Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Reference is invited to your RTI Application No. MOEAF/R/2014/61203/1 which was received on 12.12.2014. Following information is provided in response to your Application:

The Journalists/media persons who accompanied Hon'ble Prime Minister on his American and Australian tours are available on the Ministry’s website www.mea.gov.in (under Head – Visits, sub Head – Outgoing Visits). No additional cost was involved on their travel to these countries as they travelled in the special flight. The expenses on food and lodging were borne by the respective Public and Private Organizations viz Doordarshan, All India Radio, Photo Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, PTI, UNI and ANI.

2. While extending invitation to media organizations to be part of the media delegation during Hon’ble Prime Minister’s visits abroad, efforts are made to ensure adequate, balanced and fair representation of all major media organizations – both Audio Visual media and Print media including Agencies. These include Doordarshan, AIR, Photo Division and National News Agencies-PTI, UNI, ANI TV etc. The media organizations/agencies are requested to nominate representative (s) having wide experience in foreign affairs and issues relevant to visit. Accordingly, suggested list of Media Organizations is forwarded to the office of the Prime Minister for approval.

3. In case the Applicant is not satisfied with the above response he may file an appeal with Dr. Sumit Seth, Deputy Secretary (Digital Diplomacy) and Appellate Authority, Room No. 141, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi within a month of the receipt of this letter.

(Kapil Raj)
Under Secretary (PD) & CPIO

Copy for information to:
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To,
The Central Public Information Officer,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi (India).
Dated: 11th of December 2014.

Sub:- Request to provide information under Right to Information Act 2005.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to exercise my legal right to obtain Information which is guaranteed to every citizen of this Country through Right to Information Act 2005 by requesting you to provide me the below sought Information in a point wise manner within the stipulated time period:

1. How many Journalists went with the present Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on his American and Australian foreign tours on the Governments Expense (Air fare, Food, Lodging etc) Give whole details of all those journalists (Name of the journalists and the media organization they belonged to and other related
Information Sought: Information along with the details of the expense incurred by the Indian Government on their Air fare, food, lodging or expenses on any other thing on the PMs tour of America and Australia.

2. What has been the criteria of selection of the Journalists who travel on the exchequers money with the prime minister is there any rule/regulation/legal provision in this regard. If so, kindly enclose the copy of the established criteria for selection of these Journalists for their foreign tour with the Prime Minister and such rules/regulations/legal provisions which provide for the Governments expense on their travel with the Prime Minister.

With Warm Regards

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