

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA050919-1661

30 September 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 4 September 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

"Pl would u submit a claim on behalf of Indian high commission for these damages, to all organisers and email me their names/email addresses which applied to u or the police commissioner for permission to demonstrate.

What assurances did they give you/police that it will be a peaceful?"

We can today confirm that the GLA does not hold information within the scope of your request.

At the time, a spokesperson for the Mayor of London said:

'The Mayor supports the right to protest when it is peaceful and lawful. The violence from a small minority of the protestors outside the Indian High Commission in London last Thursday was completely unacceptable and the Mayor has condemned it. His team has been in touch with the Indian High Commission and the Metropolitan Police.

'A number of misleading statements have subsequently been shared on social media about the protest - that the Mayor attended it, had some involvement in its organisation, or chose to let it happen. These are all completely false.

'The Mayor does not have the power to ban marches in London - that power lies with the Home Secretary. The policing response to protests is led as an operational matter by the Metropolitan Police, who were in touch with the Indian High Commission throughout.

Anybody shown to have committed a criminal act will be pursued by the Metropolitan Police.”

If you wish to make a request to the Metropolitan Police Service, you can send your FOI request directly to them, using this address:

E-mail: foi@met.police.uk

Post: FOI Team, Information Rights Unit, PO Box 57192, London, SW6 1SF

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA050919-1661.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>