Subject: RTI application received from Shri Shiva Shankar Reddy Nimmala dated 3.9.15 under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

Reference RTI application received from Shri Shiva Shankar Reddy Nimmala dated 3.9.15.

2. The information in r/o West Africa Division is as follows:

   - High Commissioner of India to Nigeria has been concurrently accredited as the Permanent Representative of India in 2004 to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on Observer Status with residence in Abuja, Nigeria.

   - ECOWAS is a regional group of fifteen countries, founded in 1975. Its mission is to promote economic integration in “all fields of economic activity, particularly industry, transport, telecommunications, energy, agriculture, natural resources, commerce, monetary and financial, social and cultural matters, etc.

3. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Sanjiv Kohli, Joint Secretary (West Africa) and First Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011 within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Jasvinder Singh)
Deputy Secretary (WA)/CPIO,
West Africa Division, Room No.0155,
B Wing, Ground Floor,
Jawahar Lal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath,
New Delhi-110011.
Ph.49018386

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District- Nalgonda, Telangana.

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application received by United Nations – Political (UNP)  
Division of the Ministry on 03.09.2015. Reply to your query is as under:

2. India is a member of various Bilateral, Multilateral and Inter-government agencies or  
or organisations in order to promote its national interest in the international arena. India's  
membership of the following agencies/organisations comes under the domain of UNP Division:

a) **United Nations (UN):** India was among the original members of the United  
Nations that signed the Declaration by United Nations at Washington on 1  
January 1942, and also participated in the historic UN conference of  
International Organizations at San Francisco from 25 April to 26 June 1945.  
The UN works for maintaining international peace and security, promoting  
sustainable development, protecting human rights and delivering humanitarian aid in crisis situations.

b) **Commonwealth of Nations:** Since 1948 India has been a member of  
Commonwealth, and held a pivotal position in this voluntary association of 53  
independent sovereign states.

c) **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM):** India is founding member of NAM and  
since its inception in 1961 played a key role in its activities towards the  
preservation of world peace and security.

d) **Community of Democracies (CoD):** India is a member of CoD since 2000.  
This organisation supports strengthening democratic norms and institutions  
around the world.

e) **Bali Democracy Forum (BDF):** BDF is an intergovernmental forum for the  
development of democracy in the Asia Pacific region. India is actively  
participating in this annual forum since the year 2008.

f) **The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IIIDEA):** India is a founding member of IIIDEA, which was established in  
1995, to support democratic reforms across the world.
g) **Contact Group on Piracy Off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS):** India is a founding member of CGPCS which came into existence from January 2009. CGPCS aims to facilitate discussion and coordination of actions among states and organizations to suppress Somali piracy.

3. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal with Shri Vishwesh Negi, Director(UNP) and 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.

(PK Ashok Babu)
Under Secretary to Govt. of India
Room No. 0104, 'C' Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011. Ph.: 011-49018411

CC to:

1. Smt. Meera Sisodia, US(RTI), MEA, New Delhi