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 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].
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:

(a) whether the Namaste Trump event in Ahmedabad was organised by a private organisation/Committee and not by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details regarding the organisers of Namaste Trump event and the Members and President of the Committee;

(d) whether Government has incurred any financial expense for that event and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has funded the organisers of the event; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(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:

(i) Smt. Bijalben Patel, Mayor, Ahmedabad – Chairperson

(ii) Dr. (Prof.) Kirit Premjibhai Solanki, Member of Parliament, Ahmedabad (West)

(iii) Shri Hasmukhbhai Somabhai Patel, Member of Parliament, Ahmedabad (East)

(iv) Prof. (Dr.) H. A. Pandya, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University

(v) Prof. (Dr.) Navin Sheth, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University

https://mea.gov.in/rajya-sabha.htm?dtl/32582/QUESTION_NO2929_NAMASTE_TRUMP_EVENT_IN_AHMEDABAD
(vi) Shri Durgesh Buch, President, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry

(vii) Dr. Balkrishna V. Doshi, Architect

(viii) Shri Bhikhudan Gadhvi, Folk Artist

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

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### RTI REQUEST DETAILS

**Registration Number (पंजीकृत संख्या):** MOEAF/R/E/20/00279/1  
**Date of Receipt (मान्यता की तारीख):** 21/02/2020

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**Is Requester Below Poverty Line? (क्या आपका परिवार की रेखा से नीचे का है?):** No  
**Citizenship Status (नागरिकता):** Indian

**Amount Paid (राशि का पुर्णांक):** 0 (Received by Ministry of External Affairs (original recipient))  
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**Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person? (क्या यह व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है?):** No (Normal)  
**Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है?):** US (AMS)

**Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी):** for point no. 1, 3, 4

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.

In this context, the applicant undersigned requests the following information at the earliest:

1. Please state whether Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti has sought clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs to host the Namaste Trump event.

2. Please state the names of the organizers who are a part of the Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti.

3. Please provide a copy of the permission request or any other correspondence received by the MEA from Donald Trump Nagrik Abhinandan Samiti.

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.

**Original RTI Text (गुल अर्थातीआई पाठ):**