

**OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
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F.No.DGVAL/CONF/RTI/APP/16/2025-RTI

Date: As e-signed.

To,

Gentleman,

Subject: Applications filed by
under RTI Act, 2005 – Communication of reply –reg.

Please refer to your recently filed RTI applications, the reply of which have already been provided to you on RTI-MIS portals (Sr.No. 1 to 5) along with RTI applications received in this Directorate which are pending for disposal (Sr.No. 6 to 7).

Sr.NO	Registration No. and Date	Date of Receipt	Disposal Date/ Pending for disposal
1	DGVAL/R/X/25/00001 dated 21.02.2025	21.02.2025	10.03.2025
2	DGVAL/R/T/25/00002 dated 24.06.2025	24.06.2025	02.07.2025
3	DGVAL/R/X/25/00003 dated 23.07.2025	23.07.2025	14.08.2025
4	DGVAL/R/X/25/00006 dated 05.08.2025	05.08.2025	08.08.2025
5	DGVAL/R/X/25/00008 dated 18.08.2025	18.08.2025	12.09.2025
6	DGVAL/R/X/25/00011 dated 28.08.2025	28.08.2025	Pending for disposal
7	DGVAL/R/X/25/00012 dated 02.09.2025	02.09.2025	Pending for disposal

You have filed similar RTI applications soughting information from different Ranges/Divisions / Executive Commissionerates of GST & Customs all over India and also Directorates of CBIC requiring same information under RTI Act, 2005.

In view of above Table, it appears that you are filing RTI applications repeatedly. The repeated filing of RTI applications without any substantial need or genuine information, request may be deemed as an attempt to harass the public authority.

We would like to remind you that Right to Information Act, 2005 is designed to promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities. However, the Act also provides the public authority with the discretion to reject applications that are frivolous, vexatious, or aimed at causing undue inconvenience or harassment to the authorities.

In this regard, we would like to draw your attention to certain judicial pronouncements which address the issue of repeated or harassing RTI applications:

1. **Central Information Commission (CIC) Decision in Appeal No.CIC/CC/A/2013/000808/MP** (Dated 17.09.2024): The CIC ruled that repetitive RTI requests that do not serve any public interest and are intended to harass the public authority can be considered vexatious and can be refused.
2. **Supreme Court in the case of Union of India v. Namit Sharma (2013)**: The Supreme Court held that an RTI request must be filed in a manner that serves the public interest and that multiple RTI requests that are purely for the purpose of harassment or without genuine intent could be subject to rejection.
3. **CIC, New Delhi in its verdict dated 03.11.2024 in the case Mr. Chander Prakash AM Pa Vs. Airport Authority of India** held that "Seeking similar information by filing multiple RTI Applications repeatedly is nothing sort of an abuse of process of law and an attempt to virtually intimidate the respondent. CIC warned appellant to desist from misusing the provisions of RTI Act for setting his personal; score. **In case the appellant continues to prefer RTI applications which are vexatious and frivolous in nature with a view to disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority, then the PIO will be free to deny information under the provision of Section 7 (9) of the Act.**"

We, therefore, urge you to consider the spirit of the RTI Act and refrain from submitting frequent applications without a legitimate public interest. If such behaviour continues, we will have no choice but to take necessary action, including refusing to entertain future applications under Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, which permits the public authority to reject requests if they are voluminous and would disproportionately divert resources.

Hence, as such this office is not in a position to provide information based on frivolous applications or to entertain all sorts of your applications.

If you are not satisfied with the information provided, you can prefer an appeal before the Appellate Authority as provided in Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter. The details of the Appellate Authority are as under:

Name : Smt. Shweta Chander
Designation : Additional Commissioner
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Ballard Estate, Mumbai – 400 001

Yours faithfully,
Digitally signed by
Yogesh Kumar
Date: 24-09-2025
17-08-21
(Yogesh Kumar)
Assistant Commissioner & CPIO