



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Ms. McCollum:

Thank you for your letter of July 8 requesting that the Department of State deny the visitor visa application of the Chief Minister of the State of Gujarat, Mr. Narendra Modi.

The Department of State is extremely sensitive to your concerns and we are cognizant of the human rights abuses Mr. Modi has committed. The Department's detailed views on these abuses were published in our annual "*Country Reports on Human Rights Practices*" and "*International Religious Freedom Report*" from 2005. This information was originally introduced by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and made available to the public on our website at www.state.gov.

We have thoroughly searched Department records and located no current nonimmigrant visa applications for Mr. Modi. However, should we receive an application, we assure you it will be adjudicated in strict accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), including Section 212(a)(2)(G) which states that "any alien who, while serving as a foreign government official, was responsible for or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom, as defined in section 3 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402) is inadmissible."

We hope this information is helpful in addressing your concerns. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew A. Reynolds".

Matthew A. Reynolds
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Betty McCollum,
House of Representatives.