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Please refer your application dated 19 December 2008 under the RTI Act 2005, seeking information on complaints of abandoned brides received by the Embassy and Consulates and related issues. We do not have records on this prior to 2006. The available information is given below *in the exact serial order given in your application*-

1.Complaints of abandoned brides.

| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 0 | 13 | 14 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 1 | 15 | 17 |
| Total | 1 | 31 | 34 |

2.Complaints of fraudulent marriage(s) by NRI men.

| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | 14 | 16 |
| Total | 0 | 15 | 17 |

3.Help under "The Welfare of women deserted by their overseas Indian spouse"

| Mission/Consulate | 2007 | | 2008 | |
|--|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | Number | Amount of | Number | Amount of |
| | of | money | of | money |
| | women | dispersed | women | dispersed |
| | helped | (US \$) | helped | (US \$) |
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 2 | 2000 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 0 | - | 2 | 2000 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 2 | 2000 | 2 | 2000 |

2. Table 1. Complaints of harassment by wife or relative of wife

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|---|---------------------------------------|------|------|
| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 2 | 28 | 20 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 10 | 36 | 25 |

2. Table 2. Complaint of harassment by husband or relatives of husband

| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 3 | 8 | 3 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | 17 | 17 |
| Total | 4 | 30 | 25 |

4.Orders of Passport impoundment in compliance with orders from Ministry of External Affairs or Passport Authority of India

| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | |
|---|------|------|------|--|
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| Total | 1 | 2 | 1 | |

5. Orders of passport revocation in compliance with orders from Ministry of External Affairs or Passport Authority of India

| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 1 |

6.Divorces of Indian citizens that came for attestation or validation

| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

7.Passports re-issued or newly issued to NRI's for reason of name change due to divorce in the US

| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |

8.Complaints of Parental Child Abduction from USA to India

| Mission (Orangela) | | | |
|---|----------|------|------|
| Mission/Consulate | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Embassy of India, Washington DC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, San Francisco | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Consulate General of India, Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consulate General of India, New York | 0 | | - 5 |
| Total | 0 | 2 | 6 |
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