,
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Please provide the documents and information requested for here in below. The requisite fee of Rs.10/- (Rs.Ten only) is enclosed herewith by way of poster order No........................

I am ready and willing to deposit the additional fee and costs as required and when the same are indicated to me.

I am in receipt of your communication dated 22.06.2016 written by Mr. Manjish Grover, US (PD) & CPIO, External Publicity & public Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, where my RTI Application dated 06.06.2016 had been forwarded for necessary action.

In the said communication, it was stated that information sought could be provided only on clarification of the meaning of the word "APPLICANT". It is here by clarified that the term "APPLICANT" refer to the person making request / applying for purchase (may be Author or Publisher ) of the books by the Ministry i.e. EAM. In view of this, the information requested for, may be supplied at the earliest. The copy of the referred communication is also Annexed here with Annexure : A.

Particular of the information solicited are listed below :

a) Please provide the criteria for selection of books for purchase during the FY 2006 - 2007 to FY 2012 - 2013 in the External Affairs Ministry for the distribution in Indian Embassies abroad for the purpose of external publicity of Indian Languages ( such as Hindi and others).

b) Specify the number of applications received for the purchase of books during the FY 2006 - 2007 to FY 2012 - 2013. Please mention the title of the books and name of the applicants (such as author’s and the publisher’s name ).

c) Please also provide the details of approved books of specific languages and their titles, author’s and publisher’s name and number of copies along with the amount sanctioned for payment.

Please provide the documents sought at the earliest. The said documents may be sent by Speed Post at the address mentioned below.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Gopal Sharma)

Ground Floor, Office of the Shree Narayanwadi,
86-88 Khadilkar Road, Mumbai-400 004
FORM - A

Application for information under section 6 (I) of RTI Act, 2005

To
The CPIO,
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.

1. Full name of the applicant: Gopal Sharma
2. Name of the father: Late Shri Bhikulal Sharma
3. Permanent Address: Ground Floor, Office of the Shree Narayanwadi,
   86-88 Khadilkar Road, Mumbai-400 004
4. Particular in respect of the identity of the applicant: Election Commission of India -
   Identity card No. MT/29/181/666467 (photocopy attached)
5. Particular of the information solicited are listed below:
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      titles, author’s and publisher’s name and number of copies along with the amount
      sanctioned for payment.
   e) Whether information is to be sent by post or received in person: By post.
   f) In case by post (ordinary, registered or speed): By Speed post.

6. Address to which information will be sent and in which form: Mr. Gopal Sharma,
   Ground Floor, Office of the Shree Narayanwadi, 86-88 Khadilkar Road, Mumbai-400 004

7. Has the information been provided earlier: No.

8. Is this information not made available by the public authority: No

9. Do you agree to pay the required fee: Yes
10. Have you deposited application fee: Enclosed Postal Order No. ....... of Rs.10/- (if yes, please indicate details of such deposit)

11. Whether belongs to BPL category, have you furnished the same: No

Place: Mumbai
Date: 14th AUG 2016

(Gopal Sharma)
Full Signature of the Applicant
Address: Ground Floor, Office of the Shree Narayanwadi, 86-88 Khadilkar Road, Mumbai-400 004

Office of the Public Information Officer

Received the application from Mr. Gopal Sharma, address: Ground Floor, Office of the Shree Narayanwadi, 86-88 Khadilkar Road, Mumbai-400 004 on ........................................ seeking information

Place:
Date: ........................................

Full name of Public Information Officer
Designation & Seal
Election Commission of India

IDENTITY CARD

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This card may be used as an identity card under different Government schemes.
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Reference is invited to your RTI Application dated 06.06.2016 bearing local registration No. MOEAF/R/2016/01005 dated 17.06.2016. Following is the reply of this Division to your queries ad seriatim:

b). The term "Applicant" mentioned is unclear as to who it is being referred to.
   The same may please be clarified so that appropriate information can be provided.
c). Unless the term "Applicant" is clarified, this Division is not in a position to provide appropriate information.

2. In case the Applicant is not satisfied with the above response he may file an appeal with Shri Sugandh Rajaram, Director (PD) and Appellate Authority, Room No. 143, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi within a month of the receipt of this letter.
RTI/551/991/2016

To,

Shri Gopal Shrma,
Ground Floor, Office of Shree Narayanwdi,
86-88 Khadilkar Road,
Mumbai- 400004

Sir/Madam

Reference your RTI application dated 06/06/2016 received in this Ministry on 10/06/2016 seeking information under the RTI Act, 2005.

2. Your RTI application has been transferred/forwarded to the following public Authority/CPIO in the Ministry:-

Jai Bhagwan Singh,
US(PP),
Room No. 3060, Jawharlal Nehru Bhawan, New Delhi,
Tel: 49015356,
Email: usppr@mea.gov.in

3. You are requested to contact the above mentioned CPIO(s) for further information in the matter.

(Amita Bansal)
Section Officer (RTI)
Room No. 2021
Tel: 49015226
Fax: 49015227

Reckoned on 25/6/2016
To

Shri Gopal Sharma,
Ground Floor,
Office of the Shree Narayanwadi,
86-88 Khadilkar Road,
Mumbai - 400 004

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 06.06.2016 received in this Division on 13.06.2016 seeking information under RTI Act, 2005.

The information sought by the applicant does not pertain to PP&R Division.

If the applicant is not satisfied with the reply, he may please appeal within 30 days from the receipt of this letter to Dr. (Ms.) Sumitra Chowdhury, Deputy Secretary(PP&R) & Appellate Authority, Room No.0153, Ministry of External Affairs, Jawahar Lal Nehru Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi, Tel: 49018113 & E-mail: chowdhury.s@mea.gov.in

Yours faithfully,

(John Singh)
Under Secretary(PP) & CPIO
14.06.2016

Copy for information to:

Shri Sandip Kumar Kujur, Under Secretary(RTI), Room No.2019, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110011 along with a copy of RTI application received online, with a request to forward the RTI application to the concerned CPIOs for necessary action.