



**RTI matter/ Time Bound**

Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

**No. E-551/Misc-1/2017-RTI**

**26 July 2024**

To:

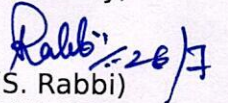


**Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005**

Please refer to your RTI request registration no. MOEAF/R/T/24/00365/1 which was received at the undersigned CPIO on 01 July 2024.

2. With regard to point no. 10 & 11, this Ministry has been conducting the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra every year during June to September through the two routes of Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La Pass in Sikkim. Ministry of External Affairs provides assistance, on self-financing basis, to the Yatris undertaking the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra by providing facilities like transportation, accommodation, food medical tests, guides, etc. The Ministry of External Affairs also coordinates with the Government of People's Republic of China as well as various Indian agencies for the smooth conduct of this Yatra.
3. The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra did not take place in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the consequent international travel restrictions.
4. No further information is available on the matter with this CPIO.
5. 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, South Block, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi -110011, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

  
(S. Rabbi)

Under Secretary (EA)/ CPIO

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

## RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

<b>Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :</b>	MOEAF/R/T/24/00365/1	<b>Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :</b>	25/06/2024
<b>Transferred From (से स्थानांतरित):</b>	Ministry of External Affairs on 01/07/2024 With Reference Number : MOEAF/R/T/24/00365		
<b>Remarks(टिप्पणी) :</b>	The subject matter of the information sought at Sl. Nos. (1), (2), (3), (5), (6), (8), (9), (10) and (11) of the application is more closely related to M/o External Affairs. Accordingly, the afore-mentioned application is transferred to M/o External Affairs under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005, for further necessary action in respect of Sl. Nos. (1), (2), (3), (5), (6), (8), (9), (10) and (11) of the application.		
<b>Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :</b>	Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority	<b>Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :</b>	English
<b>Amount Paid (राशि का भुगतान) :</b>	0 (Received by Lok Sabha Secretariat) (original recipient)	<b>Mode of Payment (भुगतान का प्रकार)</b>	Payment Gateway
<b>Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person? (क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा</b>	No(Normal)	<b>Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :</b>	US(EA), DPRK and KMY, Shri Shafiur Rabbi

स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित  
है?):

**Information Sought** (जानकारी मांगी): The RTI application is being transferred to DS(China)/CPIO & US(EA)/CPIO for providing information, if any, directly to the applicant.

**Original RTI Text**  
(मूल आरटीआई पाठ):

Respected Authority,

As a concerned citizen deeply invested in understanding governmental policies and actions regarding territories like PoK, Aksai Chin, and related geopolitical matters, I find it imperative to seek comprehensive information. The requested data spans various critical aspects, including official stances, parliamentary discussions, diplomatic interactions, defense measures, human rights issues, development projects, legal aspects, historical significance, and more. Understanding the evolution of policies, diplomatic engagements, and strategic decisions concerning these regions is crucial for informed citizenship and accountability. I request certified and true copies of parliamentary debates, governmental documents, and relevant communications, I aim to gain insights into the nuanced dynamics shaping our nations approach. It is my constitutional right under Article 19(1)(a) to access information regarding the workings of the government, particularly as it pertains to issues of national interest debated and discussed in the Lok Sabha. Considering the exemptions under Sections 8(1)(a), 8(1)(d), 8(1)(e), 8(1)(f), 8(1)(g), 8(1)(h), 8(1)(i), and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005, I believe the requested information does not fall under these categories. The information sought pertains to parliamentary debates, governmental stances, and publicly discussed policies, which are integral to public knowledge and oversight. This is not related to sensitive areas such as national security, trade secrets, personal privacy, or fiduciary relationships that typically warrant exemption under the RTI Act. Additionally, the information will aid in assessing governmental actions, promoting transparency, and ensuring adherence to constitutional principles. I commit to paying the requisite fee promptly and eagerly anticipate receiving the requested information in written format, as stipulated, to facilitate informed discourse and contribute to our democratic process. Please review and reply to my RTI Application which has been affixed in supporting documents.

