

19 March, 2014

The Central Information Officer  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
R.N. 123, North Block  
New Delhi

**Sub: Application under Right to Information, 2005.**

Sir,

This is with reference to Rule 419 A of the Indian Telegraph Rules 1951, which prescribes the procedure to be followed while giving directions for interception.

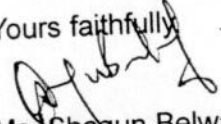
Accordingly, I wish to kindly seek the following information:

1. Kindly provide the total number of orders/directions issued, for interception of any messages or class of messages, in the year 2013;
2. Out of the total number of orders/directions issued, how many were issued by officers who are authorized to give such directions under Rule 419 A(1) (i.e. the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs)
3. Out of the total number of orders/directions issued, how many were issued in unavoidable circumstances, by such officers not being below the rank of a Joint Secretary to the Government of India, and who have been duly authorized by the Union Home Secretary?
4. How many approvals for interception were given by officers designated under proviso to Sub (1) of Rule 419 A, in emergent cases (for eg. in remote areas and/or for operational reasons) (i.e. Head or the second senior most officer of Law Enforcement Agency at the Central level and the officers authorized in this behalf)

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 Section 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 19 March, 2014 favouring the Pay and Accounts Officer (HQ), MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS as the requisite fee. I am ready to pay any expense incurred in making photocopies or documents on intimation of the same.

Yours faithfully,

  
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