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**Subject:- Information sought under RTI Act 2005 - Ref: Registration No. MOEAF/R/2015/60032 dt 14.01.2015 – Privileges to US diplomats and members of their families.**

Sir,

Please refer to your above RTI application, seeking details of the privileges withdrawn in respect of US diplomats and members of their families. Our reply is given below ad seriatim:

(1) (A-D): All the identity (ID) cards earlier issued to the US officials (and their families) working in its four Consulates in India were withdrawn/cancelled w.e.f. 24.12.2013 and instead new IDs were issued only to the eligible officials. With effect from 01.01.2014, the American Embassy is allowed to draw duty-free alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and food items only for its eligible diplomats and not allowed to pool these items on behalf of the diplomats of other Embassies. On 06.01.2014, the American Embassy was directed to stop all commercial activities from its premises, which the Embassy has since complied with. The Government has not restored any of the above mentioned facility/privilege.

(2) The US Embassy and its Consulates in India and the officials working therewith, are extended immunities and privileges as stipulated in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961 and Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963, respectively. In addition, immunities and privileges related to their day to day functioning are also regulated by the bilateral arrangements between the two countries, which are reciprocal in nature. Essentially these immunities and privileges are culled from the two afore-mentioned International Conventions which are readily available in the public domain.

In case you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may appeal within 30 days to the Appellate authority in this Ministry at the following address: Joint Secretary (COP)/Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, Room No. 2001, Jawahar Lal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi 110011.

Yours sincerely,

(Anil Nautiyal)

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1. JS (COP), MEA, New Delhi.
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## RTI REQUEST DETAILS

<b>Registration No. :</b>	MOEAF/R /2015/60032	<b>Date of Receipt :</b>	14/01/2015
<b>Type of Receipt :</b>	Online Receipt	<b>Language of Request :</b>	English
<b>Name :</b>	ASHWINI SHRIVASTAVA	<b>Gender :</b>	Male
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<b>Status(Rural/Urban) :</b>	Urban	<b>Education Status :</b>	Above Graduate
<b>Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? :</b>	No	<b>Citizenship Status :</b>	Indian
<b>Amount Paid :</b>	10	<b>Mode of Payment :</b>	Payment Gateway
<b>Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? :</b>	Details not provided.	<b>Request Pertains to :</b>	DCP (Privilege)
<b>Information Sought :</b>	<p>1.Kindly give information on <u>privileges withdrawn from the US diplomats and their family members in 2013</u> under following heads:</p> <p>A.Details of <u>privileges withdrawn</u>.</p> <p>B.<u>Date and period</u> of withdrawing them.</p> <p>C.<u>Date of restoring</u> some or all of the withdrawn privileges as the case may be.</p> <p>D.<u>Status</u> on the withdrawn privileges.</p> <p>E.<u>Date of restoring</u> the privileges.</p> <p>2.Please give details of privileges available for the US diplomats and their family members in India.</p>		
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