

An Honoured Guest of India

The Dalai Lama with Presidents and Prime Ministers

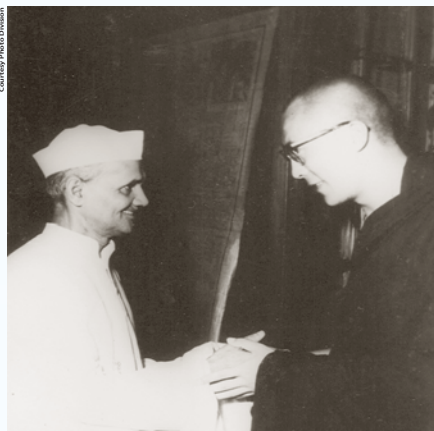


Between Prime Minister Nehru and President Rajendra Prasad in 1956



With Vice-President S. Radhakrishnan and Prime Ministers J. Nehru (India) and U Nu (Burma)

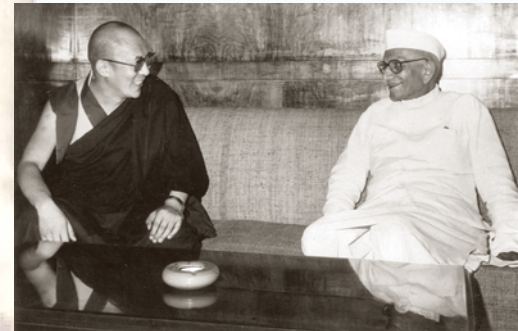
On his arrival in India in April 1959, Nehru sent a message to the Dalai Lama: "My colleagues and I welcome you and send greetings on your safe arrival in India. We shall be happy to afford the necessary facilities to you, your family and entourage to reside in India. The people of India, who hold you in great veneration, will no doubt accord their traditional respect to your personage."



With Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri



With Prime Minister Indira Gandhi



With Prime Minister Morarji Desai



With Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi

In 2009, Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh clarified again the status of the Dalai Lama. He told his Chinese counterpart: "The Dalai Lama is our honoured guest in India, ...the Dalai Lama is free to travel anywhere he wishes to in India."



With President Gyani Zail Singh



With Prime Minister I.K. Gujral



With Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee



With President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam