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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0670-17

Thank you for your email of 13 July 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please may I as suggested refine the question and ask how many locally engaged staff are employed across various British High Commission sites in India.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

As of the 30th June 2017, we have the following numbers of FCO local staff at our Posts in India:

Post	No. of FCO Local Staff
Ahmedabad	Fewer than 5
Bangalore	10
Chandigarh	9
Chennai	32
Goa	Fewer than 5
Hyderabad	5
Kolkata	28

Mumbai	48
New Delhi	258
Pune	Fewer than 5
Total	395

Local Staff are employed in country in accordance with local employment law. They must have the legal right to live and reside in the country in which they are employed and must abide by any immigration requirements relevant to their nationality.

We cannot provide staff numbers that are fewer than five as this may enable individual identities to be revealed. Some of the information you have requested, is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

Yours sincerely,

Human Resources Directorate



We keep and use information in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. We may release this personal information to other UK government departments and public authorities.