Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

No.
A-II/551/04/2016

New Delhi the 19th April, 2016

Shri Venkata,
5/2, First Floor,
Old Rajinder Nagar,
New Delhi-110060.

Subject: Applications under RTI Act, 2005 by Shri Venkata (Registration No. MOEAF/R/2016/50408 dated 22.03.2016).

Sir,

Please refer to your above mentioned RTI application received in this Division on 31st March, 2016.

2. The information is as follows:
   (i) What is the relevance of political clearance for bureaucrats foreign trips and what are the all other relevant clearances related to it.

   Political clearance ensures that there is no objection from political angle to the visit of the bureaucrat/official to the foreign country keeping in view the objectives of the visit and other factors. This Division does not deal with other clearances.

   (ii) Number of requests cleared for bureaucratic foreign travel in 2015

   As per records available, 63 political clearances were given during 2015 (January to December).

   (iii) Number of requests rejected for bureaucratic foreign travel in 2015

   No political clearance was rejected.

   (iv) Number of requests cleared for bureaucratic foreign travel in 2016

   As per records available, 14 political clearances were given during January to March 2016.

   (v) Number of requests rejected for bureaucratic foreign travel in 2016

   One political clearance was denied.

3. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Birender Singh Yadav, Joint Secretary (West Africa) and First Appellate Authority, West Africa Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Room No. 2129, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi-110 011 within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Jasvinder Singh)
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1. US (RTI), MEA, JNB, New Delhi.
2. Ms Bharti Bhatnagar, US(Coord), MEA, South Block, New Delhi.
Respected Sir,

1) What is the relevance of political clearance for bureaucrats foreign trips and what are the all other relevant clearances related to it.

Information Sought:
2) Number of requests cleared for bureaucratic foreign travel in 2015
3) Number of requests rejected for bureaucratic foreign travel in 2015
4) Number of requests cleared for bureaucratic foreign travel in 2016
5) Number of requests rejected for bureaucratic foreign travel in 2016