

**Application for seeking information  
under Right to Information Act**

To  
The Public Information Officer  
Department of Commerce and Industries  
Writers' Building, Kolkata 700001



1. Name of the Applicant : Sasanka Sekhar Dev
2. Address: Secretary, Society for Direct Initiative for Social and Health Action (DISHA), 20/4 Sil Lane, Kolkata – 700015
3. Information sought - **Details regarding interactions with The Dow Chemical Company, USA.**
  - a) Has Dow Chemical, USA or any of its subsidiaries expressed interest in investing in West Bengal? If yes, please provide details including any communication in the matter and the position of the Government as noted in files and records
  - b). Has Dow Chemical, USA, or any of its subsidiaries been approached by the Government of West Bengal to invest in the State? If yes, please provide details including nature of approach, minutes of any meetings held between representatives of Government of West Bengal and the company(ies).
  - c) Has the Hon'ble Minister (Commerce & Industries) met any official of Dow Chemical in India or abroad? If yes, please provide details including date and venue of meeting, and minutes of discussion.
  - d) Has the Secretary, Department of Commerce & Industries, Mr. Sabyasachi Sen and/or the Chief Secretary Mr. Amit Kiran Deb ever met or interacted with representatives of Dow Chemical? If yes, please provide details, including date and venue of interaction, and minutes of

discussion.

e). Has the aforesaid Department held any talks with US-India Business Council regarding the proposed chemical hub in West Bengal? If yes, please provide details, including date and venue of interaction, and minutes of discussion.

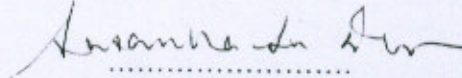
4. I state that the information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in Section 8 and 9 of the Act and to the best of my knowledge it pertains to your office.

5. This to certify that I, Sasanka Sekhar Dev, Son of Late Sivanath Dev, am a citizen of India.

6. Non-Judicial Stamp of Rs.10/- has been affixed as fee for the application.

Place: Kolkata

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007



Signature of Applicant

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**No. 786-CI/A**  
**CI/O/RTI/024/07/A**

**Dated, Kolkata, the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2007.**

**From :** Dr. Jiban Chandra Chakraborty, W.B.C.S.(Exe.)  
State Public Information Officer,  
Commerce and Industries Department,  
Writers' Buildings, Kolkata – 700001.

**To :** Shri Sasanka Sekhar Dev,  
Secretary,  
Society for Direct Initiative for Social and Health Action (DISHA),  
20/4, Sil Lane,  
Kolkata – 700015.

***Sub : Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 regarding interactions  
with "Dow Chemical Company, USA".***

In response to his application dated April 30, 2007 received on April 30, 2007 the undersigned has to state in regard to item (d) that in June 2006, the NRI Group of USA arranged a presentation to be made by the Government of India to American Chemical and Petrochemical Companies in the USA. The NRI Group invited the Government of West Bengal to join the delegation. The Government of India also requested the Government of West Bengal to be a part of the India Team to the USA. On 7.6.2006 the Government of India made a presentation before 27 American Companies regarding proposal on Mega Chemical Regions. Representatives of different State Governments including those of West Bengal were also present during the presentation. On behalf of the Government of West Bengal, presentation for Haldia Mega Chemical Region was made by the Chief Secretary, West Bengal. Representatives of 'Dow Chemical' were also there. However, neither the Chief Secretary, West Bengal nor the Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department had any separate interactions with any representative of 'Dow Chemical'. As regards information sought vide Sl. Nos. (a), (b), (c) and (e) of his application under reference, the undersigned has no information to part with.

The undersigned has to further inform him that he is at liberty to prefer an appeal in regard to what has been stated above in terms of sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005 to Shri Vikram Sen, IAS, Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Commerce and Industries Department, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata – 700001 who has been appointed as Appellate Authority of the Department under the said Act.



**(Jiban Chandra Chakraborty)  
State Public Information Officer  
Commerce and Industries Department**