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Harish Manwani, the chairman of Hindustan Lever was in the hotel during the attack and unreachable. A relative of his called his cellphone which was switched off. On a whim, she tried the front desk of the hotel.

At 3 am on Thursday morning, five hours into the attack, with gunfire and grenade explosions going on above her, the receptionist picked up the phone at the Taj and said: "The Taj Mahal Hotel, good morning."

Aakar Patel. Saturday 29 November

Sorry Mr. Terrorist, you picked the wrong city.

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