

No. 24/248/2014- Public
Government of India / Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs / Grih Mantralaya

North Block, New Delhi- 110 001

Dated the 04 July, 2014

To

Shri Pavan Reddy,
EWS 573, Road-2,
KPHB Colony, Hyderabad,
Andhra Pradesh.

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

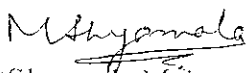
Sir,

Please refer to your application dated 25/06/2014 on the above cited subject. The information sought by you in various points is as follows:

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1 (a)	"Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award of the country, is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavor. Padma Vibhushan is awarded for 'exceptional and distinguished service', Padma Bhushan for 'distinguished service of a high order', and Padma Shri for 'distinguished service' in any field of activity.
1(b)	No
1(c)	Does not arise
1(d)	In case of Bharat Ratna award, in terms of extant practice, the Prime Minister makes the recommendations for Bharat Ratna award to the President and the names for the Bharat Ratna award are announced by the President's Secretariat after obtaining the approval of President. So far as Padma awards are concerned after the announcement of Padma awards, the names of recommended persons along with the recommending authorities and the names of the Members of the Padma Awards Committee are uploaded on the website of the Ministry.
1(e)	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri (Posthumous), Smt. Indira Gandhi, Shri Morarji Ranchhodji Desai, Shri Gulzarilal Nanda, Shri Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous)
1(f)	The information sought is concerned with the Prime Minister's Office, accordingly, a copy of your RTI application is being forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office for providing the information.
1(g) & 1(h)	An amendment was made in the Regulations for the award of Bharat Ratna vide Notification No.133-Pres/2011 dated 16/11/2011 the copy of the notification is available on the website of this Ministry.
1 (i)	List of recipients of Bharat Ratna awards is available on the website of this Ministry.
2	The information sought is concerned with the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, accordingly, a copy of your RTI application is being forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for providing the information.
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4 (a)	Bharat Ratna awardees are extended the following benefits facilities:- (i) The State Governments have been advised to declare Bharat Ratna awardees as state guests during their travel within India in the states. (ii) Indian Missions abroad would provide proper facilitation as and when requested by the awardees on their visits abroad. (iii) They are entitled for diplomatic passports and lifetime free executive class travel on Air India (iv) They are figured in column 7A of the Table of Precedence.
4 (b)	No monetary benefit is given by the Govt. of India to the recipients of Bharat Ratna and Padma Vibhushan award. For providing information on Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award a copy of your RTI application is being forwarded to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
5 (a)	Bharat Ratna awardees are placed at column 7A of the Table of Precedence.
6 (a)	Toned Bronze
6 (b)	India Government Mint, Kolkata
6 (c)	Present cost of one Bharat Ratna medal and Miniature along with its Box is Rs.2,57,732/-
7	The information sought is concerned with the Prime Minister's Office, accordingly, a copy of your RTI application is being forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office for providing the information.
8	In terms of Article 18 (1) of the Constitution, the award cannot be used as a prefix or suffix to the recipient's name. However, should an award winner consider it necessary, he/she may use the expression, "Awarded Bharat Ratna by the President or Recipient of Bharat Ratna Award" in their bio-data/letterhead/visiting card etc. to indicate that he/she is a recipient of the award.
9	The information sought is concerned with the Prime Minister's Office, accordingly, a copy of your RTI application is being forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office for providing the information.

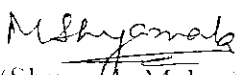
2. Appeal may be made under Section 19(1) of the Right To Information Act to the Appellate Authority within 30 days. Details of the First Appellate Authority in the matter is, Shri Satpal Chouhan, Joint Secretary (Admn.) & Appellate Authority, Room No. 194, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.


(Shyamala Mohan)
Director & CPIO

Copy for necessary action to:

- 1) Shri S. E. Rizvi, Dy. Secy. & CPIO, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi with a copy of RTI application dated 25.06.2014 of Shri Pavan Reddy with the request to provide the information sought in points no. 1(f), 2, 3, 7 and 9, directly to the applicant.
- 2) Shri Rakesh Kumar, Under Secretary, YH/PG/RTI, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Room No. 530 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi with the request to provide the information sought in points no. 2 and 4(b) {regarding Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna}, directly to the applicant.

✓ 3) COPY TO: SO (IT)


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RTI REQUEST DETAILS

Registration No. : MHOME/R/2014/90032
 Date of Receipt : 25/06/2014
 Type of Receipt : Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority
 Language of Request : English
 Name : Pavan Reddy
 Gender : Male
 Address : EWS 573, Road-2, kphb colony, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, Pin:500085
 State : Andhra Pradesh
 Country : Details not provided
 Phone No. : Details not provided
 Mobile No. : +91-7799493435
 Email : rticitizenright@gmail.com
 Status(Rural/Urban) : Details not provided
 Education Status : Details not provided
 Letter No. : Details not provided
 Letter Date : Details not provided
 Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? : Yes
 Citizenship Status : Indian
 Amount Paid : 0
 Mode of Payment Gateway Payment
 Mode(s) of information Supply : Hard Copy
 Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? : Details not provided.
 Request SHYAMALA
 Pertains to : MOHAN, DIR(A&V)

1) Bharat Ratna Award

(a) the criteria laid down for awarding various civil awards i.e. Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards in the country

(b) whether there are reports of favouritism in selection of names of the awardees for the said awards

Information Sought : (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto

(d) the mechanism put in place by the Government to make the selection process transparent

(e) the names of the Honble Prime Ministers of the country who have been awarded Bharat Ratna so far and

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(f) whether the Government has received any proposal to award Bharat Ratna to any other ex-prime ministers, politicians and sports persons of the country and if so, the response of the Government thereto

(g) whether the Government has modified the eligibility criteria for the Bharat Ratna to include sportspersons in its ambit

(h) if so, the details thereof and

(i) the details of individuals who have been awarded the Bharat Ratna since its institution

2) Bharat Ratna to Sachin Tendulkar

(a) whether the Government had recommended the name of Sachin Tendulkar for Bharat Ratna

(b) whether the name of Sachin Tendulkar had approval of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not, the reasons for deciding on Bharat Ratna to Sachin Tendulkar without approval

(e) any other recommendations for the award by the Government

3) Bharat Ratna to Major Dhyan Chand

(a) whether the Government is considering to recommend the name of legendary Hockey Player Major Dhyan Chands for Bharat Ratna

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor

4) Benefits

(a) What are the benefits that are given to recipients of Bharat Ratna award

(b) What prize money and perks do recipients of civilian awards (Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna etc) get.

5) Order of precedence

(a) Whether the recipients of Bharat Ratna list in the order of

precedence.If yes,give details

6) Bharat Ratna Medal

(a) What material is used for making this medal.

(b) Where is it made

(c) Cost involved in making this medal.

7) Nominations for Bharat Ratna

(a) Give the list of all the names who were recommended for Bharat Ratna award by the Govt. of India since 1954

8) Usage of Bharat Ratna on letter heads

(a) Whether the recipients of Bharat Ratna use their title Bharat Ratna on the letter heads or for their day to day formal and informal communication.

9) Whether any of the below names were considered for Bharat Ratna

- (a) Homi J. Bhaba
- (b) E sreedharan
- (c) Vishwanathan Anand
- (d) Yellapragada Subbarao
- (e) Norman Borlaug
- (f) Major Dhyan Chand
- (g) Dr Kurien Varghese
- (i) Baba Amte
- (j) Srinivasa Ramanujan

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