

भारत सरकार  
खान मंत्रालय  
शास्त्री भवन : नई दिल्ली  
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विषय: सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्राप्त आवेदन ।

श्री. एम. वी. सदानंदन, दिल्ली से प्राप्त मूल आवेदन दिनांक 07.10.2013 को इस पत्र के साथ उचित कार्यवाई हेतु प्रस्तुत किया जा रहा है ।

2. आपसे अनुरोध है कि उक्त आवेदन को आर.टी.आई. ऑनलाईन पोर्टल में प्राप्ति के तीन दिनों में तुरंत प्रविष्ट करके आवेदक को पावती भेजी जाए एवं सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के नियमों का पालन करते हुए उसपर निर्धारित समय में कार्यवाई की जाए ।

शरत कुमार मिश्रा  
(एस. के. मिश्रा)

संलग्न: यथोपरि

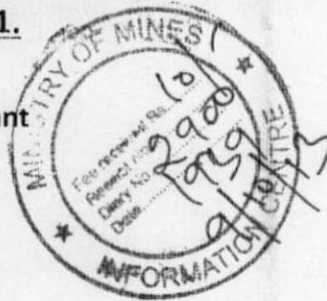
उप सचिव एवं नोडल अधिकारी

श्री. एम.डी. शर्मा, अनुभाग अधिकारी /केन्द्रीय लोक सूचना अधिकारी, खान मंत्रालय  
पी.आई. सैल/PI Cell U.O. No. ई-मिसिल 2/145/2013-पी.आई. दिनांक/Dated 10.10.2013

**APPLICATION FOR SEEKING INFORMATION  
UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.**

To  
Nodal Officer,(RTI)  
Ministry of Mines,  
Ground Floor, Shastri Bhavan, Dr.Rejendra Prasad Road,  
NEW DELHI – 110001.

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| 1. Name of Applicant               | .. | M.V.Sadanandan   |
| 2. Address                         | .. | C-22, Tarang Apts, 19 IP Ext,<br>Patparganj, Delhi-110092<br><i>reply</i><br><i>Please try to send the</i><br><i>medium in English.</i>  |
| 3. Particulars of information      | .. | Rights of Government of India in<br>the affairs of Bharat Aluminium<br>Company (BALCO) consequent upon<br>disinvestment and transfer of 51%<br>of its shareholding in BALCO in<br>favour of Sterlite Industries (India)<br>Ltd.  |
| a) Concerned Department            | .. | Department of <del>Commerce</del> <b>MINES</b>   |
| b) Details of information required | .. | 1. After disinvestment of 51% of its<br>shareholdings in favour of<br>Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd.,<br>whether BALCO had become<br>a Private Company ? OR , a Joint<br>Venture Company ?<br><br>2. Whether the Government has<br>a right to interfere into the<br>day to day affairs of BALCO<br>after disinvestment ? Whether<br>Government interferes in<br>matters of procurement of Raw<br>material and purchases<br>required in the manufacturing<br>process of the BALCO ? |



(2)

3 .Whether the Government has a Controlling Stake in BALCO ?

OR

its interests are limited to the extent of Profits & Losses of BALCO ?

4. Whether any senior official from Government side represents the Government on the Board of Directors of BALCO ?

5. After transfer of 51% shareholdings, whether BALCO 's entity still exists as a Public Sector Undertaking ? Or, it is to be treated as a Private Company or a sister concern of Vedanta Group?

ii) Period for which information is asked for

02-03-2001 till date, i.e., After disinvestment of Government of India's 51% shareholdings in favour of M/s Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd.

iii) Other details

Whether any case(s) is/are pending before any Court against the Government or BALCO involving its status as PSU or Private Company ? and decisions / Judgements of Supreme Court or any High Court in this regard may kindly be furnished.

4. I state that the information sought does not fall within the exemptions contained in Section 8 of the Right to Information Act 2005 and to the best of my knowledge it pertains to your office.
5. A fee of Rs.10/- is being paid through IPO in favour of Accounts Officer, Ministry of Mines.
6. The information sought above may kindly be sent to me at the earliest possible time.

Place : DELHI

Date : 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013.

Signature of Applicant

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Encl: postal order for rs.10/-

NO: 13F-868577

dt: 9/10/13



**URGENT/RTI MATTER**

No.25(2)2013/Met-I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Mines

New Delhi, 7.11.2013

To,

Shri M.V. Sadanandan,  
C-22, Tarang Appartments,  
19 I.P. Extension, Patparganj,  
Delhi - 110092.

**Subject: Request for information under RTI Act, 2005- regarding BALCO.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your application dated 7.10.2013 (received in this Ministry on 9.10.2013) under the RTI Act, 2005.

2. With regard to the information sought by you:

(i) & (iii) It is may be noted that consequent upon disinvestment of BALCO on 2nd March, 2001 by transfer of 51% shares held by the Government of India in favour of a Strategic Partner (SP) namely Sterlite Industries (India) Ltd., the operational and management control of the Company, vests with the SP and BALCO is now a disinvested Private Company.

(ii) Matters concerning day to day affairs of the Company akin to those, on which information has been sought by you, are decided by the SP, holding management control of BALCO.

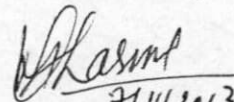
(iv) Yes, as Part-time non-official Directors on the Board of Directors of the Company

(v) Private Company

The case pending in the Court involving the Government and BALCO is not regarding the status of BALCO as PSU or private Company.

3. You are further informed that in case you are not satisfied with the reply of this Ministry, you may file an appeal before the Appellate Authority (Sh. S.B. Doval, Appellate Authority & Deputy Secretary, Room No. 314-D Wing, Ministry of Mines, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi) within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



7/11/2013  
(M.D. Sharma)

CPIO & Section Officer

✓ Copy to: PI Cell w.r.t. their U.O. No.e-file 2/129 2013-P.I. dated 22.10.2013

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