

No.All/551/18/15
Ministry of External Affairs
West Africa Division

Appeal Under RTI Act

Subject : Appeal under the provision of RTI Act , 2005 requesting to provide copy of the letters for June, 2009 and July, 2011 from the High Commission in Abuja, Nigeria.

Name of the Applicant : Shri Prashant Reddy T., Advocate.
Name of the CPIO : Shri Jasvinder Singh

Background

CPIO vide his letter no. All/551/18/15 dated 3-8-2015 has furnished the copy of the press release issued by the NAFDAC, Nigerian regulator, which was forwarded by the High Commission of India in Abuja (Nigeria).

2. The applicant, vide his letter dated 4-8-2015, has preferred an Appeal under the RTI Act for providing incorrect information.

Decision on Appeal

3. I have called the concerned file in which CPIO has taken his decision and also perused CPIO's reply. The press release forwarded by the CPIO to the applicant contains the information regarding fake drugs produced in China but labelled "made in India" and it was part/enclosure of the e-mail forwarded by the High Commission of India in Abuja (Nigeria) in June, 2009. The similar information was disclosed in reply to part (c) of the Parliament Question No.77. However, I am directing CPIO to share the photocopy of the e-mail dated 2-6-2009 sent by High Commission of India in Abuja (Nigeria) with the Applicant.

4. The letter of July 2011 from Ministry of External Affairs/ High Commission of India in Abuja (Nigeria) contains information on various issues, which cannot be shared with the Applicant under Rule 8(1) (a) of the RTI Act, 2005 since it may affect relations with the foreign State.

5. In view of the above, the Appeal is disposed off.

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Dated : 14-08-2015

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1. Shri Jasvinder Singh, CPIO and Deputy Secretary(WA) for necessary action.
2. Under Secretary (RTI), MEA / DS(DD), MEA/Publicity Officer(XMM),MEA