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Ministry of Home Affairs/ Grih Mantralaya  
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North Block, New Delhi.  
Dated the 22.07.2014

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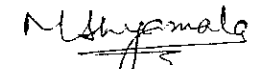
Shri Chirag S. Shastri,  
Student: Faculty of Sustainable Environment and Climate  
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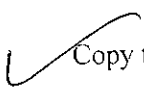
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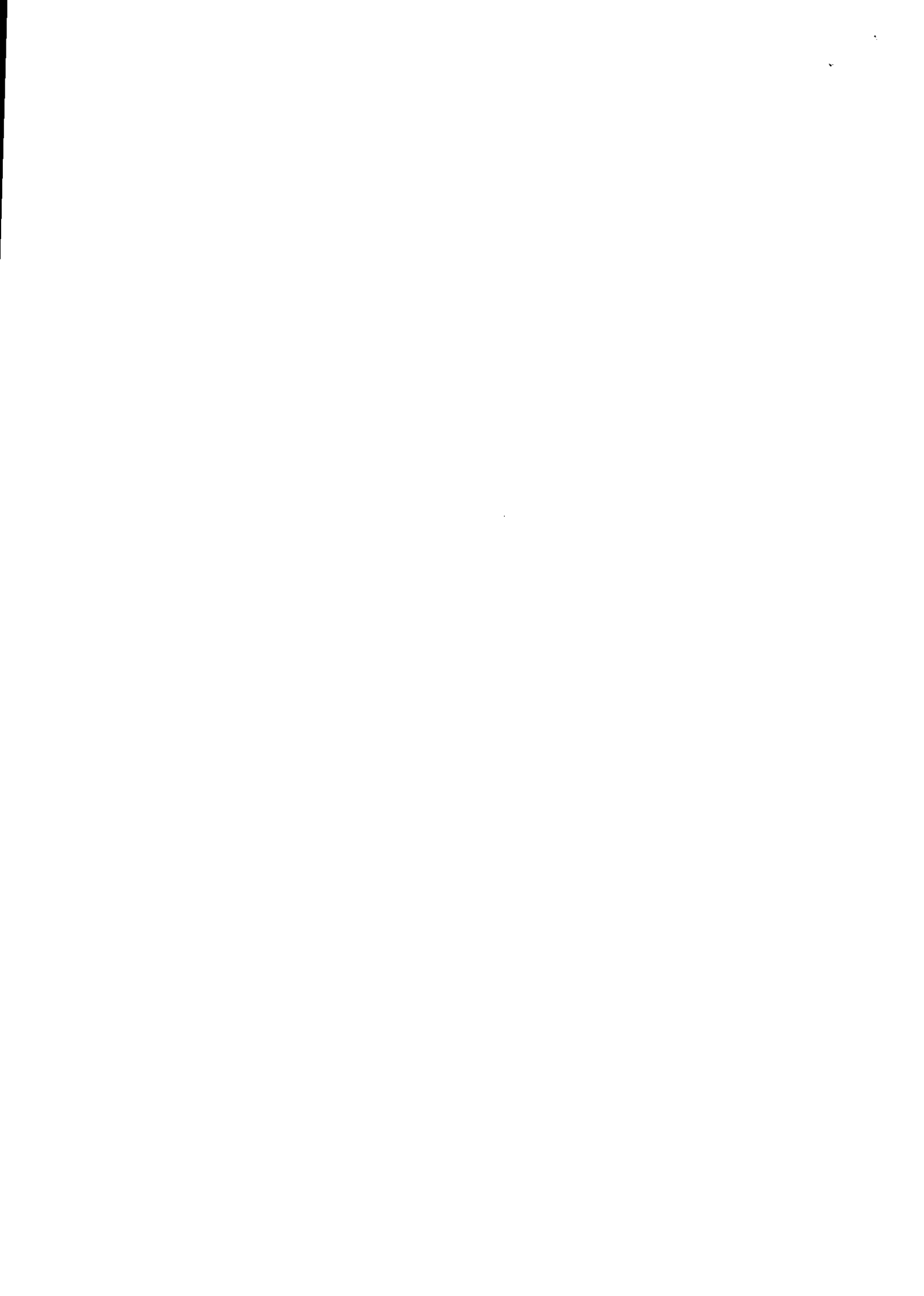
Please refer to your application-dated 07.05.2014 received by the undersigned on 02.07.2014 for point no. 14 of the application under the Right to Information Act, 2005. In this regard it is to state that, as per record retention schedule duly approved for Public Section, recommendations for Padma Awards are kept in record for one year only. Hence no information is available with the undersigned.

2. Appeal if any, may be made under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act to Shri Satpal Chouhan, Joint Secretary (Admn.), Room no. 194, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001, the Appellate Authority, within 30 days.

