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**File No. MOES-29/34/2013-RTI
Government of India
Ministry of Earth Sciences**

**Prithvi Bhawan, IMD Campus,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
Dated 30th August, 2013.**

To,

Raja Acharya Flat No. K. – 7,
Cluster – 8, Sector – 3, purbachal, salt
lake city, Calcutta-700097.

Subject:-Information sought by Raja Acharya Flat No. K. – 7, Cluster – 8, Sector. – 3, Purbachal,
Salt Lake City, Calcutta-700097 under RTI Act. 2005.

Kindly refer to your Application dated 12/07/2013 & 10/6/2013 under RTI Act.2005 on the
above mentioned subject.

2. The reply provided by the concerned officer vide Ministry's ID No. MoES/29/26/2013-Estt.
dated 29/08/2013 of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, New Delhi is enclosed for your information .
3. An appeal, if any, against this reply may be made to the Appellate Authority of the Ministry,
at the following address within 30 days of the receipt of the letter. i.e. Shri A. K. Madan, Deputy
Secretary (Vig.), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Prithvi Bhawan, IMD Campus, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-
110003.

Encl:-As above.

Yours faithfully

**(B.K.Thakur)
CPIO & Sc 'B'**

Tel. No. 01124669535

Copy for information to:-

1. D.S. (ICC), MOES, New Delhi.
2. Dr. M. Sudhakar, Transparency Officer, MOES, New Delhi.
3. PPS to JS, MOES, New Delhi.
4. In charge IT (Shri Krishnan) to upload the reply on web.

Ministry of Earth Sciences
Estt. Section

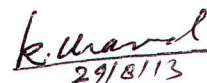
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Subject:- Request for information sought by Shri Raja Acharya, Flat No. K-7, Cluster-8, Sector-3, Purbachal, Salt Lake City, Calcutta-700097 under RTI Act, 2005.

Please find enclosed copy of RTI application dated 12.7.2013 and dated 10.06.2013 along with enclosures of Shri Raja Acharya, Calcutta received through Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance vide their O.M. No. F.15 (28)-B (SD)/2013 dated 6.8.2013 on the subject cited above.

2. The information sought by the applicant is exempted from disclosure under section 8(i) of RTI Act, 2005 because no decision has been taken by the Council of Ministers as yet on the issue. CPIO is, therefore, requested to inform the applicant accordingly.

3. This issues with the approval of Director (Estt.)


29/8/13

(Kailash Chand)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Encls: 6 pages.

Shri B.K. Thakur, Scientist B and CPIO

MoES ID No. MoES/29/26/2013-Estt. dated 29.08.2013.

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No. F.15 (28)-B (SD)/2013
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
Budget Division

North Block, New Delhi,
Dated the 6th August 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - RTI application dated 12.7.2013 from Shri Raja Acharya.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Earth Science O.M. No. ES/29/26/2013-Estt. dated 29/30.7.2013 on the above subject and to forward herewith a copy of RTI application dated 12.7.2013 of Shri Raja Acharya for taking necessary action in the matter.

(C.K. Ramaswamy)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Shri Kailash Chand,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Earth Science,
Prithvi Bhawan,
Lodi Road, New Delhi.

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Mr. Sunil Kumar Mishra
CPIO & Under Secretary to the Govt of India
Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs
North Block, New Delhi-110 001

Sub: Seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

Ref: 1. Department of Economic Affairs Id No. 2/113749 dated 19/06/13. — P/6
2. My RTI application dated 10.06.2013. — P/2

Dear Sir,

This has reference to my RTI application dated 10.06.2013 (copy enclosed), which was forwarded to the infrastructure Section of DEA, vide your Id No. referred above. ← P/2

2. The CPIO, Infrastructure section, DEA, replied vide their letter no. 19/15/2012-INF dated 1/07/2013 (copy enclosed) — P/1 that they have no information to furnish concerning my RTI application.

3. Vide my RTI application dated 10.06.2013, (copy enclosed) I have sought copy of comments issued by the Department of Economic Affairs on the draft Cabinet Note concerning conferring of administrative and financial powers to the Earth Commission.