Pranaam, Thanks & Regards,

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### ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.MOEAF/R/T/24/00365/1

**Applicant Name**



**Text of Application**

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**Reply of Application**

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	01/07/2024	US (MEA-N)	Forwarded to CPIO US(EA), DPRK and KMY, Shri Shafiur Rabbi by CPIO US (MEA-N)

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Date : 27/05/2024

To:

The Public Information Officer (PIO),  
Lok Sabha Secretariat,  
Parliament House,  
New Delhi – 110001

**Subject: Request for Information under the RTI Act, 2005 regarding PoK, Aksai Chin, Arunachal Pradesh, Mount Kailash, and Tibet Travel Passes**

Respected Sir/Madam,

Under the RTI Act, 2005, I seek information on the following:

**1. Official Stance and Policies:**

- a. What is the Government of India's official stance on PoK and Aksai Chin? Provide relevant documents and statements issued by the Lok Sabha.
- b. How has the policy evolved over the past decade? Include significant changes and justifications.

**2. Parliamentary Discussions and Resolutions:**

- a. List parliamentary debates, discussions, and resolutions on PoK and Aksai Chin from 1950 to present.
- b. Include transcripts of key debates and outcomes of votes or resolutions.

**3. Diplomatic Communications and International Stance:**

- a. Share diplomatic communications or documents presented in the Lok Sabha detailing India's interactions with Pakistan and China on PoK and Aksai Chin.
- b. Provide information on the international stance regarding these regions discussed in the Lok Sabha.

#### **4. Defense and Security Measures:**

- a. What defense and security measures have been discussed or implemented concerning PoK and Aksai Chin? Include relevant policies and strategic plans tabled in the Lok Sabha.
- b. Provide information on military operations, infrastructure developments, and strategic deployments discussed in the Lok Sabha.

#### **5. Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues:**

- a. Provide details of discussions or reports on human rights violations and humanitarian issues in PoK and Aksai Chin.
- b. Include information on assistance or measures proposed by the Government of India to address these issues.

#### **6. Development and Infrastructure Projects:**

- a. What development and infrastructure projects have been proposed or undertaken by the Government of India in PoK and Aksai Chin as discussed in the Lok Sabha? Provide details on scope, budget, and status.
- b. Include feasibility studies or impact assessments related to these projects.

#### **7. Legal and Constitutional Aspects:**

- a. Provide information on legal and constitutional aspects related to PoK and Aksai Chin as discussed in the Lok Sabha. Include relevant sections of the Constitution, legal interpretations, and judicial pronouncements.
- b. What legal measures have been proposed or enacted to address issues related to these regions?

#### **8. Historical and Cultural Significance:**

- a. Share discussions or documents highlighting the historical and cultural significance of PoK and Aksai Chin.
- b. Include details of cultural preservation initiatives or historical research supported by the Government of India.

#### **9. China's Construction Activities in Arunachal Pradesh:**

- a. Provide information on reports of China constructing a village in Arunachal Pradesh. Include parliamentary discussions, official responses, and actions taken by the Government of India.

b. What measures are being taken to counter China's construction activities in Arunachal Pradesh?

**10. Mount Kailash:**

a. What is the Government of India's stance on the status and access to Mount Kailash? Include discussions or diplomatic communications presented in the Lok Sabha.

b. Provide details on efforts or negotiations undertaken by the Government of India to facilitate access for Indian pilgrims.

**11. Tibet Travel Passes:**

a. Why are Indian citizens not granted Tibet Travel Passes to visit Mount Kailash? Provide details on restrictions, requirements, or diplomatic issues preventing the issuance of these passes.

b. What steps is the Government of India taking to negotiate the issuance of Tibet Travel Passes for Indian citizens wishing to visit Mount Kailash?

**Official Political and Geographical Map:**

a. Provide the official political and geographical map accepted and claimed by the Government of India showing Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and Aksai Chin as part of India.

b. How many countries recognize this map that the Government of India claims as their own?

**Lok Sabha Seats for Aksai Chin and PoK:**

a. How many seats in the Lok Sabha have been reserved for Aksai Chin and PoK?

b. When was the last election contested from these constituencies?

c. When is the next election scheduled to happen in these constituencies?

**Application Fee:**

The application fee has been paid via UPI on the portal redirected via <https://rtionline.gov.in>.

**Declaration:**

I declare that I am a citizen of India. My address and contact details are provided below for further communication.

*\*Please provide the information in true and certified copies, in whatever form it is available. I am willing to pay the requisite fee for the same. Kindly include the banking coordinates and details of the modes via which payment could be made.*

Pranaam, Thanks & Regards,



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