

No. 11034/03/2014-IS-IV
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Internal Security-I Division)

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 12, August 2014

To

Shri D. B. Binu,
Provident Road,
Kochi- 682018 (Kerala).


Subject: Regarding RTI application dated 24.06.2014 of Shri D. B. Binu seeking information under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 24.06.2014 which was received by the undersigned through Dy. Secretary(E) & CPIO vide communication no. A-43020/01/2014-RTI dated 16.07.2014 for providing information to you on the said application under the RTI Act, 2005.

2. Since the subject matter of the RTI application does not pertain to the undersigned CPIO, the information may be treated as Nil. However, your RTI application is being transferred to Director(IS-III), MHA under Section 6(3) of RTI Act, 2005 with the request to furnish the information to applicant directly.

4. The appellate authority is Shri Rakesh Singh, Joint Secretary (IS-I), Room No. 197-B, MHA, North Block, New Delhi.


(Ramesh Kumar Suman)
Director (IS-II) cum CPIO

Copy to:-

1. Shri Rajesh Kumar Gupta Director (IS-III), North Block, along with the RTI application
- ✓ 2. Section Officer, RTI Cell
- ✓ 3. SO(IT) Cell, MHA North Block, New Delhi- alongwith a copy of the RTI application from the applicant for the uploading on the MHA website.

No.A-43020/ 01 /2014-RTI
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

New Delhi, Dated: 16.07.2014.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Transfer of application of Shri D.B. Binu under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

This Ministry has received an application under the RTI Act, 2005 dated 24.06.2014 from Shri D.B. Binu (received in this Ministry on 08.07.2014).

2. Since the requested information does not fall totally within the jurisdiction of MHA, the application is therefore, being transferred to National Archives of India, and Director (IS-II), MHA under sub-section(3) of Section 6 of RTI Act, 2005 for taking necessary action. In case it does not fall under your jurisdiction, it may please be further transferred/forwarded to the Public Authority under Section 6(3) for RTI Act, 2005 which the subject matter is more closely related, directly, under intimation to the applicant.

3. The requisite application fee of Rs. 10/- is received in this Ministry vide receipt No. 29487 dated 09.07.2014.

Encl: As above.


(V.K. Rajan)

Dy. Secretary (E) & CPIO

To

Central Public Information Officer,
National Archives of India,
Janpath, New Delhi - 110001

Copy forwarded for similar action to :

Director (IS-II),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi.

Copy for information to:

Shri D.B. Binu
Providence Road,
Kochi - 682 018 (Kerala).

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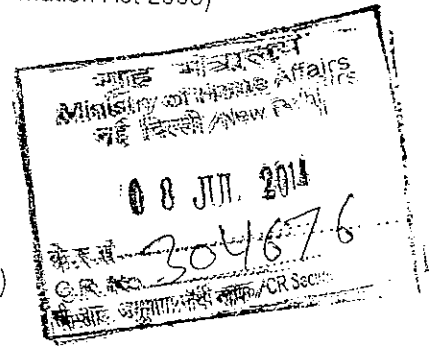
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(See Rule 3)

(Application to be submitted for Information under Right to Information Act 2005)

TO,
The Central Public Information Officer
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block
Central Secretariat, New Delhi - 110 001.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT:**

Adv.D.B.Binu. (General Secretary, Human Rights Defense Forum)
Providence Road, Kochi-682018, Kerala. Mob: 9895135081.

REF; Report published in the New Indian Express on Mode's Clean-up Drive Throws up Mountbatten's Rs 64,000 Travel Bill dated 24th June 2014

A. PARTICULARS OF THE INFORMATION/ DOCUMENTS/FILE NOTES REQUESTED FOR:

Please provide certified copy of the following information and documents with file notes U/S 6(1), 6(3) of the RTI Act on queries regarding the travel expenses of Mountbatten's personal staff and the shipping bill of his belongings from Delhi to London. and other related documents.

1. Provide copy of the document which shows the payment of `64,000 to India's first Governor General Lord Mountbatten as Travel & Daily Allowance (TA/DA) when he bid adieu to the country.
2. Provide copy of the document which shows the travel expenses of Mountbatten's personal staff and the shipping bill of his belongings from Delhi to London.
3. Provide copy of the document which shows the first President Rajendra Prasad's refusal to receive salary. "A meeting was called to decide that the money would be re-allocated to government's calamity funds,
4. Provide copy of the document which shows the salary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri was sent to the calamity fund after he refused it.
5. Provide copy of the document which shows the minutes of a Cabinet meeting convened before formally announcing Mahatma Gandhi's death.
6. Please provide the certified copy of file notings on the movement of this RTI application.
7. Provide copy of the document which shows the declaration of emergency in India For the 1975 - 1977

REQUEST TO MAKE OVER THE APPLICATION:

If the information/ or the subject matter of the information required is held by another Public authority, this Application or such part of this application may be forwarded to that Public Authority as required under Section 6(3) of the Right to Information Act 2005.

Date: 24-06- 2014

Place: Kochi

Enclosures

1. Original Postal Order of Rs.10 remitted as application fee.
2. Above Report

Signature of the applicant

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Modi's Clean-up Drive Throws up Mountbatten's ₹64K Travel Bill

by Yatish Yadav

New Delhi: The clean-up drive undertaken at North Block as per the directive of prime Minister Narendra Modi, has thrown light on some historical documents consigned to oblivion for over half a century.

The ministry has destroyed close to 1.5 lakh files since the PM's directive last month, but the cleaning process helped them discover a 1948 historical gem related to a payment of ₹64,000 made to the first governor General Louis Mountbatten, as Travel & Daily Allowance (TA/DA), when he bid adieu to India.



An official said the money, a huge amount in those days, was to meet the cargo charge for moving his personal stuff from Delhi to London and the travel expenses of his personal staff members. The file was sent to the Home Ministry to get a clearance from M & G section, which looks after the expenses incurred on Governors and Central Ministers.

The division comes under the Centre-State department of the Home Ministry. The document was discovered when workers sorting the Category C files came across a bunch of policy related files, generally preserved for up to 25 years.

There are three categories of files - Category A (general files preserved only for a year), Category B (files kept for 5-10 years and contains important decisions taken by the home ministry) and Category C (important documents which contain policy related decisions of the ministry) and Home Ministry files are reviewed every year and those with historical importance are shared with the National archive.

"Another file we found relates to the salary of Rajendra Prasad, at a time when he decided not to take it. A meeting was called in which it was decided that the money would go to calamity funds," officials said.

A similar file with details of the salary paid to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri has also been discovered.

24/6/2014
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