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To :

Dated: 09.04.2015

Under Secretary,
RTI Cell,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Room No. 2021, 'A' Wing,
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan,
23-D, Janpath,
New Delhi - 110 011.

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Respected Sirs,

Sub : Information about Rolex Wristwatches

1. List of Rolex Wristwatches received as Gift by Indian Dignitaries from 1947 onwards year-wise along with their value.
2. Item number vide which they are kept in Toshakhana.
3. Watches sold to recipient, name, designation and amount for which sold and year in which sold.
4. Working or non working condition of those watches as of now.
5. Total such working or non-working rolex wristwatches in Toshakhana
6. Procedure of buying from Toshakhana

A Postal Order of Rs. 10/- is enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,


(S. C. MITRA)

Encl : Postal Order

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Dated: 20.04.2015

Subject: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 09.04.2015 received on 15th April, 2015 seeking information about the Rolex wristwatches received as Gift by Indian Dignitaries from 1947 onwards and other Rolex Wristwatches related queries.

2. It may be mentioned that Toshakhana deals with gifts received from foreign sources only. The reply to your aforementioned application is given herewith point wise:-

Point (1) & (2): The required list of Rolex Wristwatches is not available and preparation of such a list will result in disproportionate diversion of resources and section 7(9) of RTI Act, 2005 provides exemption from disproportionate diversion of resources of the Public Authority.

Point (3): As per the records available in Toshakhana, during the last 10 years only one Rolex Wristwatch has been returned to the recipient after payment of the amount beyond permissible retention limit prescribed under Foreign Contribution (Acceptance or Retention of Gifts or Presentations) Rules. A sum of Rs. 14,000 was paid by Shri Sanjay Singh, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs in the year 2012 as this particular watch was valued for Rs. 17,000 only.

Point (4) & (5): All the Rolex Wristwatches received in Toshakhana have been stored securely as they were received.

Point (6): Following are the procedures for buying items from Toshakhana:-

(a) Procedure for the recipient to buy from Toshakhana:

If the gift item received by the recipient exceeds the permissible retention limit prescribed under Foreign Contribution (Acceptance or Retention of Gifts or Presentations) Rules, amended from time to time, by an amount in excess of the prescribed limit, the gift item can be retained by the recipient after paying the excess amount into the Government Accounts.

(b) Procedure for buying from Toshakhana for others:

Whenever an auction is conducted by Toshakhana, only Government Officials located at headquarters under the administrative control of the Ministries and Departments of the Government of India except the staff of the Collectorate of Central Excise are allowed to bid as per prevalent rules.

3. In case you intend to prefer an appeal on the information provided by the under mentioned CPIO, the same may be preferred to the Appellate Authority Shri Sugandh Rajaram, Director (Establishment), Room No. 4051, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi - 110011 within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

O/c

Yours faithfully,

Rajesh Kapoor
(Rajesh Kapoor)

DS (Prop-II, SE-I & Toshakhana) & CPIO

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