NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION NO. 3102- 2018**

#### FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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**“Leader of the opposition party (DA) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture”**

Whether, since he served in Cabinet, he (a)(i) was ever influenced by any person and/or (ii) influenced any of his department’s employees to take any official administrative action on behalf of any (aa) member, (bb) employee and/or (cc) close associate of the Gupta family and/or (b) attended any meeting where any of the specified persons were present; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW3466E

**REPLY:**

(a)(i)(ii)(aa)(bb)(cc) Since appointed to serve in Cabinet from September of 2008 to date, I have never influenced any official of government nor was I ever influenced by any person to act in a particular manner that is against the law.

(b) I have never attended a meeting where the specified persons were present, however I was invited by this family in my capacity as the Minister of Police to attend a Diwali function, which was either in 2009 or 2010.