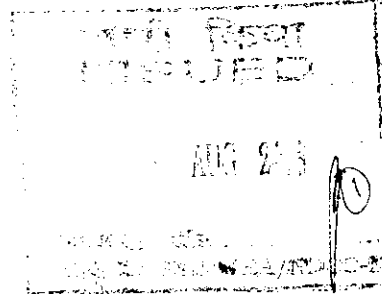


RTI/7/2013-F-1
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 Ministry of Home Affairs
 (Foreigners Division)

NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,
 New Delhi-110001, the 13 August, 2013

To

✓ Shri. N. Sreenivas,
 N.120, St. Ebbas Avenue,
 P.S. Sivaswamy Salai,
 Mylapore
 Chennai-600004



14 AUG 2013

Subject: - Appeal under the RTI Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI Appeal dated 28.06.2013 received by the office on 08.07.2013.

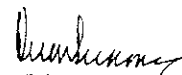
2. I have looked into your RTI Appeal. Regarding the issues raised in your RTI Appeal, the position is as follows :-

(1) As regards your 1st point, it may be stated that in terms of provision contained in Section 3 (1) of Foreigners Act, 1946, the Central Government may by order make provision, either generally or with respect to all foreigners or with respect to any particular foreigner or any prescribed class or description of foreigner, for prohibiting, regulating or restricting the entry of foreigners into India or their departure therefrom or their presence or continued presence there-in. It is thus evident that in terms of the above mentioned provisions, Central Government is vested with powers to prohibit/regulate entry of foreigners into India. As Ministry of Home Affairs is directly concerned with the security of the Country, security clearance for foreign nationals entering territorial waters and EEZ is essential.


(2) As regards your 2nd and 3rd point, in continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 19th June, 2013, it is to inform that Foreigners Division, MHA has granted security clearance in all the 21 proposals received since October, 2011 with the following conditions:-

- (a) The foreign crew to be engaged should be restricted to 10-15% of the total crew.
- (b) Relaxation of the minimum salary condition of US\$ 25,000 Per Annum for grant of Employment Visa to foreign crew limited to 10-15% of the total crew for the period upto 31.12.2013.
- (c) Replacement of the foreign crew by 31.12.2013 by which time their Indian substitutes would be trained, and.
- (d) The manifest of the foreign crew on board DSFVs should be shared with the Bureau of Immigration, FRROs/FROs concerned as soon as the same is received from the owners of the DSFVs.

Yours faithfully,


 (V. Vumirang)

Joint Secretary (Foreigners) and Appellate Authority.



BY SPEED POST

No. 15014/04/2012 – F.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners IV Section)

New Delhi, dated .07.2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

08 JUL 2013

Subject:- Security Clearance of 32 foreign Crew (Mr. Hsu Ming Chung & 31 others) onboard Indian Deep Sea Fishing vessel DEVI-1 of M/S Bhavani Sea Foods Pvt. Ltd., Vishakapatnam.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Agriculture OM No. 21002/05/2009-Fy (Ind) dated 8th Nov ember, 2010 on the subject cited above.

2. This Ministry has no objection from security angle for engagement of foreign crew of **Mr. Hsu Ming Chung & 31 others** (LIST ATTACHED) in above mentioned fishing vessels of M/s Bhavani Sea Foods Pvt. Ltd Visakhapatnam.

3. Subject to compliance of order/instruction issued by Govt. of India on engagement of foreign crew in fishing vessels to the following conditions: -

- (a) The foreign crew to be engaged should be restricted to 10-15% of the total crew.
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(RISHAN RYNIATHIANG)
Section Officer

Ministry of Agriculture,
Deptt. Of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries,
(Dr. Sanjay Pandey,) Fisheries Research
& Investigation Officer, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy to: -DIB (Mr. R.K. Gupta, A.D.), New Delhi w.r.t their U.O. No. 31/S-II/2012 (3497-3528) 309 dated 09.02.2012.


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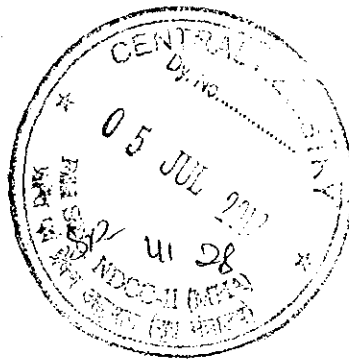
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20 July 2013

From
N.Sreenivas
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P.S.Sivaswamy Salai
Mylapore
Chennai 600 004.

