## INFORMATION ABOUT THE Embassy of India, Niamey REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 4(1)(B) OF THE Right to Information ACT, 2005

## Particulars of organization

- The Embassy is headed by Ambassador of India and has following Wings:
- (i) Political
- (ii) Commercial
- (iii) Administration
- (iv) Consular
- (v) Culture

(i)

## **Functions and duties**

- Each Wing is headed by a Counsellor / First Secretary / Second Secretary rank officer.
- Embassy functions within the purview of business allocated to the Ministry of External Affairs under the Government of India Allocation of Business Rules and Transaction of Business Rules. The functions of the Embassy *inter alia* include political and economic cooperation, trade and investment promotion, scientific & technological cooperation, cultural interaction, press and media multilateral contexts.

## (ii) Powers and Duties of Officers and employees

- General Administrative powers are derived from IFS (PLCA) Rules, as amended from time to time.

- Financial powers of the Officers of the Embassy of India have been detailed in the Delegated Financial powers of the Government of India Representatives Abroad.
- Other powers are derived from the Passport Act of India, Visa Manual and Consular Manual or delegated by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The Officers of the Embassy function under the guidance and supervision of the Ambassador.

(iii)	The procedure followed in the decision-making process, including channels of supervision and accountability	<ul> <li>Decisions are taken as per extant rules an guidelines, where applicable and under the instructions and supervision of the Ambassador.</li> <li>Issues are disposed of within the time frame prescribed under the relevant rules instructions of the Ministry. Standard disposal time for:         <ul> <li>Commercial matters: 3 days</li> <li>Consular matters: 2 days or as per prescribed rules</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
(iv)	Norms set by it for the discharge of its functions	Norms are set under the guidelines of the Ministry and instructions and supervision of the Ambassador.
(v)	The rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions	<ul> <li>IFS PLCA rules and Annexures</li> <li>Delegated Financial Powers of Government of India Representatives abroad Rules</li> <li>Passport Act</li> <li>Visa Manual</li> <li>Consular Manual</li> <li>Manuals of Office Procedures</li> </ul>
vi)	A statement of the categories of documents that are held by it or under its control	<ul> <li>Other Central Government Rules and Manuals published by Central Government.</li> <li>Transfer policy is as per Government of India regulations.</li> <li>Classified documents / files relating to India relations with Niger</li> <li>Unclassified documents / files including Joint Statements, Declarations, Agreements and MOUs between India and Niger</li> <li>Passport and Consular Services Application Forms</li> <li>The documents are under the custody of Cd'A</li> </ul>

(vii)	Particulars of any arrangement that exist for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof	- Embassy of India functions within the norms of India's Foreign Policy formulated by the Ministry of External Affairs. Policy is implemented by the Embassy under the guidance and supervision of the Ambassador.
(viii)	A statement of the Boards, Councils, Committees and other Bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as its part or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public	- Embassy interacts regularly with representatives of Think Tanks, Academic Community, Business Community and others.
×)	A directory of its Officers and employees	- List of Officers is given at Annexure I.
)	The monthly remuneration received by each of its Officers and employees, including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations	Compensation is as per GOI regulations.  - A statement of monthly remuneration is at Annexure II.

(xi)	The budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures, and Reports on disbursement made	- The Budget figures for the last three Financial Years, viz. 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 are given in the Statement at Annexure III.
(xii)	The manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes	- Embassy of India does not have any subsidy programme.
(xiii)	Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorizations granted by it	- No concessions, permits are granted by the Embassy of India.
(xiv)	Details in respect of the information, available to or held by it, reduced in an electronic form	- The Embassy website has the required information. Embassy also makes available to interested individuals various brochures, CDs and DVDs containing information on India, its people and culture.
(v)	The particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use	- The Embassy is open from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm, or 0900 hours to 1730 hours from Monday to Friday. The holidays observed by the Embassy are given on the website <a href="https://indembniamey.gov.in/">https://indembniamey.gov.in/</a> . Embassy has a library which is opened from 1500 to 1700 hours, Monday to Friday (except on gazette holidays).
xvi)	The names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers	Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) Shri Om Prakash, ASO Tel: 00227-20370108 Email: hoc.niamey@mea.gov.in
kvii)	Such other information as may be prescribed and thereafter update these publications every year	The Embassy website has information which is updated on a regular basis.