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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. D-II/551/1/2015-60015

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Shri Austin Fernandes
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Subject:- Information sought under RTI Act 2005

Reference: Registration No. MOEAF/R/2015/60015 dated 07.01.2015
–regarding irregularities relating to procurements of gifts and CBI
investigation thereto.

Sir,

Please refer to your above referenced RTI application dated 07.01.2015 and our mail dated 28.01.15. The information in respect of Para 3 of the said application is as below:

“The gifts are selected as per the financial ceilings approved by the Government. The gifts may be purchased from any Government emporium which is willing to supply the desired items on credit basis to the Ministry. Meanwhile, as the information regarding gift norms is sensitive, it may not be possible to disclose the same. Exemption is, therefore, sought under section 8(1) (a) RTI act 2005.”

2. 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, Ministry of External Affairs, Room No. 2005, Jawahar Lal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi 110011.

Yours sincerely,

(Anil Nautiyal)

Deputy Chief of Protocol (Privileges) & CPIO
Room No.1062, Jawahar Lal Nehru Bhawan
23D Janpath, New Delhi-11
Tel. 49015449

CC:

1. JS (COP), MEA, New Delhi.
2. US (RTI), MEA, New Delhi, usrti@mea.gov.in
3. PO (XMM), MEA, New Delhi poxmm@meaindia.in

RTI REQUEST DETAILS

Registration No. :	MOEAF/R/2015/60015	Date of Receipt :	07/01/2015
Type of Receipt :	Online Receipt	Language of Request :	English
Name :	Austin Fernandes	Gender :	Male
Address :	Little Flower No 8, 28th Road, TPS - 3, Bandra, Mumbai, Pin:400050		
State :	Maharashtra	Country :	India
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Status(Rural/Urban) :	Urban	Education Status :	Above Graduate
Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? :	No	Citizenship Status	Indian
Amount Paid :	10	Mode of Payment	Payment Gateway
Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? :	Details not provided.	Request Pertains to :	DCP (Privilege)

Dear Sir/Madam

Please furnish the following information to me under the Right to Information Act, 2005:

1. As stated by Minister of State Smt Parneet Kaur in her answer part (a) and (b) in the Rajya Sabha to UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-376 on 15.03.2012 -
 - a. Please state as to whether in May 2011, irregularities relating to procurements of gifts for foreign dignitaries came to the notice of the Ministry through a complaint or through any other source or regular audits.
 - b. Please furnish any documents whereby irregularities came to the notice of the Ministry including complaint letters, audit reports, etc.

Information Sought :

2. As stated by Minister of State Shri E Ahmad in his answer part (a) to (e) in the Rajya Sabha to UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-645 on 29.11.2012 -
Please provide me with a copy of the said Central Bureau of Investigation investigation report relating to the alleged irregularities in procurement of gifts for foreign dignitaries.
3. Please provide me with a copy of the latest norms and guidelines relating to presentation of gifts for foreign dignitaries by the protocol division including the list of authorised shops/State emporia from where procurement is authorised.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Austin Fernandes

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The subject matter falls closely under the function/area of work dealt by the City Division. The application is being referred (as attached) to the Under Secretary (Ministry Room No. 107, Ministry of External Affairs, Jawahar Lal Nehru Bhawan, KPO, New Delhi, India) for their consideration and mail communication as per the Department's policy. The Department may provide the requisite information directly to the applicant, under section 10 of the RTI Act, MEA.

For the Under Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Room No. 107, Jawahar Lal Nehru Bhawan, KPO, New Delhi 110011, India. Tel: 011-26124111, Fax: 011-26124112, Email: rti@mea.gov.in