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Sahara India to Open India centre in UK by Dhiraj

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Sahara India Pariwar, Chairman & Managing Worker, Mr. Subrata Roy Sahara along with his team met with Honorable Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Mr. David Cameroon and his team at his official residence 10 Downing Street, London.

Amongst various deliberations were deliberation over the iconic 4 acre INDIA CENTRE in East London in association with the Olympic university of East London held the core .The Prime Minister appreciated the fact that this would be the only endeavor of its kind in the world between a corporate and a University.

Sahara Supremo's proposal of creating a "think tank" within the United Kingdom to explore unique and hidden business opportunities and portray it to the world was deeply appreciated by the Prime Minister with a promise to support the initiative. The initiative would also lead to creating a roundtable think tank platform in India as well as leading business houses and present to the Honorable Prime Minister when he would visit India later in the year.

The initiative and enterprising approach of the Prime Minister could be gauged from the fact that he personally enquired from the Chairman about the likelihood of a large business interest and opportunity in South of Wales that the group had only recently been following up.

As the meeting came to the end the Honorable Prime Minister extended a personal invitation to the chairman to be his special guest at the Inaugural ceremony of the Olympics next month in July.

Sahara India rallies support to Paes over Olympic pairing

Sahara India, promoting sports and sports personalities in the country, has now appealed to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to do justice to Leander Paes and intervene in the matter which would prevent the country from winning a certain gold medal in the London Olympics.

"Leander Paes is one of India's most revered sportspersons of all times, who broke the jinx of not winning an Olympic medal for 16 years by bringing glory to the country in the men's singles competition at Atlanta in 1996 by winning a bronze medal, the first and the only medal India has won in tennis at the Olympics. He has won a dozen plus grand slams and has played over a 100 games in the Davis Cup and is universally acknowledged as one of the best Davis Cup players in history. Yet, he has been sacrificed at the altar of egos, dirty politicking and unnecessary political intervention," said Subrata Roy, Chairman of the Sahara India Pariwar here. In a statement here last night, Mr. Roy said, only Leander Paes qualified from India directly or automatically because he was ranked number 7 in the world as per the latest seedings. This also allows Leander a direct entry into the London Games and also allows him to choose his partner.

But in the case of Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna, they could participate in the Olympics if they play together as Rohan is ranked 12th and Mahesh is ranked 13th in the world.

"If Leander played with either Mahesh or Rohan then the other person would have missed out because he isn't in the top 10 and hence, did not get automatic entry. Also there isn't another player in India who could have combined with Mahesh or Rohan and whose ranking is under 25 or 30 in the world. The only way Rohan and Mahesh could have played the Olympics is as two together. AITA, Sports Ministry supported personal benefit at the cost of country's interest, â€œhe added.

The statement further claimed that the best Olympic medal chances is in one doubles team of Paes and Bopanna or Mahesh while Ms. Sania Mirza could have played mixed doubles with Paes as is a higher ranked player.

Mr. Roy has questioned whether the All India Tennis Association (AITA) has done justice to Paes by pairing him with 205th ranked player in the Olympics. (UNI)

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