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Subject: Information sought by Shri Lashit Sharma under Right to Information Act 2005

Sir,

Reference your Application No. MOEAF/R/2015/ 80512/1 dated 17/11/2015, received on 16/12/2015, seeking information under Right to Information Act 2005 regarding the foreign visits of the Prime Minister of India.

2. The applicant has sought the following information:

- (i) The number of foreign visits undertaken by the Prime Minister since May 2014 and the countries so visited in these foreign visits.
- (ii) The time duration of each of such visits.
- (iii) The amount of money spent by the Government of India on the foreign visits of the Prime Minister since May 2014.
- (iv) The gifts received by the Prime Minister of India on behalf of the Government of India from different countries on his foreign visits since May 2014.
- (v) The gifts given by the Prime Minister of India and the Government of India to any dignitaries like the head of state or head of government of any foreign country which the Prime Minister visited since May 2014.

3. The following is the response of the CPIO:

For 2(i): The information sought by the applicant is related to foreign visits of Prime Minister. The undersigned is not the custodian of this information. Since this part of the information is being dealt with DCP (C), CPIO, MEA, this part is being transferred to Dy Chief of Protocol (Ceremonials), CPIO, Room No. 2118, JNB, New Delhi -110011 for a response to the applicant.

For 2(ii): The information sought by the applicant is related to duration of the foreign visits of Prime Minister. The undersigned is not the custodian of this information. Since this part of the information is also being dealt with DCP (C), CPIO, MEA, this part is being transferred to Dy Chief of Protocol (Ceremonials), CPIO, Room No. 2118, JNB, New Delhi-110011 for a response to the applicant.

For 2 (iii): The information sought by the applicant is related to the amount of money spent on the foreign visits of Prime Minister. The undersigned is not the custodian of this information. Since this part of the information is being dealt with by Controller of Accounts, MEA, this part is being transferred to Sr Accounts Officer, O/o Controller of Accounts, MEA, CPIO, Room No. 2062, 'A' Wing Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan 23 D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011 (meacoa@mea.gov.in) for a response to the applicant.

For 2 (iv): The information sought by the applicant is related to the gifts received by the Prime Minister from different countries on his foreign visits since May 2014. The undersigned is not the custodian of this information. Since this part of the information is being dealt with by Toshakhana Section of the Ministry, this part is being transferred to US (Toshakhana), MEA, CPIO, Room No. 4048, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23 D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011 (usoda@mea.gov.in) for a response to the applicant.

For 2 (v): The information sought by the applicant is related to the gifts given by the Prime Minister of India and the Government of India to any dignitaries like Head of State or Head of Government or any foreign country which the Prime Minister visited since May 2014. As far as disclosure of information on this point is concerned, Prime Minister presents the gifts to the foreign dignitaries, viz., Head of State/Head of Government of foreign countries where India is having bilateral and strategic relations. The revelation of this information would have unintended effects on foreign relations and that any critical analysis/scrutiny and comparison between and quantum and value of gifts would be totally undesirable and would defeat the very purpose of generating goodwill between the nations. Hence, Section 8(1)(a) of the RTI Act 2005 is being invoked for claiming exemption for disclosure of the information sought by the applicant.

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 Jaideep Mazumdar, Chief of Protocol and First Appellate Authority, Room No. 2001, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, 23D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011.

Yours sincerely



(Madan Singh Bhandari)

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Copy to:

1. Chief of Protocol, MEA (jscop@mea.gov.in) for kind information
2. Dy Chief of Protocol (Ceremonials), CPIO, MEA (dcpc@mea.gov.in) – with a request to provide information to the applicant on 2(i) and 2(ii).
3. Sr Accounts Officer, O/o Controller of Accounts, MEA, CPIO, Room No. 2062, 'A' Wing Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan 23 D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011 (meacoa@mea.gov.in) - with a request to provide information to the applicant on 2(iii).
4. US (Toshakhana), MEA, CPIO, Room No. 4048, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23 D, Janpath, New Delhi -110011 (usoda@mea.gov.in) - with a request to provide information to the applicant on 2(iv)
5. US (RTI), MEA, Room No. 2019, 'A' Wing Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan 23 D, Janpath, New Delhi -110011 (usrti@mea.gov.in)
6. PO (XMM), MEA, New Delhi-110011 (poxmm@meaindia.in)

RTI REQUEST DETAILS	
Registration No. :	MOEAF/R /2015/80512/1
Date of Receipt :	17/11/2015
Transferred From :	Prime Minister's Office on 16/12/2015 With Reference Number : MOEAF/R/2015/80512
Remarks :	Transferred for appropriate action. As regards information relating to number and duration of foreign visits undertaken by the Prime Minister and expenditure on air travel, the same is posted on PMO website www.pmindia.gov.in
Type of Receipt :	Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority
Language of Request :	English
Name :	Lashit Sharma
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Status(Rural/Urban) :	Urban
Education Status :	
Letter No. :	Details not provided
Letter Date :	Details not provided
Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? :	No
Citizenship Status :	Indian
Amount Paid :	0 (Received by Prime Minister's Office)
Mode of Payment :	Payment Gateway
Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? :	No(Normal)
Request Pertains to :	DCP (Privilege)
Information Sought :	<p>Respected Sir/Madam,</p> <p>Please provide the following information regarding the foreign visits of the Prime Minister of India:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of foreign visits undertaken by the Prime Minister since May, 2014, and the countries so visited in these foreign visits. 2. The time duration of each of such visits.

3. The amount of money spent by the Government of India on the foreign visits of the Prime Minister since May, 2014.
4. The gifts received by the Prime Minister of India on behalf of the Government of India from different countries on his foreign visits since May, 2014.
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Thank you

Original RTI Text :

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Thank you

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