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No. 2025/HQ/Admin/RTI-593

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भारत सरकार (रेल मंत्रालय) का उपक्रम

Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd.

A Government of India (Ministry of Railways) Enterprise

New Delhi: 15.10.2025

The SLAO &
Deputy Collector Valsad
Ground Floor, Jila Seva Sadan,
Tithal Road Valsad-396001
Gujarat

Subject: Providing information w.r.t. Original RTI Application received under the RTI Act 2005.

Reference: RTI application of Sh. Dara Nariman Varvadewala dated 05.09.2025.

Enclosed please find an RTI application received from Sh. Dara Nariman Varvadewala transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act 2005 to your office.

i.e. item no. 2

Information pertaining to your office, may please be provided to the applicant directly under intimation to this office.

(S.K. Panda)

AGM/Admn.(PIO)

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Sh. Dara Nariman Varvadewala :
Gujarat

In continuation to this office letter of even number dated 09.10.2025. Information for point No. 2 has been transferred to above office. Please follow up with the above office.

Sub. Information sought by Mr. Dara Nariman Varvadewala RTI Act, - 2005.
Ref- RTI No-593 Dt. 10.09.2025.

S. No	Information Sought	Reply
1	Please provide the inward number of the letter as received by your Dak Department with date received and inward number.	The information has been provided on 09.10.2025 .
2.	Please provide copy of the letter dated 06th April 2024 with the file noting's and current owner.	The letter dated 06.04.2024 has been attached; however, the file noting and the current owner's name can be obtained from the office of the concerned Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO), Valsad (Gujarat).

GM/LA&SEMU

[Signature]
14.10.25

AGM/Admin (PIO)

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AM/SEMU/APIO
10/10/25

Before the Arbitrator Special Railway Projects

Office of the Revenue Inspection Commissioner Gujarat

Case no: 14/2014 Ghimsa Kakariya of District Valsad

Subject:

- 1> Notice under Section 24 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996**
- 2> Notice under Section 18 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996**
- 3> Notice under Section 12 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996.**

NOTICE

1. The applicant Dara Varvadevala sends this notice to the Arbitration Tribunal and the Opponent Parties namely the Competent Authority Land Acquisition Valsad and the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL).

2. Notice of Section 12 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act.

- a) The applicant Dara Varvadevala was last summoned to a hearing on the case 14/2014 on 5th October 2023. The Applicant has multiple times contacted the office of the Tribunal for the subsequent hearing and was told that the Arbitrator will schedule the next hearing if time permits. The applicant has followed up with Mr Somany who was responsible for the Arbitration Desk at the Office of the Revenue Inspection Commissioner and post the transfer of Mr Somany , the applicant has followed up with Ms. Amiben the current incumbent handling the Arbitration Desk.
- b) The Applicant informs the Tribunal and the parties that there is an unexplained and unreasonable delay in the summoning of the hearing and the applicant requests the tribunal to schedule the hearing as soon as possible preferably in the 30 days from the date of delivery of this notice.

c) Section 12 (1) (b) states as below (Extracted from the 1996 Act)

12.Grounds for challenge.—⁴[(1) When a person is approached in connection with his possible appointment as an arbitrator, he shall disclose in writing any circumstances,—

(a) such as the existence either direct or indirect, of any past or present relationship with or interest in any of the parties or in relation to the subject-matter in dispute, whether financial, business, professional or other kind, which is likely to give rise to justifiable doubts as to his independence or impartiality, and

(b) which are likely to affect his ability to devote sufficient time to the arbitration and in particular his ability to complete the entire arbitration within a period of twelve months.

Applicant reminds the Arbitrator and the opponent parties that he has previously sent the Notice under Section 12 of the Arbitration Act on the same matter, and yet to receive a reply from the Arbitrator on the same. Therefore this notice under Section 12 is a second notice and reminder on the same matter.