I have enclosed a copy of extract of pg 6 & 7 of 243rd Report on Demands on grants (2013-14) of Ministry of Earth Sciences, presented to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 08.05.2013, where it has been stated as per para 5.2 of the report that comments have already been obtained from DEA, regarding the draft Cabinet Note relating to conferring of administrative and financial powers to Earth Commission. — P/1

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4. Moreover as per functions of Demand Section (Budget Division) of DEA (copy of extract from Ministry of Finance website enclosed herewith), it is understood that my RTI application is closely related to the Demand Section (Budget Division) of DEA, Ministry of Finance.

In view of above, I shall be grateful if you kindly transfer my application u/s 6(3) to the CPIO, Demand Section (Budget Division) for furnishing the requisite information sought vide my RTI application dated 10.06.2013.

With Regards,

Sincerely Yours

Raja Acharya

Flat No. K-7, Cluster-8, Sector-3
Purbachal, Salt Lake City
Calcutta-700 097

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Encl: as stated above

12th July 2013

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Mr. Prakash Kumar Tamrakar
CPIO and Dy. Secretary (RTI)
Department of Expenditure (Ministry of Finance)
North Block
New Delhi-110 001



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NEW DELHI, PIN:110001
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Telegrams,
Amt: 39.00, 10/06/2013, 13:26

Sub: Seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

Respected Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of extract (pg 6 & 7) of 243rd Report on Demands on grants (2013-14) of Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt of India, presented to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 08.05.2013.

As per item 5 of the said report, which relates to Financial and Administrative powers of Earth Commission, stating that comments have been obtained from various Ministries/Depts of Govt of India as well as Cabinet Sect on the draft Cabinet Note on conferring said powers to Earth Commission.

2. In this connection, I would like to request for the following information/documents under RTI Act 2005:-

a. Copy of comments/instructions issued by the Department of Expenditure (Min. of Finance) on the draft Cabinet Note on conferring financial and administrative powers to Earth Commission.

b. Copy of comments/instructions issued by the Department of Economic Affairs (Min. of Finance) on the draft Cabinet Note on conferring financial and administrative powers to Earth Commission.

RTI Fees: IPO of Rs. 10/- (IPO No. 01F 009261 Dated 10/6/2013) enclosed herewith towards RTI application fees.

Meanwhile I look forward to receive the information/documents.

With Best Regards,

Sincerely Yours

Raja Acharya

Flat No. K-7, Cluster-8, Sector-3
Purbachal, Salt Lake City
Calcutta-700 097

Encl: a/a

Dated 10/6/2013

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Extract: Pg 6 & 7

and exploitation of ocean resources (living and non-living) and plays a nodal role for Antarctic/Arctic and Seismological research in an integrated manner.

3. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry of Earth Sciences has the following objectives and functions:

- To improve weather forecast and provide advisory for agriculture, aviation, shipping, sports including the Extended Long Range Seasonal Monsoon forecast,
- To provide a wide range of ocean information advisories including fishery information,
- To improve the understanding of Polar Science and its implications for climate change,
- To develop technology for harnessing marine resources,
- To conduct surveys for assessing non-living resources,
- To assess coastal marine productivity and Marine Ecosystems,
- To improve understanding of Climate Change Science,
- To provide early warning of natural hazards viz. cyclone, tsunami, sea level rise, and
- To promote basic research including Capacity building in the Earth System Science.

4. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRY

4.1 The Earth Commission, Ministry of Earth Sciences works in Mission Mode basis and is responsible for formulating policies, overseeing implementation of policies and programmes in mission mode and ensuring the necessary interdisciplinary integration. The 'Earth System Science Organisation (ESSO)', under the Ministry has four major branches of earth sciences viz. (i) Ocean Science & Technology Services, (ii) Atmospheric and Climate Science Services, (iii) Geoscience and Technology and (iv) Polar Science and Cryosphere. The ESSO implements its policies through the following eight institutions:

- India Meteorological Department (IMD),
- National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF),
- Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM),
- National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR),
- National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT),
- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS),
- Centre for Marine Living Resources (CMLRE), and
- Integrated Coastal & Marine Area Management (ICMAM).

Each centre of MoES has a well defined mandate to conduct cutting-edge research in a specific area of Earth System Science.

5. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS FOR THE EARTH COMMISSION ✓

5.1 The Ministry, during the examination of the Demands for Grants (2012-13) had apprised the Committee that the Earth Commission presently lacks financial and administrative powers and a draft Cabinet Note on conferring of said powers to the Earth Commission had been circulated to all the concerned Ministries/agencies and their comments were being obtained. The Committee in its 226th and 236th Reports had reiterated that the comments from the concerned Ministries/agencies should be expedited and recommended that the administrative and financial powers be granted without any further delay to the Earth Commission.

