

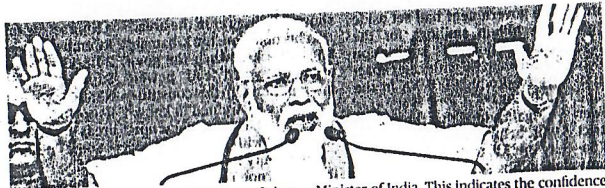
Magufuli congratulates India's Prime Minister

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli has congratulated India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi following his re-election victory for another five years in office.

In his tweet, President Magufuli assured Modi of continued bilateral relations between the two countries.

"On behalf of the government and the people of Tanzania I congratulate your Excellency



Narendra Modi on your re-election as Prime Minister of India. This indicates the confidence

that your compatriots have in you. Be assured of our commitment to strengthen our bilateral relations", said President Magufuli in his tweet.

In his reply, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said: "Thank you President Magufuli for your kind words. I look forward to continue strengthening the partnership between our two great countries in the coming years".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has secured another five-year term after his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won a crushing victory

Results so far showed that the won about 300 of the 543 seats in parliament, exceeding expectations and building on the commanding majority it achieved in 2014

The main opposition alliance, headed by Rahul Gandhi's Congress party, has admitted defeat. Congress is set to win fewer than 60 seats

The re-election of Modi brings to a close the largest election the world has ever seen. More than 600 million people voted in the marathon six-week contest.