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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
Protocol Division

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Dated 05.06.2015

To
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Subject:- Information sought under RTI Act 2005 : Registration No. MOEAF/R/2015/01230 dated 7/5/2015 – seeking rules/norms and details of the gifts presented by the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister (EAM) and Officers of the Ministry to foreign dignitaries.

Sir,

Please refer to your above RTI application dated 7.5.15. In this connection, this is to state that the EAM and Officers of the Ministry present gifts, as per the laid down rules/norms, to various foreign dignitaries. However, the information relating to gift norms is sensitive. As such, exemption is sought under section 8(1) (a) RTI act 2005 for disclosure of the same.

2. As the information sought under the other points is more closely connected with the subject matter of the CNV Division of the Ministry, the RTI application is hereby transferred to Under Secretary (Vigilance) under Section 6(3) (ii) of the RTI Act 2005, for providing information to the applicant directly.

3. In case you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may appeal within 30 days to the Appellate authority in this Ministry at the following address: Joint Secretary (COP)/Appellate Authority, Room No. 149 A, South Block, New Delhi 110011.

Yours sincerely,

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UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT

Central Public Information Officer
Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhavan,
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Sir

Please provide complete information together with documents/correspondence/file-notings on under-mentioned aspects also relating to news-report 'India gifts 'fake' silverware to foreign dignitaries' (Mail-Today 11-01-2012):

1. Complete information on rules about gifts (including for purchase) to be given by Union Foreign Minister and others at MEA during their respective foreign-visits.
2. Complete information together with related file-notings/correspondence/documents etc on gift-items (a) taken (b) brought back undelivered by the then Union Foreign Minister Shri SM Krishna for his Malayasia-visit in the year 2011 mentioning also details of gift-items actually delivered 46/20/11
3. Complete information together with related file-notings/correspondence/documents etc on purchase of gift-items for Malayasia-visit of the then Union Foreign Minister Shri SM Krishna in the year 2011 mentioning also whereabouts utilization/return etc of undelivered gift-items.
4. Is it true that MEA detected some gift-items alleged to be crafted of silver brought undelivered by the then Union Foreign Minister Shri SM Krishna after his Malayasia-visit in the year 2011 not being of silver as also mentioned in enclosed news-report?
5. Complete information together with file-notings correspondence documents leading to initiating enquiry in respect of gift-items not being of silver as alleged. copy of the enquiry-report on the matter and subsequent action taken after receipt of enquiry-report mentioning names of culprits.
6. Complete information together with file-notings correspondence documents on action-taken to get refund in respect of (a) returned gift-items (b) pro-rata excess amount charged in respect of gift-items utilized for being gifted.
7. Is it true that some Mayank Dayal of Blue Bird International was behind supply of gift-items allegedly made of silver but not being actually of silver (a) for gift-items during Malayasia-visit of the then Union Foreign Minister Shri SM Krishna in the year 2011 (b) other occasions as also mentioned in enclosed news-report, revealing also if Mayank Dayal and/or Blue Bird International were found to have some supporting link at MEA and/or Assam Emporium and/or other public-authorities for conspiring such supply of fake silver-items.
8. Complete information together with file-notings correspondence/documents on action taken by MEA and/or others including also Assam Emporium against Mayank Dayal and/or Blue Bird International mentioning also if some police-complaint was lodged against Mayank Dayal and/or Blue Bird International.

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either by MEA and/or Assam Emporium and/or others enclosing copy of any such police-report/s giving details of subsequent proceedings at police or court/s

9. Complete information together with file-notings/correspondence/documents on action taken by MEA and/or others including also Assam Emporium for black-listing Mayank Dayal and/or Blue Bird International by MEA and/or Assam Emporium and/or others enclosing copy of all file-notings/correspondence/documents etc in respect of such black-listing
10. Complete information on rules/norms/practice etc on sharing such cases of cheating/frauds etc as referred in queries above amongst all state-emporiums mentioning if such sharing was done in respect of Mayank Dayal and/or Blue Bird International enclosing copies of file-notings/correspondence/documents on sharing of information in this respect
11. In case no action is taken against culprits involved in aspect as referred in queries above, complete information on action taken-to-be-taken now on the matter
12. Complete information together with file-notings/correspondence/documents on corrective measures taken by MEA and/or Assam Emporium and/or others to prevent future such happenings like mentioned in queries above
13. Any other related information
14. File-notings on movement of RTI-petition

In case queries relate to other public-authority, transfer RTI-petition there under section 6(3) of RTI-Act. Postal-order 16F-279704 for rupees ten is enclosed towards RTI-fees in name of "Accounts-Officer" as per DoPT-circular No.F.10/9/2008-IR dated 05.12.2008.



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