5.2 The Ministry informed the Committee that the comments on the said issue has already been received from the Planning Commission, Departments of Expenditure, Economic Affairs, Personnel & Training, Space and Atomic Energy and have been suitably incorporated in the draft note. However, the Cabinet Secretariat while giving its

Extracts from the Department of Economic Affairs website(www.finmin.nic.in) regarding functions of Demands Section, FRBM Cell and Supplementary Demands Section under Budget Division .

MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF BUDGET DIVISION

The Budget Division is responsible for the preparation and submission to Parliament of the Central Governments Budget other than Railways, as well as the supplementary Demands for Grants and Demands for Excess Grants.

SECTION WISE WORK ALLOCATION AND FUNCTIONS

Demands Section

Responsibilities:

- Demands Section maintains the list of Demands as reflected from time to time through various amendments to the Allocation of Business Rules (involving reorganization of Ministries/Departments);
- The format of the Demands for Grants and its accompanying annexes as per the recommendations of the Estimates Committee/Public Accounts Committee;
- Coordinate the work of compilation of Demands for Grants of all the Ministries/Departments;
- Coordinates the printing of Demands for Grants;
- Presentation of all the Budget documents in Parliament and the legislative work relating to Vote on Account and main Appropriation Bills.
- Compiling and issuing the Budget Circular and monitoring the timely receipt of Budget estimates;
- Examining the proposals received from Ministries/Departments during the year for opening of new sub head/s, detailed head/s and object head/s of accounts in Detailed Demands for Grants and corrections in Detailed Demands for Grants whenever needed after the Demands for Grants are passed by Parliament.

Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Cell

Responsibilities:

Administration of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (FRBM), 2003 and the Rules framed thereunder. The Act seeks to provide for the responsibility of the Central Government to ensure inter-generational equity in fiscal management and long-term macro-economic stability by achieving sufficient revenue surplus and removing fiscal impediments in the effective conduct of monetary policy and prudential debt management consistent with fiscal sustainability through limits on the Central Government borrowings, debt and deficits, greater transparency in fiscal operations of the Central Government and conducting fiscal policy in a medium-term framework and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Supplementary Demands Section

This Section is concerned with the coordination and presentation of Supplementary Demands for Grants and Demands for Excess Grants and the connected Parliamentary work. Other activities of the Section relate to administration of the Contingency Fund of India Act and Rules framed there under. This Section is also concerned with the overall policy related to Central Government Guarantees/Guarantee Fee and Estimates of Loan Repayments and interest Payments in respect of Public Sector Units/Financial Institutions.

Responsibilities:

- Supplementary Demands for Grants;
- Demands for Excess Grants;
- Central Government Guarantees/Guarantee Fees;
- Estimates of Loan Repayment/Interest Payments in respect of PSUs/FIs;
- Administration of Contingency Fund of India Act/Rules.

F.No. 19/15/2012-INF

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs
(Infrastructure Section)

North Block, New Delhi,
Dated the 1st July, 2013.

Shri Raja Acharya
Flat No. K-7, Cluster-8, Sector-3,
Purbanchal, Salt Lake City,
Calcutta- 700 097

Subject: RTI application received from Shri Raja Acharya under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your application dated 10.6.2013 received in this Department on 19.6.2013 on transfer from Department of Expenditure.

2. In so far as Infrastructure Section, Department of Economic Affairs is concerned, this CPIO has no information to furnish in response to your above mentioned application.
3. If you are not satisfied with the reply, you may prefer an appeal under Section 19 of the RTI Act within 30 days from the receipt of the reply to:

Shri Ashish Vachhani
Director and 1st Appellate Authority
Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
Room No. 70 C, North Block, New Delhi
Tel.No. 011-23094159

Yours faithfully



(Dr. Manik Chandra Pandit)
Dy. Director (INF) & CPIO
Tel.No. 011-23093039

Copy to:

1. Shri SM Gupta, Under Secretary, RTI, Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi w.r.t. their OM No. 11(365/2013-RTI dated 18.6.2013.
2. Section Officer, RTI, Department of Economic Affairs w.r.t. their ID No. 2/113749 dated 19.6.2013.

Sh. Samir Chandra Scientist
24/6/2013