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Room 1062, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan  
23D, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 011

27.08.2018

Sir,

Reference your Application No. MOEA/R/2018/50833 received on 03/08/2018 seeking information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. The applicant sought information as below:

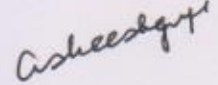
Please provide a list of all gift Prime Minister Manmohan Singh offered to all foreign dignitaries starting May 22, 2004 both during incoming visits by foreign dignitaries and during outgoing visits by him as Prime Minister. Please provide the cost if any, at which the gift was incurred by the government of India.

3. The following is the response of the CPIO:

As far as the items and cost of the gift are concerned, Prime Minister presents gifts as per the laid down norms during his foreign visits. The procurement of gifts is being met from budgetary grants but the revelation of the information sought would have unintended effects on the foreign relations and that any critical analysis/scrutiny and comparison between quantum and value of the gifts would be totally undesirable and would defeat the very purpose of generating goodwill between the nations. Disclosure of this information may prejudicially affect India's relations with the concerned foreign State. Exemption is, therefore, sought under section 8(1) (a) of the RTI Act, 2005, wherein no such information, as may prejudicially affect India's relations with a foreign State, need be disclosed.

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 Sanjay Verma, Chief of Protocol and First Appellate Authority, Room No. 2001, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 011.

Yours sincerely,



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