


Inputs for RTI application of Dr. Kirit Somaiya.

S.No.	Information sought	Inputs
1.	Finance Minister's letter to Prime Minister about the bugging of Finance Minister's Room/Office	The requested information is related to the security of the State and the disclosure thereof is therefore denied under section 8(1)(a) of RTI Act, 2005.
2.	Response from all concerned including PMO	


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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

South Block
New Delhi - 110 101

No. RTI/2484/2011-PMR

Dated: 2 August, 2011

To:

Dr. Kirit Somaiya
11, Ashok Road
New Delhi - 110 001

Subject: Application under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to this office's memorandum of even number dated 1.7.2011, transferring your application dated 27.6.2011, received on 29.6.2011, to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Department of Revenue for action as appropriate and subsequent reply dated 21.7.2011. The matter was also referred to the office for providing inputs on points (vi), relevant portion of (vii) and (ix). The information provided by the office is enclosed (1 page).

2. For the purpose of section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, Shri Amit Agrawal, Director, is the appellate authority in respect of this office.

Yours faithfully,



(Sanjukta Ray)

Deputy Secretary and
Central Public Information Officer
☎ : 2307 4072

Encl: As above

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RTI MATTER
BY SPEED POST

F. No. 286/ 150 /2011-IT (Inv. II)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Direct Taxes

New Delhi, the 4th Aug, 2011.

Name of the applicant	Dr Kirit Somaiya
Address	11, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001
Date of receipt of application in this office	08/07/11
Date of Order	04/08/11

ORDER U/s 7 of The Right to Information Act, 2005

The applicant filed an application under the RTI Act, 2005 dated 27/06/11 before the PIO, O/o, PMO. The application was transferred to the undersigned CPIO by the PMO vide O.M. No. RTI/2484/2011-PMR dated 01/07/11. The same was received by the undersigned CPIO on 08/07/11.

In the aforesaid RTI application, the applicant has sought the following information:

"News of bugging at Finance Minister's Office/ Finance Ministry has appeared few days back in leading News Paper. Request you to give the following information about the bugging/tapping at Finance Minister's Office/ Ministry.

- (i) *When the Ministry got to know about the issue/incident?*
- (ii) *How?*
- (iii) *Action taken?*
- (iv) *Details about raising the issue, discussing etc.*
- (v) *Written and Oral Submissions*
- (vi) *Finance Minister's letter to Prime Minister about the bugging of Finance Minister's Room /Office.*
- vii) *Response from all concerned including PMO*
- viii) *Home Minister/ Ministry's views/response on this*

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ix) *Public response in the matter*

I also request to provide copies of the above mentioned letter of Finance Minister to Prime Minister , response to it from PMO along with reaction of the PMO / Home Ministry and Finance Ministry on this bugging."

2. The RTI Application of Dr Kirit Somaiya has been duly considered.

3. The information available with this office in regard to this subject is as under:

"Security audits are periodically conducted in the Ministry of Finance and the Finance Minister's Office. One such routine security check was conducted on 4th September, 2010 by the Investigation Directorate of the CBDT, which engaged the services of an expert with domain knowledge of the subject. During this check, adhesive like substance was noticed at various locations. This was brought to the notice of the Prime Minister by the Union Finance Minister vide his note dated 7th September, 2010. On 8th September, 2010, Prime Minister directed the Intelligence Bureau to conduct a secret enquiry into the matter covering all aspects.

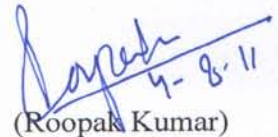
Intelligence Bureau carried out an inspection of the relevant premises. Adhesive patches were found stuck at a few places. The adhesive patches were subjected to chemical/forensic analysis, which revealed that the substance contained contents comparable with the contents of chewing gum. Physical examination of the recovered substance did not reveal any sign or mark suggestive of any device having been attached thereto.

Thereafter, all these premises have been subjected to regular screening. During these exercises, no devices have been detected."

4. Apart from the above, no relevant information as sought for in the aforesaid RTI Application is available with the undersigned CPIO.

5. This RTI application is disposed off u/s 7 of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. An appeal against this order lies before the Appellate Authority/Director (Inv.)-II & III, 2nd floor, Room No. 265A, North Block, New Delhi-110001.


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Under Secretary (Inv.)-II & III
Central Public Information Officer

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