



**Ministry of External Affairs**  
[Americas Division]

South Block, New Delhi  
March 18, 2020

**Subject:** Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,

This has reference to your RTI application MOEAF/R/E/20/00279/1 seeking various information regarding Namaste Trump event.

2. Point-wise response to your queries is as follows:

**Points 1, 3 and 4.** It is not a matter of record in this Division.

**Point 2.** A copy of Parliament Question providing requisite information is attached.

3. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may prefer an appeal with Joint Secretary (Americas) & Appellate Authority, Room no 179, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi, Tel:+91-11-23792070, Fax:+91-11-23011996, email:[jsams@mea.gov.in](mailto:jsams@mea.gov.in) within thirty days from the date of receipt of this response.

(Praveen Kumar)  
CPIO & Under Secretary  
(AMS Division)

**Copy to:**

(i) Ms Deepa Jain, Under Secretary (RTI), RTI Cell, Room No. A-2021, Ministry of External Affairs, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, New Delhi [Tel: 4901 5226; Fax: 4901 5232].

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## QUESTION NO.2929 NAMASTE TRUMP EVENT IN AHMEDABAD

March 19, 2020

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2929  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2020

### NAMASTE TRUMP EVENT IN AHMEDABAD

2929. DR. SANTANU SEN:

Will the Minister for External Affairs be pleased to state:

- whether the Namaste Trump event in Ahmedabad was organised by a private organisation/Committee and not by Government;
- if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- the details regarding the organisers of Namaste Trump event and the Members and President of the Committee;
- whether Government has incurred any financial expense for that event and if so, the details thereof;
- whether Government has funded the organisers of the event; and
- if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

### ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (c) The "Namaste Trump" event in Ahmedabad was organized by Donald Trump Nagarik Abhivadan Samiti. The members of the committee were as follows:

- Smt. Bijalben Patel, Mayor, Ahmedabad – Chairperson
- Dr. (Prof.) Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, Member of Parliament, Ahmedabad (West)
- Shri Hasmukhbhai Somabhai Patel, Member of Parliament, Ahmedabad (East)
- Prof. (Dr.) H. A. Pandya, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University
- Prof. (Dr.) Navin Sheth, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University

(vi) Shri Durgesh Buch, President, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry

(vii) Dr. Balkrishna V. Doshi, Architect

(viii) Shri Bhikhudan Gadhi, Folk Artist

(d) to (f) Government of India had no financial liability for the event and incurred no expenses directly connected with organizing the event.

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Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी) :	for point no. 1,3,4		
Original RTI Text (मूल आरटीआई पाठ) :	<p>On 20/02/2020, the Ministry of External Affairs confirmed in a press briefing that the Namaste Trump event, hosting the President of the United States Donald Trump, in Ahmedabad has been organized by a private organization called Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti.</p> <p>In this context, the applicant undersigned requests the following information at the earliest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please state whether Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti has sought clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs to host the Namaste Trump event.</li> <li>2. Please state the names of the organizers who are a part of the Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti</li> <li>3. Please provide a copy of the permission request or any other correspondence received by the MEA from Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti</li> <li>4. Please provide a copy of all correspondence between the MEA, Prime Minister Office (PMO), and the United States government specifically pertaining to or mentioning the Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti hosting the Namaste Trump event in Ahmedabad</li> </ol>		
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