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

CRPF  
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05F 317550

Dear sir,

Sub: Request for information under the provisos related to Section 24  
read with Section 6(1) of the *Right to Information Act, 2005*.

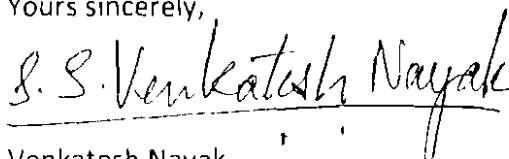
I would like to obtain the following information relating to the recent operations conducted by the CRPF as described in its press release dated 29/06/2012 (Annexure 1) under the RTI Act:

- (i) The title of laws (Central and/or State) under which the CRPF is authorised to conduct operations, armed with weapons, in Chhattisgarh;
- (ii) A clear photocopy of any document or record authorising CRPF personnel to conduct operations, armed with weapons, in the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (iii) A clear photocopy of any warrant or order or any official document authorising CRPF personnel to open fire with their firearms during operations in the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (iv) A list of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)/instructions/guidelines/communications issued till date by the CRPF to its personnel conducting operations in Chhattisgarh regarding the use of firearms. Please indicate the topic/subject-matter, date of issuance and the designation of the signatory officer;
- (v) A clear photocopy of each of the SOPs/instructions/guidelines/communications referred to at para #(iv) above;
- (vi) The total number of CRPF personnel who participated in the operations conducted at Silger and Chintalnar, Chhattisgarh (please provide specific figures for each operation); and
- (vii) The total number of bullets fired by CRPF personnel during the operations conducted at Silger and Chintalnar, Chhattisgarh (please provide specific figures for each operation).

I am a citizen of India. I have attached an IPO (bearing #05F 317550) for Rs. 10/- towards payment of the prescribed application fee. I have enclosed two news items (Annexures 2 & 3)

which contain reports of allegations made by political parties in relation to the operations in Silger and Chintalnar. As more than one political party is said to have alleged that some of the deaths caused during the operations were of women, children and adivasis, this constitutes an allegation of violation of the human rights of those women, children and adivasis. In my opinion the information sought above falls within the ambit of the first proviso to Section 24 of the RTI Act because it pertains to the human rights violations alleged to have been committed during the CRPF-led operations. I believe I am entitled to receive this information with the concurrence of the Central Information Commission as per the second proviso to Section 24 of the RTI Act. Therefore I have transmitted a copy of this RTI application to the Hon'ble Central Information Commission for their reference.

Thanking you,  
Yours sincerely,

  
S. S. Venkatesh Nayak

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**Enclosures:**

- 1) Copy of press release issued by CRPF dated 29/06/2012
- 2) Copy of news report published in *The New Indian Express* dated 02 July, 2012 (web edition)
- 3) Copy of news report published in *The Statesman* dated 04 July, 2012 (web edition)

**CC:**

The Registrar, Central Information Commission, 'B' Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi- 110 066.

