

No. Z.33013/263/2021-CVAC
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Cell)

Room No 311, D Wing,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110 108
Dated: 17th December, 2021

Sub: First Appeal bearing Registration No. MOHFW/A/E/21/00872 dated 22.11.2021 filed by Mr. Pavan Omtri, Plot 405 A, Road 22A, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500033, received online through RTI portal on 22.11.2021 under RTI Act, 2005-reg.

1. **Background and Grounds of the Appeal**

19.10.2021: RTI application bearing Registration No. MOHFW/R/E/21/06320 dated 19.10.2021 filed online by Mr. Pavan Omtri, Plot 405 A, Road 22A, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500033, under RTI Act, 2005 was received in the COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Cell (CVAC) on 19.10.2021.

29.10.2021: US & CPIO (CVAC) transferred the aforesaid RTI application dated 19.10.2021 to US & CPIO (Immunization), being link officer to US & CPIO (CVAC), as the officer was in an official training programme during that period.

22.11.2021: As no information in respect of the RTI application dated 19.10.2021 were shared by the CPIO within the stipulated time period, the applicant has filed an online appeal bearing Registration No. MOHFW/A/E/21/00872 dated 22.11.2021 and the same was received in the CVAC on 22.11.2021.

2. The Appeal has been filed by Mr. Pavan Omtri, on the grounds that 'No Response Within the Time Limit' from the CPIO in respect of information sought vide RTI application dated 19.10.2021 received in the Division on 19.10.2021 under the RTI Act 2005.

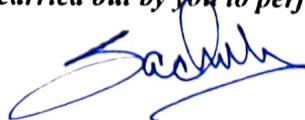
Deliberation and Order:

3. The online RTI Application dated 19.10.2021 received in this Division on 19.10.2021 and Appeal dated 22.11.2021 received in this Division on 22.11.2021 have been perused. Ongoing through the application, prima facie it appears that the applicant requires information on the following:

Detailed analysis and reports of the AEFI investigations done by the central authority on the death of an 18-year-old girl from Hyderabad, Telangana, Ms. Rithaika Sri Omtri, a post vaccination event case Vaccine: Covidshield Date of Vaccination: May 29th, 2021

We are requesting information on these following specific items pertaining to above case:

- 1. Investigation reports of the above case given by Government Officials.*
- 2. Basis for conclusions in the above case.*
- 3. Date-wise procedure carried out by you to perform investigation of above case.*



4. Whether the conclusion on the above case has been made. If so, please provide copy of those documents.

As per the information available with the COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Cell (CVAC), following is informed:

As per the COVID 19 operational guideline, the Case Reporting Form (CRF) and the Case Investigation Form (CIF) along with the relevant case records (hospital records or post mortem report or verbal autopsy report in case of death cases) for all suspected serious/severe AEFI cases are to be filled/collected and submitted by the District Immunization Officer to the District AEFI committee. These are also uploaded on the CoWIN portal. Since the investigation is the function of the DIO and district AEFI committee, these documents may be sought from the concerned district authorities.

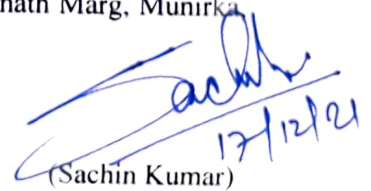
The reporting and investigation formats were received on 22nd June, 2021. Supporting case investigation reports such as PM/verbal autopsy, CT Scan & MRI report were received on 4th October, 2021 and hospital records were received on 22nd October, 2021 through CoWIN. These records were initially screened on 8th October, 2021 and the causality assessment was approved on 22nd November, 2021 by the Member Expert of the National AEFI Committee.

The causality of the case has been approved with a diagnosis of THROMBOSIS with THROMBOCYTOPENIA SYNDROME and has been classified as A1-VACCINE PRODUCT RELATED REACTION. The result of the case can be accessed by using the link - <https://main.mohfw.gov.in/Organisation/Departments-of-Health-and-Family-Welfare/immunization/ae-fi-reports>

5. With regard to the concerns of the applicant that no response was received from CPIO within the stipulated time period. In this context, US & CPIO (CVAC) is suggested that such type of delay to be avoided in future. US & CPIO (CVAC) to ensure that information with regard to any RTI application is disposed of within the stipulated time period.

6. The appeal stands disposed of in above terms.

7. In case the appellant intends to prefer an appeal under section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, you may approach the Central Information Commission (CIC), Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067 within 90 days from the date of receipt of this decision.


17/12/21

(Sachin Kumar)

First Appellate Authority (CVAC)

To

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