

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
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**Complaint No. CIC/BS/C/2015/000045**

Complainant: Mr. Satish Chander Bhardwaj,  
R/o. Block 17/927, Lodhi Colony,  
New Delhi-110003  
(9810655085)

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer  
Scientist D, M/o. Communication Information  
Technology, National Informatics Centre,  
RTI Division, A-Block, CGO Complex,  
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Date of Hearing: 28.02.2017

Dated of Decision: 28.02.2017

**ORDER**

**Facts:**

1. The complainant filed RTI application dated 24.10.2014 seeking information regarding to provide the inspection of office file with respect to the setting up of a new division of Legal Service at NIC Hq. New Delhi; to provide the certified copies of all the notes and correspondence from the said office file including details of the selection criteria of HOG; bio- data etc of certain officers; DDG (HOG) and other as per the office order dated 14.08.2014; to assign reasons for not selecting the complainant for the legal division etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 10.11.2014. The complainant filed first appeal dated 17.11.2014 with First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 27.11.2014. The complainant filed complaint on 06.02.2015 before the Commission on the ground that information has not been provided to him.

**Hearing:**

3. The complainant and the respondent were personally present in the hearing.

4. The complainant stated that the desired information has not been provided to him. The complainant stated that at this juncture, he wants a copy of the first four pages of the file of legal service division, selection criteria for the post and bio-data and education qualification of selected candidates.

5. The complainant stated that the sought for document are public documents as per section 75 of Indian Evidence Act. The Complainant stated that all the records of the public servant are public documents.

6. The respondent stated that the relevant file has been inspected by the complainant. The respondent stated that he was asked to deposit copy fee charges but he did not deposit the required amount. The respondent stated that the education qualification, bio-data of the selected candidates are third party and personal information, hence, cannot be provided to the complainant.

7. The respondent stated that they will provide first four pages of the file to the complainant. The respondent stated that so far as the selection criteria is concerned, if it is available in the file, then they will provide to the complainant.

**Discussion/ observation:**

8. The complaint may be treated as second appeal as the complainant has availed the remedy of the first appeal and is pursuing for seeking information.

9. The education certificate and bio-data of the candidates are third party and personal information, which cannot be provided unless larger public interest involved in the matter. In the instant matter, there is no larger public interest established by the appellant. However, the respondent may make available the criteria for the selection to the post, if it is available with them on file.

**Decision:**

10. The respondent is directed to provide to the appellant, the information as stated in para 7 above, within 15 days of this order.

The appeal is disposed of. Copy of the order be given to the parties free of cost.

**(Radha Krishna Mathur)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner**

Authenticated true copy

(S.C. Sharma)  
Dy. Registrar