

No.17012/20.2011/CFT-RTI
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
IS-I Division/CFT Cell

North Block,
New Delhi-110 001

June 20, 2013

Subject: RTI Application of Shri Harjodh Singh, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi- regarding.

In the RTI Application received from Deputy Secretary (Legal) of IS-II Division vide Dy No.293/DS(L)/2013 dated 19th June, 2013 of Shri Harjodh Singh has sought information on detection of number of phone tapping cases. which is being handled by Director (IS-I).

2. Hence, the letter is forwarded to Director (IS-I) for taking necessary action on the RTI Application.

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Director (CFT)

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Shri Rakesh Mittal,
Director (IS-I)
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, New Delhi.

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Dir (IS-II)*

*RTI-156/Dir (IS-I)/13
6/7/13*

Copy for information to

1. Shri N.K. Job. DS(Legal), IS-II Division, MHA, 1st floor NDCC Bldg, C-Wing, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.
2. Shri Harjodh Singh, K-9, 2nd Floor, Birbal Road, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110 014

[Signature]
(USP Kushwaha)
Director (CFT)

Dy No. 293/DS(L)/2013
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(IS-II Division)

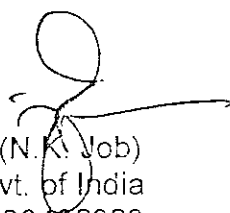
1st Floor, NDCC-II Building,
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi
Dated the 19th June, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Transfer of RTI application – regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of RTI application dated 31/5/2013 from Shri Harjodh Singh, New Delhi (received in IS-II Division on 14/6/2013 through UT Division of this Ministry). As the subject matter pertains to IS-II Desk, it is requested that a suitable reply may be given directly to the applicant under intimation to US (DP-II), UT Division.

Encls: As above.


(N. K. Job)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel/Fax: 011 23438083

✓ Shri U.S.P. Kushwaha,
Deputy Secretary (IS-II-CFT),
IS-I Division, North Block,
New Delhi.

Copy to: Shri Harjot Singh, K-9, 2nd Floor, Birbal Road, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014.

MOST IMMEDIATE
RTI MATTER

No. 14036/432/2013-UTP
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 12th June 2013

To,

Shri Harjodh Singh,
K-9, Second Floor,
Birbal Road, Jangpura Extension,
New Delhi-110014

Subject: - Your application dated 31.5.2013, under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your above mentioned RTI application (received in this Section on 29.5.2013) under Right to Information Act, 2005. Since the subject matter of your RTI application is related to Delhi Police and IS-II Division, MHA, therefore, u/s 6 (3) of RTI Act, 2005, your application is being transferred to these public authorities for furnishing the requisite information directly to you against the relevant points of your RTI application.

2. The name and designation of the Appellate Authority in the Ministry of Home Affairs in respect of undersigned is Shri K K Pathak, Joint Secretary (UT), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

(S Sudha)

CPIO & Under Secretary (DP-II)

Tele: 23092856

Copy to :

1. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Public Information Officer, PHQ, I.P Estate, New Delhi - A copy of RTI application enclosed herewith with a request to furnish the requisite information directly to the applicant. The applicant has deposited requisite fee in this Ministry.

2. Shri N K Job, US & CPIO, MHA, IS-II Division, 1st Floor, C Wing NDCC -II Building, Jai Singh Road New Delhi-110001 A copy of RTI application enclosed herewith with a request to furnish the requisite information directly to the applicant.

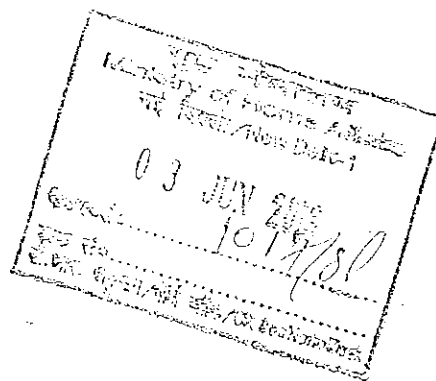
Subject
A phone tapping
is assigned to IS-II Divn.
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31, 2013



To,
The Central Public Information Officer
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block
New Delhi - 110031

Sir,

Sub: Application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 dated 31.05.2013

This is with reference to a news report in the Hindustan Times dated May 29, 2013 as per which the Delhi Police has detected a large number of phone tapping cases by private detective agencies without proper authorisation. This news report has been attached as 'Annexure - 1' to this letter.

Accordingly and apropos of the above:

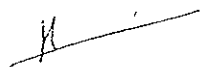
I, Mr. Harjodh Singh, SFLC.IN, K-9, 2nd Floor, Birbal Road, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014, wish to seek the following information:

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1. How many cases have been registered with respect to illegal phone tapping by Delhi Police from the year 2009 to 2013?
 2. How many people have been arrested from the year 2009 to 2013 for illegal phone tapping?
 3. Please provide a district and age wise categorization of the same.
 4. Have any guidelines / circulars been issued with this regard? If yes, please provide a photocopy of these guidelines / circulars registered with respect to illegal phone tapping by Delhi Police in the year 2009 to 2013.
- 584/RGVB/B
S/S

If the information sought herein is with any other public authority please transfer the application to such authority within a period of five days (as per S. 6(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005) and inform me of such transfer and related communication.

I am a 'Citizen' of India and I am requesting for this information as a 'Citizen' of India. I am enclosing one postal order of Rs.10 dated 31.5.2013 favouring the Accounts Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs as the requisite fee. I am ready to pay any expense incurred in making photocopies of documents on intimation of the same.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Harjodh Singh

SFLC.IN

K-9, Second Floor, Birbal Road,

Jangpura Extension,

New Delhi-110014

Tel: 91-11-43587126

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Friday, May 31, 2013

Annexure - 1

Manoj Gairola, Hindustan Times
New Delhi, May 29, 2013

First Published: 21:37 IST(29/5/2013)

Last Updated: 21:43 IST(29/5/2013)

Print

Illegal phone taps to attract ₹ 2 cr fine

Illegal interception of phone calls, often practised by private sleuths to help their clients, could cost them dear. The government is likely to impose a hefty financial penalty of ₹ 2 crore on such illegal tapping — a 200-fold jump from the current ₹ 100,000.

The provision may form part of a Right to Privacy Bill that is being drafted.

Recently, Delhi police has detected a large number of phone tapping cases by private detective agencies which also extended to some politicians, without proper authorisation.

The Department of telecommunications (DoT) has asked the government to include its proposal for a fat fine in the proposed privacy law.. "In Section 51, financial penalty for unauthorised interception of communication may be increased from ₹ 1 lakh to ₹ 2 crore," said DoT in its comments on the draft Right to Privacy Bill.

Currently, only government agencies are allowed to tap telephone calls. Even they have to take prior permission from the home ministry for it. However, law enforcement agencies including those under the finance ministry and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) are allowed to tap phones of any individual for security or operational reasons for 72 hours even without permission from the home secretary.

Officials say if the new bill is in place, a huge penalty will act as a deterrent for private detective agencies that tap phones. Telecom service providers are also expected to be more vigilant in preventing unauthorized phone tapping.

On unsolicited commercial calls (UCC), DoT has proposed that "in case of UCC through telephone calls, the caller shall be punished with a penalty of ₹ 20,000 in each case."

SHERLOCK'S BEWARE!

- At present, illegal phone-tapping costs private detective agencies ₹ 100,000
- Only government agencies are allowed to tap telephone calls currently
- However, they have to take prior permission from the home ministry.

Phone taps to attract Rs 2 or fine - Hindu...

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