JS (F)

To
The Joint Secretary (Foreigners)
& Appellate Authority
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners Division
NDCC-II Building
Jai Singh Road
New Delhi.



Respected Sir

Sub: Appeal against information submitted CPIO.
Ref: My application dated 23.04.2013 and CPIO's reply
(RTI/77/2013-F-1) from MHA dated 19 June 2013.

JS (F) - w m m
RTI

I sought some specific information from CPIO related to clearance formalities of the foreign fishing crew members engaged on deep sea fishing vessels (DSFVs) operating in the EEZ.

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30/7/2013
08/7/2013
S.P.

I am not satisfied with the information provided by Sri Vikas Srivatsava, Under Secretary (Foreigners) & CPIO since the information provided was either wrong or incomplete. Hence I preferred this appeal.

My 1 & 3 Points

1. The practice of issuing security clearance to foreign nationals working on Deep Sea Fishing Vessels (DSFVs) operating in the Indian EEZ by MHA exists for quite some time. Can you please indicate the concerned legal proviso which mandates the requirement of security clearance to foreign nationals working on DSFVs operating in the Indian EEZ?

5. Please clarify whether the guidelines related to grant of Employment Visa, are automatically apply to grant of Security Clearance. If yes, what is the justification and who is the deciding authority?

Information provided

With regard to information sought by you in point no.s 1 & 3 of your RTI application, It may be stated that keeping in view the security inputs with regard to Defense and vital installation, the foreign fishing crew members engaged on DSFVs operating in EEZ outside territorial waters require security clearance from MHA. In terms of provision contained in Section 3 (1) of Foreigners Act, the Central Government may by order make provision, either generally or with respect to all foreigners or with respect to any particular foreigner or any prescribed class or description of foreigner, for prohibiting, regulating or restricting the entry of foreigners into India or their departure there from or their presence or continued presence there-in.

Reasons for dissatisfaction

Point No.3 is only referred but not answered at all.

The information provided by the CPIO against point no.1 is self contradictory.

It is clear that the foreign crew on DSFVs operating in EEZ outside territorial waters require security clearance from MHA.

It is also very clear that Central Government may by order make provision for prohibiting, regulating or restricting the **entry of foreigners into India or their departure** by virtue of Section 3 (1) of Foreigners Act.

The foreign fishing crew engaged on DSFVs DO NOT EITHER ENTER OR DEPART FROM INDIA. They arrive by sea route and depart by sea route. Any Ship's or a fishing vessel's entry to an Indian international Sea Port does not mean that the foreigners on board are entering into the territory of India unless they cross the immigration channel.

CPIO erred in connecting two unrelated issues. Foreigners Act is limited to the provisions related to entry and exit foreigner into India. Indian EEZ which is outside territorial waters is NOT part of India. The foreign fishing crew members on DSFVs always operate beyond territorial waters of India. Central Government has no power, by virtue of Foreigners Act, to make any provision for prohibiting,

regulating or restricting the foreign crew can be issued by the MHA at any point of time.

My basic question at point no.1 is still means unanswered.

My second point

The Foreigners Division of MHA is not issuing security clearances to foreign nationals working on Deep Sea Fishing Vessels (DSFVs) operating in the Indian EEZ since October 2011. Why?

Information provided

AS per information available, the MHA had received **21 proposals** from MOA since October 2011 **seeking security clearance** for the foreign fishing crew to be engaged in Indian registered fishing vessels. Clearance for grant of **Employment Visa** to the foreign fishing crew involved in these 21 cases **could not be given** as they did not fulfill the minimum salary condition of US\$ 25,000 per annum.

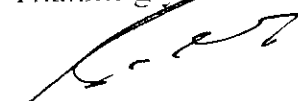
Reason for dissatisfaction

It appears that the learned CPIO is handling RTI applications very casually without any seriousness. Security Clearance and Employment visa are **NOT SYNONYMS**. They are meant for different purposes. Security Clearance is nothing but clearance of crew from Suspect Index being maintained by Home Ministry (Ref - MHA's D.O No.15014/04/2001-F.IV dated 20.02.2001). Whereas Employment Visa is required for those foreigners desiring to enter into India for employment (Ref- MHA's web site). CPIO cannot be ignorant about these basic provisions and mislead public.

