

**From:** First Secretary Commerce Dr Ajay Kumar E/I Washington <ccom@indiagov.org>  
**To:** Veldran, KatherineKatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov  
**Date:** 10/15/2014 12:06:46 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Governor Nikki Haley - Gujarat Update

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I am running through couple of meetings and will be able to call you by 4 pm now. Is that OK with you? Ajay

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2014, at 11:51 AM, Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

I am available now for a call.  
Katherine

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**From:** First Secretary Commerce Dr Ajay Kumar E/I Washington [mailto:ccom@indiagov.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:20 AM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Subject:** RE: Governor Nikki Haley - Gujarat Update

Dear Katherine

I was trying to speak to you on your both the numbers but diverted to voice mail. Could you please suggest best time to speak to you. For your clarity, following are important to note:

1. Foreign Minister is same as External Affairs Minister (as we call in India).
2. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is based in Chennai (capital city of Tamil Nadu State).
3. As your office decided to not to go to Gujarat now, so arranging a meeting with Gujarat Chief Minister in Delhi will not be feasible. I referred to you yesterday during our call a possible meeting with Mr. Bharat Lal, Resident Commissioner of Gujarat (based in Delhi) who has been closely associated with the Vibrant Gujarat Summit held in Gujarat biannually and is planned from 11-13 January 2015 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. We can discuss this further.
4. Given the high level business delegation led by Governor Haley, we strongly recommend a meeting with Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry. We are not sure at this moment about her availability. We can speak further on this.

Please advise when can I get you a call.

Regards

Ajay

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine [mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 10:27 AM  
**To:** First Secretary Commerce Dr Ajay Kumar E/I Washington

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**Subject:** RE: Governor Nikki Haley - Gujarat Update

Thank you for your email.

I had in my notes - recommendations for her to meet with the Gujarat Chief Minister, Chennai Chief Minister, and the Foreign Minister.

Please call me to discuss when you are available. I would also want to go over opening on her schedule.

Thank you,

Katherine

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**From:** First Secretary Commerce Dr Ajay Kumar E/I Washington [<mailto:ccom@indiagov.org>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:54 AM

**To:** Veldran, Katherine

**Subject:** RE: Governor Nikki Haley - Gujarat Update

Dear Katherine

As we spoke earlier, we are working on following two meetings for Governor Haley in Delhi within the window of November 16-18, 2014:

1. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister
2. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry

We are also working on meetings with Chief Ministers of Punjab and Tamil Nadu. We will let you know the feedback from their offices.

Regards

Ajay

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2014 4:24 PM

**To:** First Secretary Commerce Dr Ajay Kumar E/I Washington

**Cc:** Taranjit Singh ([taranjitsandhu@gmail.com](mailto:taranjitsandhu@gmail.com))

**Subject:** RE: Governor Nikki Haley - Gujarat Update

Ajay,

Attached is a general schedule. I hope this helps.

I am around all afternoon if you have any questions.

Katherine

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine

**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2014 3:53 PM

**To:** 'First Secretary Commerce Dr Ajay Kumar E/I Washington'

**Subject:** RE: Governor Nikki Haley - Gujarat Update

Still in the process. You will have shortly.

Katherine

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**From:** First Secretary Commerce Dr Ajay Kumar E/I Washington [<mailto:ccom@indiagov.org>]

**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2014 3:53 PM

**To:** Veldran, Katherine

**Subject:** RE: Governor Nikki Haley - Gujarat Update

Thanks Katherine. Have you sent message to Ambassador Sandhu or still in the process? Regards Ajay

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2014 1:55 PM

**To:** First Secretary C/L E/I Washington; First Secretary Commerce Dr Ajay Kumar E/I Washington

**Cc:** Taranjit Singh ([taranjitsandhu@gmail.com](mailto:taranjitsandhu@gmail.com))

**Subject:** Governor Nikki Haley - Gujarat Update

After heavy consideration, we regret to inform you that due to scheduling conflicts, logistics, and time constraints, Governor Nikki Haley will not be able to travel to Gujarat during South Carolina's economic development trade mission in November.

We highly value the Prime Minister's suggestion and the efforts and coordination regarding this potential visit. We look forward to traveling to Gujarat during a potential follow up mission to India in 2015.

Please email and/or call (803-767-7583) me directly if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Katherine

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