



RTI matter/ Time Bound

Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

No. E/551/1/2017-RTI

12 October 2017

To:

Mr. D B Binu,
Cochin Chamber of Lawyers, Providence Road,
Ernakulam, Kerala - 682018

Subject: RTI application No. MOEAF/R/2017/50902 dated 14 September 2017.

Sir,

Please refer to the above mentioned RTI application seeking information relating to political clearance. Reply to the RTI application is as follows:

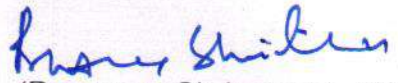
Points No. 1-3: Request for political clearance for visit by Shri Kadakampally Surendran, Minister for Tourism, Government of Kerala to China from 11-16 September 2017 to attend the 22nd Session of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) General Assembly was received in Ministry of External Affairs on 23 August 2017. Requests for clearance from political angle are examined in the Ministry of External Affairs as per guidelines issued by Cabinet Secretariat and other relevant entities from time to time. Ministerial level participation at the aforementioned event was not deemed appropriate in national interest.

Points No. 4: Not available with the undersigned CPIO.

2. The information sought by you in Point No. 5 of your RTI application is not maintained by the undersigned CPIO. Therefore, Point No. 5 of your RTI application is hereby being transferred to Under Secretary (Coordination) in the Parliament and Coordination Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.

3. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Sujit Ghosh, Director (East Asia) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi – 110011, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


(Prasanna Shrivatava), IFS
DS (China & Korea) & CPIO

CC to:

1. Ms. Bharti S. Bhatnagar, US (Coord), MEA, New Delhi
2. Sh. Mukesh Kumar Ambasta, US (RTI), MEA, New Delhi

RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	MOEAF/R/2017/50902	Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	14/09/2017
Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :	Online Receipt	Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :	English
Name (नाम) :	D B Binu	Gender (लिंग) :	Male
Address (पता) :	Cochin Chamber of Lawyers , Providence Road , Ernakulam, Pin:682018		
State (राज्य) :	Kerala	Country (देश) :	India
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Email-ID (ईमेल-आईडी) :	dbbinu@yahoo.com		
Status (स्थिति)(Rural/Urban) :	Urban	Education Status :	Above Graduate
Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? (क्या आवेदक गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) :	No	Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :	Indian
Amount Paid (राशि का भुगतान) :	10) (original recipient)	Mode of Payment (भुगतान का प्रकार) :	Payment Gateway
Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :	US (China)		
Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी) :	<p>The media reported that Government of India denied permission to Kerala Tourism Minister Mr. Kadakampally Surendran to take part in meeting by the UN World Tourism Organisation. The meeting is scheduled to be held in China from September 11 to 16. Mr. Kadakampally Surendran had applied for a diplomatic passport for the same, his request was rejected by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India.</p> <p>On the basis of the media report, applicant herein is filing this application in public interest: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide the documents which show the rules/laws/procedure/guidelines/orders followed by the ministry concerned to issue permission to a Minister of a State allowing him to participate in conferences in foreign countries.2. Provide the documents which show the rules/laws/procedure/guidelines/orders followed by the ministries concerned to issue permission to Mr. Kadakampally Surendran to take part in the meeting hosted by China.3. Provide the reason under which Mr. Kadakampally		

Surendran was denied permission take part in the meeting hosted by China.

4. Provide copy of the letter sent by the Chief Minister of Kerala, Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan and Mr. Kadakampally Surendran expressing their protest to the denial of clearance to the Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister. Along with copy of replies if any, sent by them or the ministries.

5. Provide the copy of document which shows the names of the Ministers from various State and Union Ministers who were given clearance to travel abroad for official and private purposes separately, till date from date on which the Present Ruling Government came into power. Along with the amounts spent by the Government of India so far for the above mentioned foreign trips.

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