

No. RTI/GoI/CRPF/2017/1

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To,
The Central Public Information Officer
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New Delhi- 110 003

Dear sir,

Sub: Request for information under the *provisos* related to Section 24 of the *Right to Information Act, 2005*.

Apropos of the enclosed news report, I would like to obtain the following information under the RTI Act, from your public authority, as *prima facie*, it pertains to allegations of violation of the right to life of the CRPF personnel who were killed in the attack that occurred on 24 April, 2017 in Sukma, Chhattisgarh:

- 1) A clear photocopy of the report of the inquiry conducted by the CRPF into the circumstances surrounding the said attack on the CRPF personnel along with annexures, if any.

I am a citizen of India. I have attached an IPO (bearing #38F 122978) for Rs. 10/- towards payment of the prescribed application fee. The reports of the unfortunate deaths of serving CRPF personnel in the said incidents *prima facie* may constitute allegations of violation of the human rights of those CRPF personnel. Therefore I believe this is a fit case for disclosure of information under the second *proviso* of Section 24 of the RTI Act. Kindly obtain the approval of the Central Information Commission prior to disclosing the information described above as is the statutory requirement under the said *proviso* of the RTI Act.

I would like to receive the information requested above at my postal address mentioned above. Kindly inform me of the additional fee payable for obtaining this information.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

S. S. Venkatesh Nayak
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3 villages 'participated' in Maoist attack: CRPF

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NEW DELHI/RAIPUR, MAY 13, 2017 00:00 IST

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Residents refute internal probe findings, say that they were away at a festival

An internal enquiry by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has found that people from at least three villages "participated" in the April 24 attack on security personnel in Sukma district of Chattisgarh.

In one of the worst attacks in seven years, 25 CRPF personnel were killed in the ambush carried out by the Maoists.

An official who conducted the enquiry said that most of the villagers from Burkapal, Chintagufa and Kasalpara were "passive participants" and provided food and shelter to the Maoists, under threat.

Helped the injured

After the encounter got over, some armed Maoist cadre, who were injured, were provided medical aid by the villagers of Kasalpara, said the official.

He, however, added that such help from villagers was not unusual, and it was commonly observed in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas.

The villagers have, however, denied the allegations, saying that they were away at a festival.

"No one was in the village when the attack took place. All had gone to neighbouring forests to celebrate Biju Pondam (harvest festival)...no one from the village was involved. There was no firing from the village, when we came back, we heard the gunshots and locked ourselves inside our houses," said Vijaya Dula, sarpanch (head) of Burkapal village, one of the three villages accused of extending help to Maoists.

Recently, the Chattisgarh Police, as part of its crackdown against Maoists, took into custody a former sarpanch of Chintagufa for his alleged involvement in the attack.

The CRPF team came under attack while it was providing protection to a road construction team. The 56-kilometre road between Dornapal and Jagargunda in Sukma has been under construction for more than two years.

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(Ministry of Home Affairs)

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Dated, the June, 2017

To,

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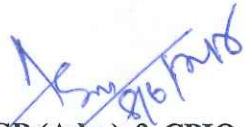
Subject:- INFORMATION UNDER RTI ACT-2005.

This is with reference to your RTI application dated 15/05/2017 received in this Dte. on 22/05/2017.

2. After careful consideration of your application on the subject along with provision contained in RTI Act as well as information received from concerned branch, it is to inform you that,

- a) Security forces including CRPF are exempted to provide information except information related to allegation of corruption/ violation of human rights under Section 24(1) of RTI Act-2005.
- b) In the instant matter, there appears to be no violations of Human Rights as well as facts of the case do not attract the allegations of corruption. Moreover, your application does not make any reference to such allegations. Hence this department is not liable to provide any information in this regard to you under RTI Act-2005.
- c) Moreover, it is intimated that the enquiry report contains various security & tactics related issues and can not be shared under RTI Act on ground that it might adversely affect our strategic response.

3. If you are not satisfied with this reply, you may prefer an appeal under Section 19 of the RTI Act-2005 to Shri Arun Kumar, IGP(Adm), Appellate authority, Dte. Genl, CRPF, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (Phone No. 011-24369751, E-mail- igadm@crpf.gov.in) within 30 days from its receipt.


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