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No. D-II/551/1/2016-Mr. Poonawalla

Dated 20.01.2016

Mr. Tehseen Poonawalla  
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**Subject: Information sought by Ms Tehseen Poonawalla under Right to information Act 2005**

Sir,

Reference your Application No. MOEAF/R/2016/00086 dated 19/1/2016, seeking information under Right to Information Act 2005.

2. The applicant has sought the following information:
  - 1) Provide the expenditure incurred on the wardrobe, clothes, gifts, make up, shoes, hair, pocket squares, watches, designers, tailors for the Prime Minister including on travels abroad, domestic and during his stay in India since May 2014.
  - 2) Provide the complete expenditure on PR, advertisements, gifts during the PMs visits abroad since May 2014 till date.
3. The following is the response of the CPIO:

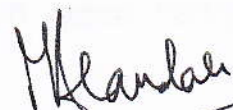
For (1): The information sought by the applicant is related to the expenditure on the travels of Prime Minister. The undersigned is not the custodian of this information. Since expenditure on travels abroad is being dealt with by Controller of Accounts, MEA, this part is being transferred to Sr Accounts Officer, O/o Controller of Accounts, MEA, CPIO, Room No. 2062, 'A' Wing Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan 23 D, Janpath, New Delhi -110011 ([meacoa@mea.gov.in](mailto:meacoa@mea.gov.in)) for a response to the applicant.

For (2): In connection with the information sought by the applicant related to gifts given by the Prime Ministers during visits abroad, this is to state that the Prime Minister of India presents gifts, as per the laid down norms, to various foreign dignitaries. Information sought by you relates to, the type/cost of the gifts presented during the period mentioned above. It is true that 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. However, 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, 23D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011.

Yours sincerely,



(Madan Singh Bhandari)

Dy Chief of Protocol (Privileges)/ CPIO  
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1. Chief of Protocol, MEA ([jscop@mea.gov.in](mailto:jscop@mea.gov.in)) – for kind information.
2. Sr Accounts Officer, O/o Controller of Accounts, MEA, ([meacoa@mea.gov.in](mailto:meacoa@mea.gov.in))
3. US (RTI), MEA ([usrti@mea.gov.in](mailto:usrti@mea.gov.in))
4. PO (XMM), MEA, New Delhi ([poxmm@meaindia.in](mailto:poxmm@meaindia.in)).
5. Shri B.K. Roy, US & CPIO, PMO.

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### RTI REQUEST DETAILS

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| Registration No. :                                  | PMOIN/R<br>/2016/50055  | Date of Receipt :     | 06/01/2016      |
| Type of Receipt :                                   | Online Receipt  | Language of Request : | English         |
| Name :  | Tehseen Poonewalla  | Gender :              | Male            |
| Address :   | A-46, South Ex Part 2, Top Floor, behind Lacoste a, Mehraon Jewellers showroom, New Delhi, Pin:110049 |                       |                 |
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| Phone No. :   | Details not provided  | Mobile No. :          | +91-9650388155  |
| Email :   | write2tehseen@hotmail.com   |                       |                 |
| Status(Rural/Urban) :                               | Details not provided  | Education Status :    |                 |
| 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 ? : | No(Normal)  | Request Pertains to : |                 |

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