भारत सरकार
खान मंत्रालय

विषय – सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के तहत श्री. बी. जॉन सोलोमन,
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2013-14 दिनांक 18.10.2013 को इस पत्र के साथ उचित कार्यवाही हेतु भेजा जा रहा है।

आपसे अनुरोध है कि उक्त अपील/पत्र का निष्ठारण दिनांक 19.12.2013 से पूर्व किया
जाए और प्रतिलिपी सूचनार्थ पी.आई. सैल को भी भेजी जाए।

(राजेश शाह/Rajesh Shah)
ए.सी.पी.आई.ओ./ACPIO

श्री. पी.के. मलिक, अचव सचिव/अपीलीय अधिकारी, खान मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली।
पी.आई. सैल यू.ओ. क्रमांक FTS 17090 दिनांक 21.11.2013।

संलग्न: FTS No. 17090
From

B. John Solomon, B.E., MBA,
S/o. Mr. S. Benjamin,
78B, East Shanmugapuram,
Proper Street, Tuticorin - 680 002.

To

The Joint Secretary/
Appellate Authority under the RTI Act,
Ministry of Mines, Government of India,
D-307, Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110 001.

Sir,

Sub: Filing of Appeal under Section 19 (1) of The Right to Information Act, 2005 against the failure of CPIO (Under Secretary), Ministry of Mines, New Delhi to give a reply to my letter dated 16.09.2013 submitted for furnishing certain information/copies of documents under section 6 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005-reg.


I requested the CPIO (Under Secretary), Ministry of Mines, New Delhi in the letter referred to above to kindly furnish me certain information/copies of documents under section 6(1) of the RTI Act 2005. A copy of the said letter is enclosed for kind perusal.

I have not received any reply.

Hence I submit this Appeal under section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

I request that this Appeal may be allowed and the CPIO (Under Secretary), Ministry of Mines, New Delhi may be directed to furnish the information required by me in the letter referred to above under section 6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

(B. JOHNSOALMON)

John Solomon, B.T., MBA,
Mr. S. Bernathan,
M. Easumugapuranam,
Deeply Street, Telephone: 681362.

To:
The Central Public Information Officer,
(Her Secretary)
Ministry of Mines, Government of India,
15-307, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi—110 001.

Sub: Request to furnish the copies of the letters/documents related to the two mining leases
applied by M/s. V.V. Mineral in Gujarat for mining Garnet, Ilmenite, Zircon, Rutile, etc.

With reference to the above, I have seen the list of the mineral concession grant cases for
Garnet, Ilmenite, Zircon, Rutile, etc., in the Government of India website as on 13.09.2013 related
M/s. V.V. Minerals, Tamil Nadu in Gujarat State and the relevant portion is extract below.

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In this connection, I request you to kindly furnish us the following information/copies of documents
under section of 8 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 related to above said mining lease applications:

1. Details of the year wise complaint received against the above said M/s. V.V. Minerals during the
   past 12 years.
2. Details of the year wise given approval for grant of the mining lease for Ilmenite and Rutile to the
3. Details of the pending mining lease approval proposal at in Ministry of Mines.
4. Copies of the counter affidavits filed by Ministry of Mines in the 2 Public Interest Litigation Nos.
   5549/2007 filed by Federation of Indian Places Mineral Industries and 1233/2012 Dr. D. Dhaya
   Devadas both in High Court of Madras, Madurai Benach, now transferred to Madras High Court.
5. Copies of the action taken by the Ministry of Mines for granting the mining leases without
   Environment Clearances and consent to establish and consent operate in Tamil Nadu.
6. Details of the action taken on looting of Garnet, Ilmenite, Rutile, etc., to the tune of 96,120/- Crores
   by M/s. V.V. Minerals and their associates in total violation of the law in connivance with the State
   and Central Government officials.

I have enclosed herewith a postal order bearing No. 09F 250182 dated 22.07.2013 for Rs.10/- in
favour of Pay and Accounts Officer, Ministry of Mines, New Delhi towards the prescribed fee under Rule 3
of the Right to Information (Regulation of fee and cost) Rules, 2005 for the same.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

(B. JOHN SOLOMON)
REF: RTI/BJ-13/4217/2013-14

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(B. JOHN SOLOMON)

No. 9/2/2013-MIV-Part-I

To
Shri b. John Solomon, B.E, MBD,
S/o- Mr. S. Benjamin,
789B, East Shanmugapuram,
Proper Street,
Tuticorin- 680002

Subject: - Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

I am to refer to your appeal application dated 18.10.2013 on the subject cited above. It may be mentioned at the outset that your RTI application dated 16.9.2013 was not received in this Ministry. As such, your contention that information has not been provided to you by the CPIO is incorrect. However, I have directed to CPIO to provide information as sought by you. Hence the RTI appeal has been disposed of.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K Mallik)
Under Secretary/ Appellate Authority

Copy to:-
(ii) C.P.I.O with the request to provide information to the applicant.
No. 9/2/2013-MIV-Part-I

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Subject: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Appellate Authority’s letter dated 18.12.2013 in connection with your RTI application dated 16.9.2013 on the subject cited above.

2. So far as Mines-IV Section of the Ministry of Mines is concerned, the point wise reply is as under:-

(i) (iv) & (vi) The requisite information may be treated as nil.

(ii) to (iii) Details of the approved mining lease proposals & pending mining lease proposals in Ministry of Mines are available on the website of the Ministry (www.mines.nic.in). You are requested to go through the Ministry’s website.

(iv) Prior approvals granted by the Central Government (Ministry of Mines) are subject to statutory clearances and approvals which include Environment & Forest clearances. It is only after obtaining these clearances and approvals that the State Government concerned executes the mining lease in favour of the applicant. As such, the requisite information in this regard may be obtained from the State Government.

3. If you are not satisfied with reply / information, you may prefer an appeal to Shri A.K. Mallik, Under Secretary and Appellate Authority, Ministry of Mines, Room No. 314 ‘D’ Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi within 30 days of receipt of information.

Yours faithfully,

(Amit Choubey)
Section Officer and CPIO