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C.No.II(35)33/CUS/HQRS/RTI/SH/2017/

Dated:

To

Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta,
E-25, Lajpat Nagar -III, New Delhi.

Sir,

Subject : Seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 – Reg.

Please refer to your RTI application dated Nil transferred from the Chief Commissioner's Office, Shillong Zone and received in this office on 22.08.2017 on the above subject.

The information sought by you is also closely connected with other Public Authorities and hence, your application is transferred to all the 8(eight) CPIOs under the Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), N.E.R., Shillong under Sec.6 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 for providing the information directly to you.

In case you are not satisfied with this reply, you may prefer an appeal within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order to Shri B.S.Suhag, Additional Commissioner/First Appellate Authority of this office available in the office of the Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), North Eastern Region, M.G. Road, Shillong-793001: Phone 0364-2221770, FAX: 0364-2229007.

Yours faithfully,

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(Z.K.Shadap)

Assistant Commissioner/CPIO

C.No.II(35)33/CUS/HQRS/RTI/SH/2017/

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Dated: 22 AUG 2017

Copy forwarded to :

1. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner/Central Public Information Officer, Customs Division. The application dated Nil of Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, is transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 for providing the informations directly to the applicant under intimation to this Office.
2. The Assistant Commissioner/CPIO, O/o The Chief Commissioner, GCST & Customs, Cresens Building with reference to his letter C.No.I(5)101/CCO/SH/RTI/2017/5502-10 dated 21.08.2017.
3. The Superintendent, Comp & Training Cell, Hqrs Office, Shillong.

Encl: - As above.

Shadap
22/08/2017

(Z.K. Shadap)
Assistant Commissioner/CPIO

APPLICATION UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT

FROM :: NEERAJ KUMAR GUPTA,
office at E-25, LAJPAT NAGAR-III,
Tel No- 8368265562

To : Shri. Udai Singh Kumawat
Joint Secretary (Revenue)
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
46, North Block,
New Delhi – 110 001
Tel : 011- 23094595

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE / राजस्व विभाग
RTI CELL / सूचना का अधिकार प्रकाश
FTS No. 521386 /2017/RTI Cell
Date of Receipt 14 / 07 / 2017

- 1. Full Name of the Applicant : Mr. Neeraj Kumar Gupta
- 2. Address : At :: E-25, LAJPAT NAGAR-III,
Tel No- 8368265562
- 3. Particulars : Shri. Udai Singh Kumawat
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Particulars of Information : Based on the note appended hereto as Appendix (printed overleaf), kindly provide the following information :

- 1) Has there been any enquiry or investigation done that the polymer / plastic note paper that is being imported is free from Tallow which is derived from animal rendered fat from Beef and Mutton ?
- 2) Kindly clarify the ingredients of Polymer paper that has been projected to be import against the above tender.
- 3) As in India, using notes made of Cow fat will be against religious sentiments of most of the population, how will the sentiments of the population be protected.
- 4) Further, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has publicly proclaimed that all bank notes should be manufactured in India and we should not rely on imports. When the government is pushing the Make in India concept for the benefit of economy and self reliance, will this concept of importing polymer currency notes, compromising the self reliance and costing foreign exchange to the exchequer be justified ?

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APPENDIX

- I. This RTI is pertaining to the import of Polymer / Plastic note paper against tender no. PQB/GT/PLASTIC/CO/01/2016-17 DT. 29 APRIL 2016
- II. The RBI has publically announced that they would be introducing Plastic notes of Rs. 10 denomination and trials would be conducted in a few States within India.
- III. The Bank of England which recently introduced £5 plastic notes has confirmed that the polymer pellets from which the base substrate is made, contains a substance known as tallow. Tallow is derived from animal rendered fat from Beef and Mutton.
- IV. The Bank of Canada has also confirmed that its plastic notes contain substance that is derived from animal fat.
- V. One of the suppliers of polymer substrate namely Innovia, have themselves confirmed that their products are produced from tallow, that is derived from animal rendered fat from Beef and Mutton.
- VI. The Hindu Council, U.K. approached the Bank of England to confirm this news and the Bank of England confirmed that the £5 plastic notes indeed contain a substance known as tallow, which is derived from animal rendered fat from Beef and Mutton.
- VII. The Hindu Council informed the Government of U.K. that this would be unacceptable to millions of Hindus, Sikhs, Jains etc. and others in the U.K. The Bank of England invited the members of the Hindu Council for a meeting and has confirmed that they have duly noted the concerns and have assured the concerns of the Hindu Community are being taken with utmost seriousness.

Mr. Henry Smith who chairs the all party parliamentary group on animal welfare, has strongly condemned the use of plastic notes derived from animal products and has advised the Bank of England to find alternative ways. Mr. Damian Hinds from the conservative party and Ms. Angela Rayner from the labour party have also reacted.

The Hindu Council in U.K. has confirmed that the Bank of England would hold the issue of further denomination of plastic notes, until a full consultation has been done.

- VIII. We are a Country which welcomes all religions and allows every citizen to practice their faith of choice and it is not in the Nations interest to isolate their own citizens by issuing plastic notes which contain Beef tallow and leads to anger among several communities in India.
- IX. Consumption of beef is highly conflicting to Hindu beliefs and it is certainly banned from entering Hindu religious centers. Cow, the seat of many deities, is sacred and has long been venerated in Hinduism.