

RTI MATTER/SPEED POST

F.No.I/21022/23(63)/2014-FCRA-III

Ministry of Home Affairs

Foreigners Division

(FCRA Wing)

1st Floor, NDCC II Building, Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi, Dated, the 8th Aug. 2014

To

Ms. Tamali Ganguly,
47, R.N. Bhattacharya Street,
P.O. : Belur Math,
Distt : Howrah,
West Bengal. PIN – 711202

1-8-14

Subject: Application for seeking information under RTI Act 2005

Madam.

I am directed to refer to your RTI application dated 30/06/2014 (erroneously shown as 30/07/2014) received in this Section on 17/07/2014 through RTI Section of this Ministry vide their O.M. No.A-43020/01/2014-RTI dated 07/07/2014 on the subject cited above and to state that that as per the record available, on receipt of the penalty, the compounding order was issued and application for prior permission submitted by your association earlier vide No.II/21022/94(0264-01)2010-FCRA-III was closed on 15/02/2013.

2. As per our available record, we are not aware whether your FC-3 application was filed online. Moreover, hard copy of the same is not readily available in this office. Hence, you are requested to kindly file online afresh and send the signed hard copies along with requisite documents for consideration/ processing.

3. In case you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may prefer an appeal (1st) u/s 19(1) of RTI Act, 2005 with Shri V.Vumlunmang, Joint Secretary (Foreigners) and First Appellate Authority (FAA) on the following address:

Shri V.Vumlunmang,
Joint Secretary (F), MHA,
Ground Floor, NDCC II Building,
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi- 110001

Yours faithfully


(Joseph Luikham)
Deputy Secretary (FCRA)/CPIO
Tele No.23438038

Copy to:

1. Shri S. Samanta, US (RTI), MHA, North Block, New Delhi – for information w.r.t. their O.M. dated 07/07/2014.
- ✓ 2. SO (IT Cell), MHA, North Block, New Delhi – alongwith copy of the RTI application of Ms. Tamali Ganguly with the request to upload the RTI application & Reply in the MHA website.

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Central Public Information Officer
Ministry of Home Affairs
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New Delhi - 110001

Date: July 30, 2014

Re: Lack of information on our application for FCRA approval

Ref: Letter No, II/21022/94 (0264-01)/ 2010-FCRA-III dated 18th January, 2013
from Deputy Secretary (FC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

Dear Sir,

We are a small NGO in Kolkata, having several projects in rural areas. We had unknowingly accepted a small donation from our friends abroad to facilitate the projects. While applying for FCRA approval, we had disclosed this very honestly. Our application was duly scrutinized and a penalty of Rs. 1.00 lakh was levied on us, on the ground of compounding the offence of unknowingly accepting small amount of foreign funds, without prior approval from FCRA. We had subsequently paid the penalty.

Vide the above mentioned letter; the FC department had kindly acknowledged receipt of the payment of Rs.1.00 lac from us, as penalty for offence as mentioned above. Further, as directed by the Dy. Secretary (FC) in the above mentioned letter, we have not collected any foreign funds till date.

As per their advice, on May 20, 2013, we had resubmitted fresh FC3 application for approval for receiving foreign grants, which was acknowledged by them on 23rd May, 2013. Since a considerable time has passed after submission of the referred form and we have not heard anything from the department in this respect, we hereby request you kindly update us on present status of our application. We shall be grateful if you kindly inform us as to whom we should contact for further information.

A lot of our ongoing projects are held up as we are unable to take the funds collected by our friends abroad. We shall be obliged if you kindly expedite the matter at the earliest.

Thanking you

With regards

Tamali Ganguly

Tamali Ganguly
President

- Encl: 1. Letter No, II/21022/94 (0264-01)/ 2010-FCRA-III dated 18th January, 2013
2. Acknowledgement of FCRA's receipt of our re-submission on 23 may, 2013
3. Postal Order No. 04F 915559 for Rs. 1.00 lakh addressed to AD, MHA, GOI

Correspondence Address:

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