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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

**Most Immediate/RTI matter
By Speed Post**

No. OI-11011/07/2017-OIA-II

April 25, 2017

Shri Piyush Raj Verma,
135-36, Eldeco Greens, Gomti Nagar,
Lucknow (U.P.)- 226010

Subject : Information sought under RTI Act 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 10.3.17 seeking information related to information related to expenditure incurred on Pravasi Bharatiya Divas -2017

2. The para-wise response is as under:

Sl. No.	Information sought	Response
1.	What was the total expenditure borne by Ministry of External Affairs for organizing Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2016-17 organized at Bangalore International Exhibition Center, Bangalore, Karnataka. Provide a detailed financial statement of the same.	(i) The PBD-2017 convention concluded on 9 th January, 2017 and till now bills amounting to Rs. 7.42 Crore have been settled. Some more Bills are yet to be settled. (ii) Since the PBD-2017 Convention involved several partners, and bills are still being settled we do not have a detailed financial statement. (iii) You may however visit CIA-II Division (Room No. 930 Ministry of External Affairs, Chanakya Puri, Satya Marg, New Delhi-21) and inspect the available records and files at a mutually convenient date and time. The fee etc. will be applicable as per circular from RTI Division.

2.	What was the role of FICCI in organizing the event and on what basis they were selected as organizer of the event.	FICCI was awarded the work of "Conference Management Partner" for PBD-2017 Convention on the basis of an open tender uploaded on CPP Portal and Ministry's website.
3.	How much money was disbursed to FICCI for the purpose of organizing this event.	FICCI has submitted bills pertaining to PBD-2017 to the Ministry, which are being processed for payment.
4.	How much money was disbursed to WIZCRAFT and for what purpose this fund was released to them.	As on date, Rs. 1.34 crore has been paid to Wizcraft for venue branding, simultaneous interpretation, photography, development of creatives and some items of work not covered in tenders awarded for PBD-2017.
5.	Who all were the sponsors of the event, Kindly provide a detailed list along with the details of sponsorship received.	Rs. 85.00 lakh was received towards sponsorship from "Bank of Baroda and "Paypal'.

3. In case you intend to prefer an appeal, the same may be preferred to the Appellate authority – Ms. Vani Rao Joint Secretray(OIA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, Room No. 916, Akbar Bhawan, Satya Marg, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi-21.

Yours faithfully,


(Ranveer Bharti)

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Copy to :

- (i) Ms. Vani Rao, Joint Secretray(OIA-II), and Appellate Authority for kind information please.
- (ii) Shri M.S. Kanyal, Director(OIA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
- (iii) RTI Cell, Ministry of External Affairs, JNB, New Delhi.