CPIO erred in stating that employment visa could not be given for non compliance of minimum salary condition when the proposals were made since October 2101 are totally for a different purpose i.e., seeking security clearance. How can the Ministry of Home Affairs reject something not requested for! It has already been clearly established that employment visa is not required for these foreign crews.

I request you to kindly do the needful to pass me the full and legitimate information as requested by me and with necessary justification / explanation.

Thanking you


N.Sreenivas

RTI/77/2013-F-I
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi, dated, 19th June, 2013

To

Sh. N. Sreenivas,
No.120, St. Ebbas Avenue
P. S. Sivaswamy Salai,
Mylapore,
Chennai-600004

Subject: Information sought under the RTI Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your application dated 23.04.2013 received by the undersigned on 20.05.2013 on transfer from F.IV Section, Foreigners Division, Ministry of Home Affairs vide their file no.25022/05/2013-F.IV [rti] dated 16.05.2013 seeking information under the RTI Act, 2005.

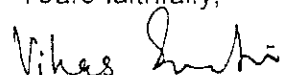
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3. With regard to point no.2 of RTI application, as per information available, the Ministry of Home Affairs had received 21 proposals from the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries) since October, 2011 seeking security clearance for the foreign fishing crew to be engaged in Indian registered fishing vessels. Clearance for grant of Employment visa to the foreign fishing crew involved in these 21 cases could not be given as they did not fulfil the minimum salary condition of US\$ 25000 per annum.

4. As regards point no 4, the copies of file notings of Files No.25022/50/2009-F-1 and 25022/02/2012 from 11.02.2011 can be provided to you on payment of Rs 168 (84 pages x Rs. 2) by way of Indian Postal Order/Demand Draft in favour of Pay & Accounts office, Ministry of Home Affairs or by cash

5. If you are not satisfied with the information furnished, you may file an appeal to Shri V. Vumlunmang, Joint Secretary (Foreigners) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs, Foreigners Division, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi within the prescribed time limit.

Yours faithfully,


(Vikas Srivastava)

Under Secretary (Foreigners) & CPIO

From

23.04.2013

N. Sreenivas
No. 120, St. Abbas Avenue
P.S. Sivaswamy Salai,
Mylapore,
Chennai - 600 004.

To
The Central Public Information Officer
Foreigners Division
Ministry of Home Affairs
Jaisalmer House, Man Singh Road
New Delhi.

Sir

Sub: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

I would like to obtain some information under Section 6 of the Right to information Act, 2005. I am herewith enclosing the necessary fees of Rs.10/- in the form of Demand Draft No. 352649 drawn in SBI Chennai dated 23.04.2013 in favour of Accounts Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

Please refer to the MHA's (Foreigners Division) Office Memorandum No.25022/02/2012-F-I dated 14.03.2013 addressed to JS, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and provide the following information under RTIA;

The question of whether the foreign fishing crew members engaged on DSFVs operating in the EEZ require Employment Visa was discussed and deliberated in many joint meetings hosted by MHA (Foreigners Division) in the last two years. Finally it has been understood and accepted by MHA also that Employment Visa is not required as the foreign nationals would not be coming to the shore as per letter No.25022/50/2009-F-I dated 14.11.2011.

The D.O of MOA referred in the MHA's O.M dated 14.03.13 is a request and reminder from JS, MOA to JS, MHA to clear the pending applications for security clearance. However the O.M issued by MHA maintains the subject as 'Employment Visa to foreign crew' and prescribes conditions for grant of Employment Visa. No mention about security clearance at all in the O.M.

1. Please clarify whether the foreign fishing crew members engaged on DSFVs operating in the EEZ outside territorial waters require Employment Visa or Security Clearance?
2. Whether the percentage of foreign crew should be restricted to 10-15% (from existing 75%) for grant of Employment Visa OR Security Clearance?
3. Whether MHA's grant of relaxation from minimum salary condition of US\$ 25,000 per annum is for grant of Employment Visa OR Security Clearance to foreign fishing crew?
4. When the policy of nodal ministry for fisheries is different on issues like percentage of foreign crew and phasing out program, what is the rationale or justification for MHA to reduce the percentage and fix the deadline for phasing out without considering ground realities?

