

मन्जीश ग्रोवर

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External Publicity & Public Diplomacy Division

Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

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Date: 07.04.2016

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Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Reference is invited to your RTI Application dated 30.03.2016 bearing local registration No. MOEAF/R/2016/50440/2. Following is the response to your queries which concern this Division:

i). Details of Media Delegates who accompanied Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble External Affairs Minister on official visits abroad for the period from May 1, 2004 to March 31, 2016, along with their organization details are available on the website of the Ministry of External Affairs – www.mea.gov.in (under the Head – Visits, Sub Head – Outgoing Visits).

ii). Expenditure in respect of Media delegates of Government Departments such as Doordarshan, All India Radio and Photo Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was borne by the respective Ministries/Departments of the Government. Details may be obtained from them. No expenditure was incurred by the Ministry in respect of other media delegates i.e of National News Agencies viz. PTI and ANI TV. No cost on travel of media delegates is involved as they accompanied the Hon'ble Prime Minister on special flight.

iii). No media delegate accompanies Foreign Secretary on the visit abroad.

As per Section 7 (9) of the RTI Act, 2005, the information is not provided in the format requested by you as it would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority.

2 In case the Applicant is not satisfied with the above response he may file an appeal with Shri R. Masakui, Director (PD) and Appellate Authority, Room No. 143, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi within a month of the receipt of this letter.

(Manjish Grover)

Under Secretary (PD) & CPIO

Date: 30 March, 2016

To

Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Subject: - *Seeking information under Right To Information Act 2005.*

Dear Sir/Madam

Kindly provide me a list of the journalists, media persons and operating staff who have been the part of the media contingents during foreign visits/travels of Prime Minister, Foreign Ministers or/and Foreign Secretaries of Government of India within the period of 1st May, 2004 to 31st March, 2016. Also provide the details of the expenditure (including Air fare, food & accommodation and other miscellaneous/sundry) paid by Government Of India for the same Journalists, Media persons and operating staff.

The format of the information sought is as under.

Sr No	Name of Media Person/Journalists	News Organization/ Agency to whom he/she belong at that time	Travelling Country	Duration of foreign travel (date ----from----to)	Expenditures done

I have paid the fee through online RTI portal.

Thank You

Regards,

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