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No. DII/551/1/2015-Ms Kasturi

Dated 13.10.2015

Mr Charu Sudan Kasturi Assistant Editor The Telegraph 104 PTI Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001

Subject:-

Information sought under RTI Act 2005.

Reference: Registration No. MOEAF/R/2015/02849 dated 17/9/2015 - seeking list and cost of the gifts offered by Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi starting May 26, 2014 and former Hon. Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh since May 22, 2004 to all foreign dianitaries.

Sir,

Please refer to your above RTI application seeking details regarding gifts offered by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Manmohan Singh to all foreign dignitaries.

- In this connection, this is to state that the Prime Minister of India presents gifts, as per the laid down norms, to various foreign dignitaries. Information sought by you relates to, among other things, the cost of the gifts presented by the PM to the above mentioned foreign dignitaries. However, 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.
- In case you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may appeal within 30 days to the Appellate authority in this Ministry at the following address: Joint Secretary (COP)/Appellate Authority, Room No. 149 A, South Block, New Delhi 110011.

Yours sincerely,

(Madan Singh Bhandari) Deputy Chief of Protocol (Privileges) & CPIÓ Room No. 1062, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhavan 23 D Janpath, New Delhi-110011

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Seeking information under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act

To Under Secretary (RTI) RTI Cell Ministry of External Affairs Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan New Delhi-110011 5814 15/09/2015

September 14, 2015.

Subject: Seeking information under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Dear Sir/Ma'am.

I request the following information under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, with explanation of the public interest and why disclosure of the information sought will not compromise any of the interests protected by Section 8(a) of the same Act.

- 1) Please provide a list of all gifts Prime Minister Narendra Modi has offered to all foreign dignitaries starting May 26, 2014, both during incoming visits by foreign dignitaries and during outgoing visits by him as Prime Minister. Please also provide the cost, if any, at which the gift was procured by the Government of India. I am not seeking details of recipients of the gifts, merely a compilation of the gifts and their costs, so the disclosure of this information can not adversely impact either India's relations with any foreign state or India's sovereignty, security, integrity, strategic, scientific or economic interests under Section 8(a) of the RTI Act.
- 2) Please provide a list of all gifts Prime Minister Manmohan Singh offered to all foreign dignitaries starting May 22, 2004, both during incoming visits by foreign dignitaries and during outgoing visits by him as Prime Minister. Please also provide the cost, if any, at which the gift was procured by the Covernment of India. I am not seeking details of recipients of the gifts, merely a compilation of the gifts and their costs, so the disclosure of this information can not adversely impact either India's relations with any foreign state or India's sovereignty, security, integrity, strategic, scientific or economic interests under Section 8(a) of the KTI Act.

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Kindly provide the requested information within 30 days, as required under the Right to Information Act, 2005. An Indian Postal Order of Rs. 10 is attached. Please contact me in case of need of any clarifications.

Thank you.

Regards

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