  
(Shyamala Mohan)  
Director & CPIO

 Copy to:

Section Officer (IT), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block alongwith the copy of the application for uploading on the website.



RTI APPLICATION, under RTI act - 2005

Date: 07/05/2014

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To,  
Central Public Information Officer (CPIO),  
Ministry of Environment and Forest, Paryavaran Bhavan,  
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

Subject: - Application under RTI Act seeking information on the association  
of Dr Karthikeyan Prabhakar and Dr Prem Pnagotra individually and as  
representatives of CEE and IIMA with MOEF.

Dear Sirs,

I request you to provide me the following information with documentary evidences  
at my cost. (DD of initial amount of Rs. 20/- is attached).

1. Provide us the copies of Detailed Rules and Regulations or Policies or any  
pieces thereof of MOEF, which explain the processes laid down to establish the  
relationships like involvement, association, consultancies or collaboration, with  
any Center, NGO, Institution or tendering to which CEE is associated with MOEF  
and is currently enjoying several kind of relationships with MOEF.
  - a. CEE is a nodal agency of MOEF, through which major chunk of Public  
Money is parcelled to the other Centers, NGOs, Institutions and  
individual researchers.
  - b. CEE occupies the same floor office on the ground floor of the office  
of MOEF, which is a Laboratory Cell.
  - c. CEE directly deals projects related to the field of Environment and  
Climate Change.
2. Provide us the copies of the documents which explain the process followed in  
establishing all such MOEF relationships with CEE.
3. Provide us the copies of Minutes of all the Meetings of concerned competent  
body of MOEF in which:
  - a. It was decided to start the tender to invite the applications to establish  
such relationships like involvement, association, consultancies or  
collaboration with various Centers, NGOs, Institutions, etc.
  - b. It was decided as a result of the tendering process, that CEE is the best  
option amongst the applications received by MOEF.
4. Provide us the copies of list showing the (i) names of Centers, NGOs,  
Institutions, etc and (ii) details of all such applications or tenders received by  
MOEF for such as association or collaboration with MOEF.

- Provide us with copies of the documents or letters issued by MOEF to CEE which includes all the terms and conditions of such association including the time period for which such relationships may exist, through which such relationships with CEE were officially established. It should also include the date of termination of such contract and the process laid down for interim reviews of the performance of CEE.

The amount which is paid or transferred to CEE or IIMA is Public Money and MOEF has to wisely use the same for the promotion of the ideas of Environment and Climate Change. MOEF cannot/ shouldn't waste Public Money on the people like Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai and Dr. Prem Pangotra or the Centers, Institutions and Groups they both are part of.

And hence;

- Provide us with the statement showing the amount MOEF has paid to both Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai and Dr. Prem Pangotra, individually, so far, to carry out study, research and any other kind of Projects.
- Provide us with the statement showing the amount MOEF has paid to CEE so far (since 1984), to carry out study, research and any other kind of Projects.
- Provide us with the statement showing the amount MOEF has paid to IIMA (through Public System Group or any other group of IIMA, which Dr. Prem Pangotra is part of) so far, to carry out study, research and any other kind of Projects.
- Provide us with the statement showing the amount MOEF has paid to CEPT University or any other consultancy or research unit of CEPT so far, to carry out study, research and any other kind of Projects.

For clause no 6, 7, 8, 9; provide the details in following tabular format.

| Sr no | Date of Assignment of Project | Project name | Duration of project | Amount of Project |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|       |                               |              |                     |                   |
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- Provide us with the statement showing the amount MOEF has paid to CEE so far (since 1984), being nodal agency of MOEF to fund other Centers, NGOs, Institutions, etc to carry out study, research and any other kind of Projects. Also provide us with the statement of the amount CEE has truly spent on the other Centers, NGOs, Institutions, etc for such project.

Provide this Information in Debit & Credit amount format as per following tabular format, which can explicitly mention the amount paid to CEE and amount spent or forwarded to other Centers, NGOs, Institutions, etc by CEE.

| Sr no | Date | Project name | Duration of project | Total Amount CEE received from MOEF | Amount paid/ forwarded by CEE to others | Name of Centers, NGOs, Institutions which conducted the project |
|-------|------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
|       |      |              |                     | Credit amount                       | Debit Amount                            |   |
| 1     |      |              |                     |                                     |   |   |
| 2     |      |              |                     |                                     |   |   |

As mentioned earlier, CEPT has closed down faculty/course on Environment and Climate Change (FOSECC), though CEPT has association with the experts like Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai and Dr. Prem Pangotra. They have silently witnessed the process of closure and have allowed CEPT higher functionaries to ruin the careers of the students. It was expected that they put all the efforts to stop CEPT management from taking such irrational decisions

11. Provide us with the copies of any information or intimation MOEF received regarding the role both Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai and Dr. Prem Pangotra have played and are playing being CEPT associates time to time during last two years for the survival of the FOSECC run by CEPT University.
12. Provide us the copies of any such letters or representations, both Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai and Dr. Prem Pangotra have sent to CEPT, through which they tried to persuade CEPT to keep FOSECC open, which were (might have) ignored by CEPT.