Thanking you

N.Sreenivas



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RTI MATTER (BY SPEED POST)

RTI/77/2013-F-I
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi, dated, 24th July, 2013

To

Sh. N. Sreenivas,
No.120, St. Ebbas Avenue,
P.S. Sivaswamy Salai,
Mylapore,
Chennai-600004

Subject: Information sought under the RTI Act, 2005

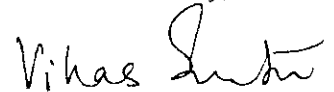
Sir,

Please refer to your application dated 28.06.2013 received by the undersigned on 08.07.2013, seeking information under the RTI Act, 2005.

2. As desired copies of file notings of File Nos. 25022/50/2009-F-I and 25022/02/2012 from 11.02.2011 is enclosed.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Vikas Srivastava)

Under Secretary (Foreigners) & CPIO

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28th June 2013.

From
N.Sreenivas
No.120, St. Ebbas Avenue
P.S.Sivaswamy Salai
Mylapore
Chennai 600 004.

To
Sri Vikas Srivatsava
Under Secretary (Foreigners)
CPIO
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners Division
NDCC-II Building
Jai Singh Road
New Delhi.

Respected Sir

Sub: Information sought under the RTI Act.
Ref: My application dated 23.04.2013 and your reply
(RTI/77/2013-F-1) from MHA dated 19 June 2013.

I refer to the above and am herewith enclosing a demand draft dated 28.06.13 for Rs.168/- in favor of Pay & Accounts Office, MHA towards copying charges of file notings as requested by me.

Thanking you


N.Sreenivas

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RTI/7/2013-F-I
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi, dated, 19th June, 2013

To

Sh. N. Sreenivas,
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Yours faithfully,


(Vikas Srivastava)

Under Secretary (Foreigners) & CPIO

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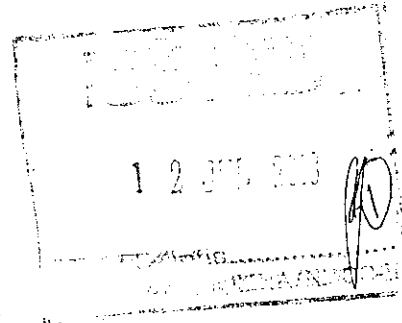
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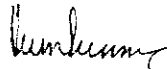
Sir,

Please refer to your RTI Appeal dated 06.06.2013 received by the office on 17.06.2013.

2. I have looked into your RTI Appeal. It is seen that your RTI application dated 23.04.2013 was received by CPIO on 20.05.2013. I find that the CPIO has already given a reply to your RTI application vide his letter of even number dated 19.06.2013(copy enclosed).

Encl : As above

Yours faithfully.


(V. Vumlungmang)

Joint Secretary (Foreigners) and Appellate Authority

6th May 2013

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From
N.Sreenivas
No.120, St. Ebbas Avenue
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Chennai 600 004.

To
The Joint Secretary (Foreigners)
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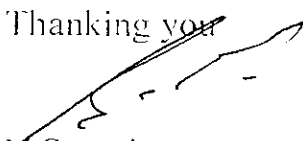
Sub: Appeal against non receipt of information from CPIO.
Ref: My application dated 23.04.2013.

I have requested for some specific information from CPIO related to clearance formalities of the foreign fishing crew members engaged on DSFVs operating in the EEZ vide my application dated 23.04.2013. Copy enclosed for your ready reference.

CPIO is supposed to dispose the application within 30 days as per the provisions of RTI Act. However I have not received any information from the CPIO as on date. Hence I am making this appeal.

I request you to kindly instruct the CPIO to pass me the information as requested by me and with necessary justification / explanation.

Thanking you


N.Sreenivas

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From

23.04.2013

N. Sreenivas
No. 129, St. Elbas Avenue
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Thanking you

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Yours faithfully,


(Vikas Srivastava)

Under Secretary (Foreigners) & CPIO

From

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M. Sreenivas
No. 120, St. Ebbas Avenue
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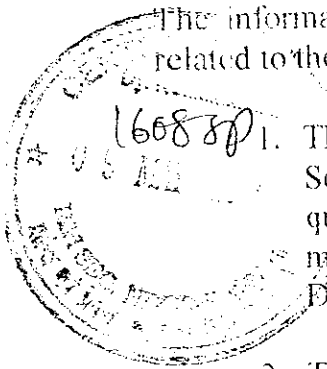
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