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Navendra Behl

H.No 241  
Sector 17  
Faridabad-121002  
11 Feb 2014

Shri Girish Kumar  
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Ministry of Home Affairs  
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NEW DELHI-110001

RTI ACT 2005 : VIP/VVIP CATEGORISATION IN INDIA

Sir,

1. Please refer to your office letter no 23014/24/2012-VS dated 29 Oct 2013 and CS Division letter No-21/156/2013-M&G dated 13 Dec 2013 signed by Shri S. Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary (CS) and First Appellate Authority.
2. Despite all my efforts and appeal, a simple query sought by me vide my application dated 14 Sep 2012 (one year and five months) has not been replied till date. All this time the applications have been forwarded to various agencies and it is not clear as to who really is responsible to deal with the subject of VIP/VVIP's.
3. My appeal has been disposed off by First Appellate Authority, since the information on categorization of VIP's is not dealt with him!
4. Since no information has been provided on the subject query since last nearly twenty nine months ( as against thirty days), kindly intimate whether subject matter of VIP's is a part of function/dealing of Home Ministry, or not.
5. If not, how come the Ministry of Personal, Public Grievances and Pensions forward the application to Home Ministry vide their letter dated 20 Sep 2012?
6. Please provide the sought for information on VIP/VVIP's at your earliest, in case dealt by your Ministry, since the same is extremely delayed and if the same does not pertain to the Home Ministry, then the application should have been transferred to the concerned Ministry on receipt. *Who is responsible for withholding the information till date?*
7. A postal order for Rs.10/- bearing ser no- 20F 621735 is enclosed.

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Yours Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

(Navendra Behl)

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No.VI.23014/43/2014-VS  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
(PP Division)

NDCC-II Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-1  
Dated:18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

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To  
Shri Narendra Behl,  
H. No.241,  
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Faridabad-121002.

**Subject: Application under the RTI Act-2005.**

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 11.02.2014 received in this unit on 20.02.2014.

2. In this regard, it may be stated that this unit is not aware of any rule or law under which an individual can be classified as a VIP/VVIP. This unit only deals with matters relating to provision of security to individuals, based on assessment of threat perception carried out by security agencies. The term 'VIP/VVIP' are not part of any official classification for the purpose of provision of security and is used more in a colloquial sense. Therefore, this unit is also not aware as to which Ministry/Department, if any, deals with the subject categorization of individuals as VIP/VVIP.

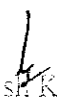
3. However, as CS Division, MHA which deals, inter-alia with privileges of the President, Union Ministers, Governors and courtesies to be shown to various dignitaries etc. may have some information on the subject, a copy of your application is being transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act-2005 to CPIO, CS Division to furnish information, if any, available with them. Similarly, a copy of your application is also being transferred to Public Section of the Administration Division of MHA, which deals, inter-alia with the Table of Precedence, for appropriate action.

4. As regards you query in para (5) of your application dated 11.02.2014, you may seek the necessary inputs from DOP&T to whom a copy of your application is being transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act-2005.

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5. An appeal if any, against this reply may be made within 30 days to Shri Lokesh Jha, Joint Secretary (PP) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001.

Yours faithfully..

  
(Girish Kumar)  
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Copy to:

1. Shri K. Muralidharan, Director(CS-1), MHA, NDCC-II Building, New Delhi along with a copy of RTI application of Shri Narendra Behl.
2. Smt. Shyamala Mohan, Director (A&V), MHA, North Block, New Delhi along with a copy of RTI application of Shri Narendra Behl.
3. Shri R.K. Girdhar, Under Secretary(RTI), Deptt. Of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi along with a copy of RTI application of Shri Narendra Behl.