3. Notice of Section 18 and Section 24 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996.

- a) The applicant has presented numerous documentary evidences to argue their case before the Arbitration Tribunal. These documentary and written evidences are from legally obtained sources and true copies of various documents from the various Government Offices.
- b) During the hearing on the 05th October the lawyer representing DFCCIL and Mr UP Shah who was the proxy for the Competent Authority made oral statements and read out from various papers. DFCCIL made oral statements to claim that it was not necessary for the District Land Price Committee (as specified in the 1988 Government Resolution) to determine the base rates of land compensation in rupees per square meter. The DFCCIL further claimed that the 1988 GR on DLPC did not apply to them and that they have documentation on exemption from DLPC.
- c) The Competent Authority also read out from papers that the determination of the base price of land was not under the purview of the District Land Price Committee and the process of determination of the base price of land by the Competent Authority themselves is legal and lawful.
- d) The Applicant and his constituted attorney requested for the documentary evidence claimed by the DFCCIL and Competent authority on the matter of exemption from the rules of the District Land Price Committee and it was told to the applicants by the Tribunal that the said documents will be handed over to the them immediately after the hearing concludes.

e) The applicant and his constituted attorney waited for the documented only to be told that they will be sent the same over email in one week immediately upon receipt of the same from the DFCCIL and Competent Authority.

f) The applicants waited and sent written reminders, and also followed up on the phone with the Tribunal Office and they have still not been provided the documents on exemption from DLPC under the 1988 GR.

g) Section 18 states as below (Extract from the Act)

Continued by District Land Price Committee
18. Equal treatment of parties.—The parties shall be treated with equality and each party shall be given a full opportunity to present this case.

h) Section 24 (3) states as below (Extract from the Act)

(3) All statements, documents or other information supplied to, or applications made to the arbitral tribunal by one party shall be communicated to the other party, and any expert report or evidentiary document on which the arbitral tribunal may rely in making its decision shall be communicated to the parties.

i) Section 24 read with Section 18 implies that the applicants are treated unfairly and there is a clear bias on the manner in which the proceedings were conducted. The arbitration applicant is given the heavy burden of proof to prove their allegations and charges which they have given via ample documentation supplied in three copies (one each to Tribunal, DFCCIL And Competent Authority).

Yet when it comes to being treated fairly the DFCCIL and the Competent Authority have been exempted from validating oral arguments from documentation specifically and explicitly on the matter of exemption from the process of the District Land Price Committee.

j) It is relevant to state that the base rates of compensation on the Final Award were determined by the Competent Authority and the DFCCIL themselves, and were not determined by the District Land Price Committee (as per the 1988 GR). Documentation proving this transgression and offence has been given in the form of documentary evidence to all parties on the case in three copies, yet when the DFCCIL and Competent Authority claim to enjoy exemption they have not provided a single documentary evidence to support their claims made orally before the tribunal despite multiple requests.

Remedy Requested to cure the defects specified on this notice.

Request 1.

The Applicant requests that a formal hearing be held as soon as possible preferably in 30 days time from the date of delivery of this notice to the tribunal.

Request 2.

The applicant states that the Tribunal cure its bias in treating the applicant unfairly and bias on the presentation of documentary evidence. The tribunal puts heavy burden of proof on the Arbitration Applicants but gives leniency to the DFCCIL and Competent Authority when the burden of proof is on them. Given that the bias on the part of the Arbitrator is true and genuine, the Applicant requests that the Arbitrator cure the defect on bias and treating the applicants unfairly else the Final Award will be liable to challenge under Section 34 on the grounds of Arbitrator Bias.

This notice is being sent in three copies, one each to recipients below.

1. The Arbitrator and Revenue Inspection Commissioner
7th Floor , Block 11, New Sachivalaya Gandhinagar Pin 382 010
2. The Competent Authority and Deputy Collector Valsad
Ground Floor, Jilla Seva Sadan, Tithal Road Valsad Pin 396001
- ✓ 3. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India
5th Floor, Supreme Court Metro Station Complex, New Delhi 110001
(addressed to the Land Acquisition and SEMU Unit).

Date: 06th April 2024

Place: Valsad , Gujarat State

Signature of Arbitration Applicant:-

1. Dara N Varvadevala:





To.

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