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File No. MoES/29/91/2014-RTI

Government of India
Ministry of Earth Sciences

Prithvi Bhawan, IMD Campus,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
Dated 13th October, 2014.

To

Shri T. R. Bhagavanudu,
S. P. Homes, Flat No. 405,
DRDA Office Road, M.V.P Colony,
Sector-9, Visakhapatnam-530017

Subject:-Information sought online by Shri T. R. Bhagavanudu, S. P. Homes, Flat No. 405, DRDA Office Road, M.V.P Colony, Sector-9, Visakhapatnam-530017 through (Registration No. MOOCD/R/2014/60041 dated 16/9/2014) under RTI Act.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your RTI online application dated 16/09/2014 (received on 17/09/2014) on the above mentioned subject.

2. The reply provided by the concerned officer vide MoES ID No. MoES/29/26/2014-Estt. Dated 10/10/2014 of Ministry Earths Sciences, New Delhi is enclosed for necessary action.

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, Director (Vig.), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Prithvi Bhawan, IMD Campus, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

Encl. As above.

Yours faithfully,



((B. K. Thakur)

Central Public Information Officer & Scientist 'C'
Tel. No. 24669535.

Copy for information to:-

1. Director, (RTI/Vig.), MoES, New Delhi.
2. Dr. M. Sudhakar, Transparency Officer, MoES, New Delhi.
3. PPS to JS, MoES, New Delhi.
4. In Charge IT Section (Sh. Krishnan is requested to upload this reply on website www.moes.gov.in).

Ministry of Earth Sciences
Estt. Section


Subject:- Request for information sought by Shri TK Bhagavanudu,
Vishakhapatnam under RTI Act, 2005.

CPIO may kindly refer to OM No. MoES/29/91/2014-RTI dated 17/09/2014
(Regn. No. MOOCD/R/2014/60041 dated 16/09/2014) on the subject mentioned above.

2. The information sought by the applicant with reference to MoES/24/04/2014-Estt.
MoES, New Delhi-110003, Dated : the July, 2014 in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme
Court Judgment dated 31.10.2013 in WP (Civil) No. 82/2011, and with reference to the
DoP&T's OM No. 11013/10/2013-Estt. (A) dated 22/11/2013 and 26/12/2013 is as under:-

1) As to why the Ministry of Earth Sciences, New Delhi-110003 had taken inordinate delay i.e. 7 months (October/November/December 2013 to July 2014) to originate this OFFICE MEMORANDUM to the concerned.	1, 2, 3 and 4) The RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries as in this case in which a petitioner attempts to elicit answers to his questions with prefixes such as why, what, when and whether. According to Section 2 (f) of the Act 'Information' means 'any material in any form'. A citizen, under the Act, has a right to get 'material' from the public authority which is held by or under the control of that public authority.
2) Is it necessary to take 7 months time, needed to be done, to formulate the above.	
3) If things are happening such, can we construe this is none other than red tapeism.	
4) What were the existing barriers that impede the process of Ministry.	
5) When you had actually received this official instructions from Department of Personnel & Training or Hon'ble Supreme Court. Kindly supply the authentic copy of the official order, which you had received from the above organizations.	5. CPIO may collect Rs. 4/-(2 pages – A4 size – Rs. 2/- per page) from the applicant towards the cost of providing information

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


10/10/14
(Kailash Chand)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Shri B.K. Thakur, Scientist -C & CPIO, MoES

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