Most Immediate
RTI Matter

No.36/04/2011-R&SO Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs (FFR Division)

> NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> February , 2014

Subject: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 - Regarding.

Enclosed please find herewith a RTI application dated 23.11.2012 (received by answering CPIO on 20.12.2012 through Director(Foreigners) & CPIO, Ministry of Home Affairs vide their OM No.28020/105/2012-F.III dated 20.12.2012) from Dr. Gulshan Kumar Kathuria, No. 168, Yamuna Street, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana (Pin: 135001).

- 2. The information sought by the applicant in respect of points 1,2 & 4 is not maintained in the FFR Division, as such not available with the signing CPIO. The information in respect of point 3 has been provided to the appellant. The same was conveyed to the appellant on 18/01/2013. The appellant then approached the CIC on 10.04.2013 in a second appeal and CIC has directed Ministry of Home Affairs to provide the information to the appellant on the points mentioned in the RTI application within thirty days of the CIC's order dated 15.01.2014 (which was received by the CPIO on 27.01.2014). A copy of the CIC's order is enclosed herewith.
- 3. The points on which information required by the Appellant are given below:-
- (i) the number of casualties resulting from the partition of 1947, including the community-wise break-up;
- (ii) the number of displaced persons who crossed over from India to Pakistan and from Pakistan to india;
- (iii) whether any Commission of Enquiry was set up. If so, a detailed report of the Commission set up and its report; and
- (iv) If there is no enquiry report, the reasons for it.

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4. All the CPIOs, in the Ministry of Home Affairs are requested to provide the information available to the Appellant within the time prescribed by CIC.

Hindi version will follow

(Shyam sunder)

Deputy Secretary & CPIO

Encl.: As above

To

All CPIOs in Ministry of Home Affairs as per list attached.

# Copy for information to:

- (i) Dr. Gulshan Kumar Kathuria, No. 168, Yamuna Street, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana (Pin: 135001).
- (ii) Central Information Commission Club Building, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi w.r.t Decision No. CIC/SS/A/2013/001266/VS/05826 Appeal No. CIC/SS/A/2013/001266/VS dated 15.01.2014.

(Shyam Sunder)

Deputy Secretary & CPIO

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प्रेचकः:- डाट्सुलग्रान कुगर क्रभूतमा # 168, मधुना गली, मधुना नगर (हारेल्फिन-13500).

स्वा भें,

केन्द्रिय जन स्चना काळकारी मह मेलालमा भारत सरकार नेक्ट कलाक, नह दिल्ली-

महोरम जिहासमा

अविश्व हिर्म स्टा २००५ के तहत निम्म लिखन जिल्लारी

- 1. 15 आग्रस्त 1947 की भारत जाकिस्तान कितान की पुरन्त बाद हुई किनावाजीला में जुल कितने भोगों के मोर जाने का रिकार मीजूर है?
- 2. इस विनाश लीला में हिन्दु, मुसलमान ल अन्य आरते वर्ग की स्तरपु हुई क्या क्यारा देने का कार्य कोरें।
- अगरत-पाक बर्रबार के समय कितने हिन्यू प्राक्तिस्तान के सामन दाये तथा कितने मुसलमान पाकिस्तान के गये, की संख्ला बतलीन का क्षण्य करें?
- प क्या कभी इस विनाशलीला की जान हेतू केंन्य सरकार हारा किसी जान कोंगरी का गठन किया गया दि हाँ तब उस जारे रिपोर्ट की कार्य होने का कहा करें महिन तब कारण बतलाएं भी जाने क्यों नहीं भी गुढ़ी कारवार्ट गरें।
- 5. अपने प्रथम काषीमी कार्षिकारी का पदनाम, जल-उपल्ह्य का पता कार्य मिखकार भेजें १

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Decision No.CIC/SS/A/2013/001266/VS/05826 Appeal No.CIC/SS/A/2013/001266/VS

Dated:15-1-2014

Appellant:

Dr. Gulshan Kumar Kathuria

H.No.168, Jamia Gali Yamunanagar (Haryana)

Respondent:

Public Information Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs

CPIO/Dir (R&S.O.),FFR Dn, NDCC-II Bldg, Jai Singh Road, Sansad Marg

New Delhi-110001.

Date of Hearing:

1-1-2014.

### ORDER

### Facts:

- 1. The appellant filed an RTI application on 23-11-2012 seeking information about the casualties during the 1947 Partition.
- 2. The CPIO responded on 18-1-2013. Some information was provided while other information was denied on the ground that it was not maintained by the respondent organization. The appellant filed an appeal with the first appellate authority (FAA) on 29-1-2013. The FAA responded on 6-3-2013 and upheld the decision of the CPIO. The appellant approached the Commission on 10-4-2013 in a second appeal.

## Hearing:

- 3. I heard the appellant through video-conferencing.
- 4. He referred to his RTI application of 23-11-2012 and stated that he wants the following:
  - (a) the number of casualties resulting from the partition of 1947, including the community-wise break-up;

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- (b) the number of displaced persons who crossed over from India to Pakistan and from Pakistan to India;
- (c) whether any Commission of Enquiry was set up. If so, a detailed report of the Commission set up and its report; and
- (d) if there is no enquiry report, the reasons for it.
- 5. The appellant stated that he has received three letters from MHA on 20-12-2012, 17-1-2013 and 18-1-2013 in which the various departments of MHA have, instead of providing the information, simply told him to write to this division or that division. The appellant stated that he expects the MHA to collect the information from different divisions and provide him the information as available in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 6. The respondent did not participate in the hearing.

## Decision:

7. The respondent is directed to procure the information as available on the points in para 4 above from the relevant divisions of the MHA and provide it to the appellant within 30 days of this order.

Appeal is disposed of. Copy of this order be given free of cost to the parties.

(Vijai Sharma) Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:

(V.K.Sharma)

Designated Officer

Refly of Shr. 276

## No.II/20034/20/2013-(IS-II)(Pt.) GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (IS-I DIVISION)

New Delhi, Dated 13 February, 2014

To.

Dr. Gulshan Kumar Kathuria No.168, Yamuna Street, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana – 1350 01

Sir.

With reference to your RTI application dated 23.11.2012, received in the office of undersigned on 12.02.2014 from FFR Division, MHA vide their No.36/04/2011-R&SO dated 7.2.2014 wherein they have requested to provide the information to the applicant directly.

- 2. It is informed that as far as the IS-I Division (IS-II Desk) is concerned the information may be treated as Nil.
- 3. In case you are not satisfied with the reply, you may prefer an appeal within 30 days from the receipt of this communication to Shri Rakesh Singh, Joint Secretry(IS-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi who is the appellate authority in this case.

(Rakesh Mittal) Director (IS-I) & CPIO Tel.23092132

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Copy to:

Shri Shyam Sunder, Deputy Secretary & CPIO, FFR Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, Jantar Mantar, New Delhi.