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

Dated: 05.10.2018

Subject: Information sought by [REDACTED] under Right to information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Reference your Application No. RTI/10335/2018-PMR dated 27.08.2018 received on 29/12/2017, copy received by this Office on 12/09/2018 under reference No. MOEAF/R/2018/00866, seeking information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. The applicant sought information, vide question No. 4 of his RTI Application, as below:

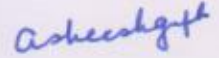
The details of memoirs, gifts provided and felicitations, if any, and the money spent on dignitaries on the occasion of the searing in ceremony of the Hon. Prime Minister of India.

3. The following is the response of the CPIO:

As far as the items and total value of the memoirs/gift are concerned, Prime Minister presents memoirs/gifts as per the laid down norms during his foreign visits. The procurement of memoirs/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,



[Asheesh Gupta]

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