

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**(United Nations Political Division)**  
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No. U.II/551/34/2018

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

To,

Sh. Abhishek Balchandani,  
84/2 Balkeshwar Colony,  
Agra - 282005.

Sir,

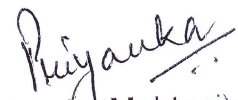
Please refer to your RTI application received in this Division on 9.11.2018. The response to your RTI application is as follows:

2. The Information asked by you is replied as given below:

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 53 independent and equal sovereign states. More information regarding the Commonwealth can be accessed at <http://thecommonwealth.org/about-us>.

Regarding your query of the benefits and losses before and after leaving the Commonwealth, under the RTI Act and guidelines therein (can be accessed at [https://rti.gov.in/rticorner/guide\\_2013-issue.pdf](https://rti.gov.in/rticorner/guide_2013-issue.pdf)) only such information can be supplied under the Act that is available and existing and is held by the public authority or is held under the control of the public authority. The Public Information Officer is not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record of the public authority. The Public Information Officer is also not required to furnish information which require drawing of inference and/or making of assumptions ; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Your query is hypothetical in nature with no information available on our record, hence information sought by you is replied as "Nil"

3. This disposes of the application accordingly under Section 19(6) of RTI Act, 2005.

  
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CC to:

1. Under Secretary (RTI), MEA, New Delhi

### RTI REQUEST DETAILS

<b>Registration No. :</b>	MOEAF/R/2018/80480	<b>Date of Receipt :</b>	09/11/2018
<b>Transferred From :</b>	High Commission Of India, London on 09/11/2018 With Reference Number : MEALD/R/2018/50032		
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<b>Type of Receipt :</b>	Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority	<b>Language of Request :</b>	English
<b>Name :</b>	Abhishek Balchandani	<b>Gender :</b>	Male
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<b>Status(Rural/Urban) :</b>	Urban	<b>Education Status :</b>	
<b>Letter No. :</b>	Details not provided	<b>Letter Date :</b>	Details not provided
<b>Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? :</b>	No	<b>Citizenship Status</b>	Indian
<b>Amount Paid :</b>	0 (Received by High Commission Of India, London)	<b>Mode of Payment</b>	Payment Gateway
<b>Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? :</b>	No(Normal)	<b>Request Pertains to :</b>	US (UNP)
<b>Information Sought :</b>	Why India does not leave the membership of Commonwealth Nation. What are the benefits and losses before and after leaving		
<b>Original RTI Text :</b>	Why India does not leave the membership of Commonwealth Nation. What are the benefits and losses before and after leaving		