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Please provide the following information under the RTI Act, 2005:

1) Specify the number of political clearances given to officials/bureaucrats/ministers to travel abroad between May 24, 2015 and December 31, 2015

2) Provide the number of officials/bureaucrats/ministers who travelled abroad after obtaining political clearances from this ministry between May 24, 2015 and December 31, 2015

3) Give the names and designations of officials/bureaucrats/ministers who travelled abroad for more than four times after obtaining political clearances from this ministry between May 24, 2015 and December 31, 2015

4) Specify the number of political clearances given to officials/bureaucrats/ministers to travel abroad between January 1, 2016 and March 8, 2016

5) Provide the number of officials/bureaucrats/ministers who travelled abroad after obtaining political clearances from this ministry between January 1, 2016 and March 8, 2016

6) Give the names and designations of officials/bureaucrats/ministers who travelled abroad for more than once after obtaining political clearances from this ministry between January 1, 2016 and March 8, 2016
No. U.II/551/11/2016

To,
Shri Utkarsh Anand,
Asst Editor, Indian Express Newspaper,
B1/B, Express Building,
Sector 10, Noida – 201301
Uttar Pradesh.

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

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 08.03.2016 received in UNP Division on 30.03.2016 seeking information regarding political clearances issued by this division and number of officials/bureaucrats/ministers travelled abroad. Reply to Query No. 1 & 4 which pertains to this division is as under:

2. Response to Query No. 1: UNP Division issued 73 political clearances to officials/bureaucrats/ministers to travel abroad between May 24- December 31, 2015.

3. Response to Query No. 4: The Division issued 29 political clearances to officials/bureaucrats/ministers to travel abroad between January 1- March 8, 2016.

4. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Vishwesh Negi, Director (UNP) & First Appellate Authority, UNP Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Room No. 0102, 'C' Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011, Ph.: 011-49018413 within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Basir Ahmed)
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CC to:
1. Smt. Meera Sisodia, US(RTI), MEA, New Delhi
2. Deputy Secretary, Coordination Division, MEA, New Delhi