

No.AC/551/10/2014
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

23-D, Janpath
JNB, New Delhi
Dated: 24 November, 2014

Ms. Richa Dhawan & Associates
Advocates, Supreme Court of India
Block-III, Chamber No. 609,
Delhi High court, New Delhi

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Madam,

Please refer to your letter No. RTI/RD/1 dated 21.10.2014 (received on 28.10.2014) on the above quoted subject is as under:

Para No.	Question	Answer
1	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been emphasizing the urgent need to promote foreign investment for setting up manufacturing units in India so as to create employment and generate economic activity for an increase in the GDP growth. He has envisioned the concept of "Make in India" towards reaching this goal and has given wide publicity to this during his recent visits to Japan and USA. The Prime Minister is now going to attend the G-20 Summit in Australia in November 2014. the G-20 group includes world's most important developed and emerging countries from which there is strong possibility of attracting investment for setting up manufacturing facilities in India. As the PM will pursue his agenda in his meetings with the G-20 leaders as well, it is essential that urgent comprehensive steps are taken by the govt. functionaries to act on this buildup.	As per Allocation of Business Rules of Govt. of India the work of promotion of FDI in India is within the purview of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP). The Ministry of External Affairs and our Missions by virtue of their presence worldwide assist these Ministries through facilitation and followup.
2	The work of promoting and securing FDI in the country is the responsibility of Ministry of External Affairs and as per media reports various instructions have been issued by the PMO to the Ministry for taking concrete steps in this regard. However, there has been no information in the public domain about the action plan, if any, prepared by the MEA in the matter; the actual action taken by the Indian Embassies on the same; and the outcome of such efforts so far. On the other hand, there have been some deliberate report in the media about the lack of manpower and other resources in the Ministry of External Affairs that are preventing execution of PM's directives.	
3	In the above background, it is imperative that urgent steps be taken to make the most effective use of the available resources in the Ministry through a systematic and thorough management. For this it is essential that a comprehensive assessment of the situation be done with	Not Applicable

	whether the available resources are not being optimally utilized.	
4	The following information is sought under the RTI act for clear understanding of ground situation about the financial resources available in the Ministry/Embassies in order to generate a public debate for strategic planning for evolving policies, ideas and strategies to gear up for their full use.	
(i)	Details of the type and quantum of various financial resources provided to the embassies in the G-20 countries in the past three years for lobbying with the host govt. and carrying out trade/investment promotion activities.	ITP has budget provision for trade promotion/market expansion activities for our Missions abroad. Information about G-20 countries is as per Annexure-A. The allocation is done based on demands and availability of funds.
(ii)	The basis on which different amounts of such resources have been allocated to the embassies in these G-20 countries? Please provide copy of file notings in this regard.	
(iii)	Details of the actual utilization of the allocated financial resources by the embassies in the G-20 countries in the past three years, specific activities carried out from these resources and quantified outcome of these efforts.	The actual utilization in respect of funds allocated under market expansion activities is reflected in the statement at Annexure- A.
(iv)	Details of the resources raised locally by the embassies in G-20 countries in the last three years through the indian companies/community for holding any trade promotion/community relation work. Please provide details confirming that such collection was duly accounted for in the books of the embassy and the expenditure against the same was done in accordance with the rules and regulations of GOI.	Does not pertain to ITP Division.
(v)	The quantum of the budgets provided to the Missions in G-20 countries during the past five years for local travel by embassy officials within their country of posting. A copy of the file notings giving the yardsticks and criteria for determining the relative budget allocations to these countries may please be provided. Please confirm if any exercise was held in the past five years to review the quantum of this budget vis-a-vis the verifiable outcomes in the respective countries. A copy of file notings in this regard may please be provided.	
(vi)	Breakup of the a aforesaid budget provided to the embassies in G-20 countries in the last five years used for local travels by (i) HOM, (ii) DCM/DHC and (iii) the Commercial Officer. A copy of the guidelines issued by the ministry about apportioning of the local travel budget allocated to the Missions among various officers so as to ensure optimum results may please be provided.	

3. If you are not satisfied with the reply, you may file an appeal to Mr. Soumen Bagchi, Joint Secretary(ES&ITP), Room No. 3002, JNB, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi as per RTI Act, 2005.

