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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0559-16

Thank you for your email of 03 June asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

“In 2015, the number of Emergency Travel Documents (ETDs) issued to First Time Applicants (FTA) in:

- a) Nepal was 5***
- b) India was 18***

Please provide a summary of the reasons for issuing the ETD in each case.

I anticipate that it is possible to provide the information requested in a format that does not enable the identity of the applicant to be provided.”

Outcome of Search

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search and that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Disclosure

Firstly I should explain that the computer system which manages ETDs only allows searches for cases issued within the last 300 days. This allows searches back to August 2015 at present.

FTA's are usually, but not exclusively issued in relation to children. We have only issued two ETDs to first time applicants – both children, in India or Nepal in the last 300 days. You are already aware of one of these cases. The other ETD was issued for compassionate family reasons.

However from historical data, we are also able to see that all of the ETDs issued to first time applicants in India and Nepal in 2015, (both less than or more than 300 days old), were for applicants to return home (the main reason an ETD is required), but we are unable to provide further detail about the cases and the exact reason for travel.

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Yours sincerely,

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