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Dear A

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 29 October 2019, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“...all communications and information you have regarding Indian weapon companies: Tata Group, Mahindra Group, Hero Group, Reliance Industries, Bharat Forge, Hinduja Group, Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group, for the period 2013-2019”.

Under section 12(1) of the Act, a request can be made by any person who is in New Zealand. While you have not provided your name, given the straightforward nature of your request, we have chosen in this instance to provide a response without first determining your eligibility to make a request under the Act.

The Ministry of Defence has undertaken a keyword search of our electronic files and we have not identified any material on the companies Tata Group, Hero Group, Reliance Industries, Bharat Forge, Hinduja Group, and Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group. As such, we are declining this part of your request under section 18(e), as this information does not exist.

We have identified an email containing an article from *eastasiaforum.org*, titled ‘Japan open for arms business’ from 29 May 2018, that referenced Mahindra Group. As this article is publicly available, we are declining this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

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Richard Burn
Acting Deputy Secretary Capability Delivery