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NEW DELHI

No. D-II/551/1/2016-Ms. Sharma

Dated 23.02.2016

Ms. Kritika Sharma  
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Sector-27B,  
Chandigarh  
email kritika055@gmail.com

**Subject: Information sought by Ms Kritika Sharma under Right to information Act 2005**  
Madam,

Reference your Application dated 11.01.2016 received in our office vide No. MOEAF/R/2016/00139 dated 29/1/2016, seeking information under Right to Information Act 2005.

2. This is to inform you that your same application has already been replied by the undersigned vide the even number dated 20 January 2016 (copy enclosed).

3. In case the applicant is not satisfied with the response given by the undersigned, the applicant may file an appeal within 30 days of the receipt of this communication to Shri Sanjay Verma, Chief of Protocol and First Appellate Authority, Room No. 2001, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, 23D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011.

Yours sincerely,

(Madan Singh Bhandari)  
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4. DS(E) & CPIO, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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No. D-II/551/1/2016-Ms. Sharma

Dated 19.01.2016

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email kritika055@gmail.com

**Subject: Information sought by Ms Kritika Sharma under Right to information Act 2005**

Madam,

Reference your Application No. MOEAF/R/2016/00075 dated 15/1/2016, received on 18/1/2016, seeking information under Right to Information Act 2005.

2. The applicant has sought the following information:
  - 3.1 Whether a diplomatic mission in India is exempt from payment of stamp duty on lease/sale deed executed for or on behalf of it?
  - 3.2 If the answer to the aforementioned question is yes, kindly specify the act, rule, order, circular, notification, convention etc. exempting such payment of stamp duty by a diplomatic mission.
  - 3.3 Does the exemption apply to every state within the territory of India? If no, kindly specify the states to which the exemption is applicable.

3. The following is the response of the CPIO:

For **(3.1 & 3.2)**: Diplomatic Missions in India are exempted from payment of stamp duty on lease/sale deed on the basis of Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961 and Vienna Convention on Consular Relation, 1963. As per *Article 23 of VCDR, 1961* "the sending State and the head of the mission shall be exempt from all national, regional or municipal dues and taxes in respect of the premises of the mission, whether owned or leased, other than such as represent payment for specific services rendered".

Further, exemption from payment of Stamp duty to the diplomatic missions is also based on the principle of reciprocity, i.e. exemption is granted only if Indian Mission in the respective Country is granted the same exemptions as and when required.




For (3.3): The exemption is also applied to every state within the territory of India. As per *Article 32 of VCCR, 1963* "Consular premises and the residence of the career head of consular post of which the sending State or any person acting on its behalf is the owner or lessee shall be exempt from all national, regional or

municipal dues and taxes whatsoever, other than such as represent payment for specific services rendered". The exemption from payment of Stamp duty to the Consular Posts in Indian states are also based on principle of reciprocity.

4. In case the applicant is not satisfied with the response given by the undersigned, the applicant may file an appeal within 30 days of the receipt of this communication to Shri Sanjay Verma, Chief of Protocol and First Appellate Authority, Room No. 2001, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, 23D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011.

Yours sincerely,

  
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January 11, 2016

To

Central Public Information Officer  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
New Delhi

Sub: Request for Information under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

1. Name of the Applicant: Kritika Sharma c/o SAK & Associates, Chandigarh
2. Address: House No 1084,  
Sector- 27 -B,  
Chandigarh.
3. Information Sought:
  - 3.1 Whether a diplomatic mission in India is exempt from payment of stamp duty on lease/sale deed executed for or on behalf of it?
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  - 3.3 Does the exemption apply to every state within the territory of India? If no, kindly specify the states to which the exemption is applicable.

I state that information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in the Section 8 of the RTI Act and to the best of my knowledge it pertains to your office.

I hereby certify that I, Kritika Sharma, D/o Chandresh Sharma, R/o House No 1084, Sector 27-B, Chandigarh am a citizen of India.

My contact details are as following:

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