



RTI matter/ Time Bound

Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

No. E-551/01/2024-RTI

16 July 2024

To:



Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Please refer to the following:

- i. RTI request registration no. MOEAF/R/E/24/00881 which was received at the undersigned CPIO on 04 July 2024.
 - ii. RTI request registration no. MOEAF/R/T/24/00384 (& MEAPD/R/T/24/00725) which was received at the undersigned CPIO on 16 July 2024.
2. With regard to your RTI request, it cannot be answered as the query does not fall within the purview of Section 2(f) of the RTI Act.
3. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Aniket Govind Mandavgane, Director (East Asia) & Appellate Authority, Room no. 183-B, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi - 110011, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Priyanka Sohoni)
DS (China) & CPIO
Room no. 270 A, South Block,
New Delhi - 110001
Telefax: 23011356
Email: dschina2@mea.gov.in

Copy to: **US (RTI), JNB, MEA, New Delhi.**

RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	MOEAF/R/E/24/00881	Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	03/07/2024
Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :	Online Receipt	Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :	English
Amount Paid (राशि का भुगतान) :	10) (original recipient)	Mode of Payment (भुगतान का प्रकार)	Payment Gateway
Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person? (क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है?) :	No(Normal)	Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :	DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni
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12. Copy of all public notices, if any, issued from time to time inviting public participation in formulation of Govt/s policy on grant of visas to Chinese persons, generally or specifically.

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1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	03/07/2024	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO(S) AND TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITY(S)	04/07/2024	Nodal Officer	4) MEA - Consular, Passport & Visa Division (CPV) : For point no. 1,2,4 & 12:- RTI is being transferred u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 as the subject matter pertains to your Public Authority. Please provide the requisite information directly to the applicant. If the RTI does not pertain to you then it may be further transferred to concerned Public Authority.
3	REQUEST TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CPIO	04/07/2024	US (MEA-N)- (CPIO)	Transferred to CPIO(s) : (1) DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni, (2) US(Japan), Ms. Deepty Alanghat, (3) US (PP&R), Dr. Chandandeep Kaur, (4) US(South), Ms. Juhi Jalota

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Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	MOEAF/R/T/24/00384	Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	10/07/2024
Transferred From (से स्थानांतरित):	MEA - Consular, Passport & Visa Division (CPV) on 10/07/2024 With Reference Number : MEAPD/R/T/24/00725		
Remarks(टिप्पणी) :	In this RTI, Point No. 1, 2, 4 & 12 pertain to East Asia Division. It may be transferred u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to JS (East Asia Division), Ministry of External Affairs for resolution.		
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2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	12/07/2024	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) US (MEA-N)
3	REQUEST TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CPIO	16/07/2024	US (MEA-N)- (CPIO)	Transferred to CPIO(s) : (1) DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni

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