Yours faithfully

(A.K.Singh)

Under Secretary (ITP)

Name of Country	Expenditure in 2011-12	Fund Allotted in 2012-13	Expenditure in 2012-13	Fund Allotted in 2013-14	Expenditure in 2013-14	Fund Allotted in 2013-14
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Australia	0	1025000	0	750000	0	1750000
Brazil	0	200000	200000	125000	122867	100000
Canada	698974	1700000	986881	1000000	634878	700000
China	5909641	7615000	7619668	8000000	8054370	6275000
France	394320	1000000	144826	750000	757534	1200000
Germany	1005668	1388976	610005	2375000	1886257	3200000
Indonesia	1595696	1000000	598271	2850000	2856357	3400000
Italy	162880	535000	335000	0	0	0
Japan	1202628	850000	697167	1000000	1086951	1000000
Republic of Korea	947938	200000	205883	500000	500000	350000
Mexico	559231	300000	49437	8826	8826	150000
Russia	1021616	1000000	952343	265000	154485	0
Saudi Arabia	24088	300000	124899	1110058	817242	300000
South Africa	1726923	2323000	1089949	1725500	984449	500000
Turkey	0	500000	419797	0	0	200000
United Kingdom	0	310635	307701	200000	177915	200000
United States	704724	1700000	496714	1050000	798334	1450000

Market Expansion Activities funds are used by the Missions/Posts for organizing Branding and Publicity events relating to promotion of Indian products / handicrafts / product tasting / tourism etc. at exhibition /conference venues, departmental stores etc., Business Matchmaking, Identifying potential local business partners, agents and distributors, securing information from local business chamberers or arranging meetings with local companies for Indian businesses, Catalogue Shows/BSMs/Exhibitions, Market Analysis and Economic intelligence etc.

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Subject: Information sought under the RTI Act on the Management of Financial Resources allocated to the Indian Embassies for Trade and Investment Promotion work

1. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been emphasizing the urgent need to promote foreign direct investment for setting up manufacturing units in India so as to create employment and generate economic activity for an increase in the GDP growth. He has envisioned the concept of "Make in India" towards reaching this goal and has given wide publicity to this during his recent visits to Japan and USA. The Prime Minister is now going to attend the G-20 Summit in Australia in November 2014. The G-20 group includes world's most important developed and emerging countries from which there is strong possibility of attracting investment for setting up manufacturing facilities in India. As the PM will pursue his agenda in his meetings with the G-20 leaders as well, it is essential that urgent comprehensive steps are taken by the government functionaries to act on this build up.
2. The work of promoting and securing FDI in the country is the responsibility of Ministry of External Affairs and as per media reports various instructions have been issued by the PMO to the Ministry for taking concrete steps in this regard. However, there has been no information in the public domain about the action plan, if any, prepared by the MEA in the matter; the actual action taken by the Indian Embassies on the same; and the outcome of such efforts so far. On the other hand, there have been some deliberate reports in the media about the lack of manpower and other resources in the Ministry of External Affairs that are preventing execution of PM's directives.

In the above background, it is imperative that urgent steps be taken to make the most effective use of the available resources in the Ministry through a systematic and thorough management. For this it is essential that a comprehensive assessment of the situation be done with reference to whether there is actually a paucity of resources or whether the available resources are not being optimally utilised.

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4. The following information is sought under the RTI Act for clear understanding of the ground situation about the financial resources available in the Ministry/Embassies in order to generate a public debate for strategic planning for evolving policies, ideas and strategies to gear up for their full use:
- (i) Details of the type and quantum of various financial resources provided to the Embassies in the G-20 countries in the past three years for lobbying with the host government & carrying out trade/investment promotion activities.
 - (ii) The basis on which different amounts of such resources have been allocated to the Embassies in these G-20 Countries? Please provide copy of file notings in this regard.
 - (iii) Details of the actual utilization of the allocated financial resources by the Embassies in the G-20 countries in the past three years, specific activities carried out from these resources and quantified outcome of these efforts.
 - (iv) Details of the resources raised locally by the Embassies in G-20 countries in the last three years through the Indian companies/community for holding any trade promotion/community relation work. Please provide details confirming that such collection was duly accounted for in the books of the Embassy and the expenditure against the same was done in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of GOI.
 - (v) The quantum of budgets provided to the Missions in G-20 countries during the past five years for local travel by Embassy officials within their country of posting. A copy of the file notings giving the yardsticks and criteria for determining the relative budget allocations to these countries may please be provided. Please confirm if any exercise was held in the past five years to review the quantum of this budget vis-à-vis the verifiable outcomes in the respective countries. A copy of file notings in this regard may please be provided.
 - (vi) Breakup of the aforesaid budget provided to the Embassies in G-20 countries in the last five years used for local travels by (i) HOM, (ii) DCM/DHC and (iii) the Commercial Officer. A copy of the guidelines issued by the Ministry about apportioning of the local travel budget allocated to the Missions among various officers so as to ensure optimum results may please be provided.

Information be provided to me by E-Mail Id given in the application form. For this purpose only, I am depositing Rs 90/- extra by DB/ Postal Order Nos. 3914628 502

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Thanking You.

Your sincerely,



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