It is a known fact that, finally FOSECC is closed by CEPT and hence any such attempts by both Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai and Dr. Prem Pangotra have gone in vain.

13. In view of this fact, kindly provide us with the copies of any such letters or representations, both Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai and Dr. Prem Pangotra have sent to MOEF intimating such irrational, illegal act of closure of FOSECC and requesting the intervention of MOEF as a part of supporting its (MOEF's) attempt to promote Environmental Education.
14. Provide us with the copy of any such letter issued by MOEF to Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) recommending the name of Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai for Padmashri in the field of Environmental Education for the year 2012.

With this RTI application we have sent another written representation through which it is requested that you write to MHA, to take back the Padmashri Award from Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai.

15. In view of this fact, provide us the copies of the minutes of meetings you might hold during this one month (the stipulated time given to you under RTI act), in which you might decide whether to write to MHA or not. Also provide us the copy of the letter you sent, if any, to MHA after receipt of this application, if any.

Please reply at the earliest but latest by the 30<sup>th</sup> day from the receipt of this RTI application.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Chirag Shastri

NB: - Provide all copies of the letters or Minutes of Meetings as Photocopy of the original one, duly signed by all the attendees of those particular meetings.



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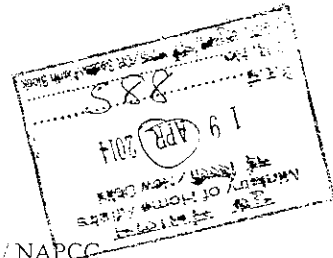
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To,

1. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Environment and Forests,  
Government of India, New Delhi
2. Prime Minister Council on Climate Change / NAPCC  
or The Secretary, Prime Minister Office (PMO),  
South Block, Raisina Hill, New Delhi, India-110011.
- ✓ 3. The Central Secretariat  
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block  
New Delhi – 110001



Subject: - Application under RTI Act seeking information on association and collaboration of MOEF with

1. Dr Kartikeya Sarabhai Center for Environmental Education (CEE)
2. Dr. Prem Pangotra and Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA)

Dir (A&V)

Dear Sirs,

The issue which I am addressing has already been brought to your notice earlier vide letters dated 18/04/2014. We hope that you are closely looking into the matter and are in the process of taking necessary actions we asked for in the said letter. Copy annexed as Annexure: A

Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai

We reiterate that the role, both Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai and Dr. Prem Pangotra have played as CEPT University associates is very suspicious. As Dr. Prem Pangotra is currently Professor at IIMA, we have already sent a letter to the Director IIMA and an RTI application to CPIO, IIMA. Hereby we are sending an RTI application to your good office (MOEF) to avail the information on the kind of association, they both and their centers or institutions are having and the amount – the Public Money – they have fetched from your good office.

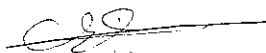
We are sending a copy of the same to PMO, as they are also a concerned department, which has launched NAFCC.

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has conferred Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai with valuable *Padmashri Award* for his contribution in the field of Environmental Education. But the most contradictory fact is, he has silently witnessed the closure of Environment and Climate Change Course (FOSECC) along with the closure of many other courses/faculties, and being a Trustee of the CEPT University, he allowed CEPT higher management to harm the careers of more than 400 students out of which 53 have pursued the said course FOSECC. These acts (inactions against the closure) do not support the idea of conferring him with valuable *Padmashri award*. And hence we are sending separate RTI application to MHA as well, to avail the information on; on what bases they (MHA) committed such a ridiculous offence and conferred *Padmashri Award*.

So we hereby request you as under.

1. Take all the actions we requested through our letter dated 18/04/2014 and direct CEPT management to reinstate the FOSECC (Climate Change faculty and course) with immediate effect.
2. With immediate effect intimate MHA about the actions of Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai to sabotage the ideas promoting Environmental Education and request them to rollback their decision to confer Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai with *Padmashri Award* and to revoke the same from him.
3. We further request you to provide the necessary information asked for through RTI application (Annexure: A) and Annexure: B) as soon as possible.

Best Regards,



Chirag Shastri

CC: -

1. Head/Dean, PSG-IIMA
2. Dr. Kartikeya Sarabhai, CEE
3. The Chairman & The Registrar, CEPT University
4. The Secretaries, MOEF & Ministry of Environment
5. The Chairmen/Commissioners, AICTE, DTE (Gujarat)
6. Dr. Varesh Sinha, The Chief Secretary, GOG

Annexure: -

- A. Copy of our letter to MOEF dated 18/04/2014
- B. RTI application form duly filled as per instruction
- C. Detailed RTI application to MHA under RTI act 2005