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No. D-II/551/1/2018-Shri Suraj C Aggarwal

Dated 10.08.2018

Shri Suraj Chand Aggarwal
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Subject: Information sought by Shri Suraj Chand Aggarwal under Right to information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Reference your Application No. PMOIN/R/2017/54924 received on 29/12/2017, copy received by this Office on 16/07/2018, seeking information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. The applicant sought information, vide question No. 7 of his RTI Application, as below:

Written details regarding items, in rupees, presented to foreigners as gifts by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his foreign trips from 02 January 2015 to 30 December 2017.

3. The following is the response of the CPIO:

As far as the items and total value of the gift are concerned, Prime Minister presents gifts as per the laid down norms during his foreign visits. The procurement of gifts is being met from budgetary grants but the revelation of the information sought would have unintended effects on the foreign relations and that any critical analysis/scrutiny and comparison between quantum and value of the gifts would be totally undesirable and would defeat the very purpose of generating goodwill between the nations. Disclosure of this information may prejudicially affect India's relations with the concerned foreign State. Exemption is, therefore, sought under section 8(1) (a) of the RTI Act, 2005, wherein no such information, as may prejudicially affect India's relations with a foreign State, need be disclosed.

4. In case the applicant is not satisfied with the response given by the undersigned, the applicant may file an appeal within 30 days of the receipt of this communication to Shri Sanjay Verma, Chief of Protocol and First Appellate Authority, Room No. 2001, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 011.

Yours sincerely,

Asheesh Gupta

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