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No. 36-02/2014-SU  
Department of Telecommunications  
(SU Section)

Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashok Road,  
New Delhi-110 001  
Dated 14.08.2014

To,


Shri. S Karthikeyan,  
29/16, Mangadu Samy Street, No. 9,  
Subhav Apartment, Nungambakkam,  
Chennai - 600034,  
Tamil Nadu.

Subject: - RTI application dated 15.07.2014 of Mr. S Kathikeyan, seeking information under RTI Act, 2005.

Please refer to your RTI application cited above.

2. In so far as SU III Section under CPIO(PSU-III) of DoT is concerned, it is informed, that VSNL( now TCL) has been disinvested in the year 2002. Upon disinvestment the Company ceased to be a public sector undertaking. The Government of India does not interfere in the internal matters/decisions of M/s TCL.
3. In a CIC case of Shri U.S. Tiga, TCL has clarified that the company, Ms TCL, is not a public authority and hence does not come under the purview of RTI Act, 2005. Under the provisions of the RTI Act 2005, the public authority is obliged to share only those information relating to a private body, which is, otherwise, available with it or accessible to it in its capacity as a regulator. It has been further contended that neither the provisions of Section 2(f) of the RTI Act nor the license conditions oblige a private sector entity to disclose its confidential or commercially sensitive information in response to RTI applications filed with public authority.
4. In view of above and considering the fact that the information sought under abovementioned RTI application is regarding the details of Demand Drafts of 59 Nos. given to M/s TCL by VSNL Housing society in the year 2008, the related information is a matter of record of M/s TCL. No such information is maintained in this section.
5. In case, you are not satisfied with the information and further wish to make an appeal, the appeal may be preferred to the DDG(SU), DoT, Room No., 1003, DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, 20-Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.

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(Rajeev Kumar Kaushik)  
Director(PSU-II & CPIO)