

No. VI.23014/132/2013-VS  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
(PP Division)

By Speed Post  
RTI MATTER

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NDCC-II Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Jai Singh Road,  
New Delhi-110001, dated:4<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

To

Shri Gangadhar S Patil,  
The Economic Times,  
Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
7, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg,  
New Delhi-110103.

**Subject:- First Appeal under the RTI Act-2005-reg.**

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Sir,

Please refer to your First Appeal (online) Registration No.MHOME/A/2014/60036 dated 27.01.2014.

2. Your grounds of First Appeal have been examined and the position with reference to points raised by you is as under:

3. With regard to Point No.(1) of your Appeal regarding total number of protectees, it is stated that number of categorized protectees varies from time to time based on reviews carried out taking into account the threat assessment made by the Central Security Agencies. However, as on date, the requisite information regarding number of protectees in the Central list is as under:

Z+ category of protectee- 31,	Z category protectee-63,
Y category protectee -104 and	X category protectee-31.

4. As regards Point No.(2) of your First Appeal regarding expenditure incurred on providing security to Chief Minister, Gujarat, a copy of your RTI application dated 02.01.2014 and First Appeal dated 27.01.2014 is being forwarded to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat for providing you information, that they may have on the subject. You may contact the SPIO of the State Government for obtaining information, if any, that they may have on the subject.

5. With regard to Point No.(3) of your First Appeal regarding provision of copies of requests received requesting for security, which were not at all considered by the Ministry, it is stated that all the requests received in this Ministry for provision of security are examined in consultation with security agencies and/or forwarded to the State Government concerned, as the case may be, depending upon the nature of the request made. Copies of the requests cannot be made available to you keeping in view the provisions of sections 8(1)(g) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act-2005.

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ASSESSMENT OF NEW APPEAL

Public Authority: Ministry of Home Affairs Role : Appellate Authority User : LOKESH DUTT JHA(PP)

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Registration No. :	MHOME/A/2014/60036 <a href="#">View RTI Request Details</a>
Appeal is received by :	Online Receipt
Date of Receipt :	27/01/2014
Name :	Gangadhar S Patil
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Country :	India
RTI Request Registration No. :	MHOME/R/2014/60029
RTI Request Registration Date :	27/01/2014
Appeal Letter No. :	
Appeal Letter Date :	
Citizenship Status :	Indian
Is Appellant Bellow Poverty Line? :	No
Does it concern the Life or Liberty of a Person? :	
Name of CPIO :	Name of CPIO is not given.
CPIO's Order/Decision No. :	
Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order /Decision :	
Ground for Appeal :	Refused access to Information Requested
Prayer or Relief Sought :	I had filed an RTI application seeking information from your department on protectees given Z, Z, Y and X category security cover during last five years (2009-2013) including expenditure and copies of request received by the home ministry for security cover. However, the information requested was denied by the Public Information Officer (PIO) refused to furnish any information on various grounds. Point No.1 The information sought was refused under Sections 8(1)(g) and 24(1) of the RTI act, 2005. Prayer: While I agree that the list of protectees cannot be given considering security reasons. I would request you to kindly supply at least the number of protectees year-wise for the last five Years as similar information was furnished in the parliament. Replying to unstarred question no. 1312 in Lok Sabha raised by Member of Parliament SHAILENDRA KUMAR on 16.11.2010, the ministry of Home said that At present, the number of protectees in the Central List is 207, of whom 35, 55, 66 and 51 have been given Z, Z, Y and X category security cover, respectively. As per the section 8 of the Right to Information (RTI) Act under which you are denied the right to certain information, there is a provision which states that, every citizen has the right to get that information which our elected representatives, have access to. It reads thus, Provided that the information which cannot be denied to the Parliament or a State Legislature shall not be denied to any person. Point No.2 The PIO stated that provision of security to an individual is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned, in whose jurisdiction such individual is ordinarily resident or happens to be. Due to the involvement of multiple agencies, including State Government agencies, it is difficult to calculate the actual expenditure incurred on providing security cover and such details are not maintained in this office. Prayer: Kindly transfer my application to such department or office at least in the state of Gujarat if not all the states directing the concerned office to supply me the information. Point No. 3: PIO stated that security to an individual is provided on the basis of threat assessment carried out by the security agencies. Since the matter is examined in consultation with the security agencies, the details in this regard are exempted under Section 8(1)(g) and 24(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, hence list of individuals who made request for provision of security, cannot be disclosed. Prayer: While I again agree that the

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copies of the request cannot be furnished for security reasons, I would pray the appellate authority to at least provide me copies of those requests which were not at all considered by the ministry for them being non-serious. Kindly consider my pray and provide information/copies of such requests. I would also like to present myself at hearing.

\* Please Select a Decision :

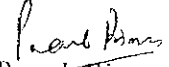
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6. Your First Appeal is accordingly disposed of accordingly.
7. This issues with the approval of Joint Secret Joint Secretary (PP & VS) & Appellate Authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Pranab Biswas)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to: Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.