

### **Information Sought: -**

1. Is the Ministry or Department aware of cases of fraudulent GST registrations obtained using the PAN details of innocent or low income individuals during the financial year 2020 to 2021.
2. Was scrutiny of GST registration applications, along with verification of supporting documents, carried out by the Department prior to granting such registrations.
3. Have any policy measures, guidelines, or actions been taken by the Ministry or Department to safeguard such innocent persons from harassment or unwarranted proceedings by the Income Tax Department and GST Department.

### **Information Provided :-**

**Point 1:-** The information does not pertain to this office.

**Point 2:-** The information sought by the applicant, being interrogative query, does not come under ambit of RTI Act. 2005. Furthermore it is not covered under the definition of information as per Sec 2(f) of the RTI Act. 2005, as detailed below:-

*(f) "Information" means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force.*

Though, the processing of GST registration application is done as per CGST Act 2017 and CGST Rule 2017 which is available on public portal on website "cbic.gov.in"

**Point 3:-** The information does not pertain to this office.