

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

2nd Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000031

Dated 21.09.2016

Appellant : Shri Dinesh Chandra,
H-172, Kali Bari Marg,
New Delhi-110001.

Respondent : Central Public Information Officer,
Staff Selection Commission,
Block No.12, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110504.

Date of Hearing : 21.09.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application filed on : 23.09.2014

CPIO's reply : 17.02.2015/21.04.2015

First appeal filed on : 25.11.2014/27.02.2015

FAA's Order : 16.04.2015

Second appeal filed on : 15.06.2015

ORDER

1. Shri Dinesh Chandra filed an application dated 23.09.2014 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Staff Selection Commission (SSC) seeking information regarding his earlier letter dated 10.03.2014 relating to empanelment of Openers/Checkers/Scorers.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 15.06.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that he is not satisfied with the information provided by the CPIO and that his first appeal dated 25.11.2014 was disposed of vide letter dated 17.02.2015 without calling him for hearing. The appellant requested the Commission that his appeal may be heard as the information provided by the Delhi Police and the F.A.A. is contradictory

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri Dinesh Chandra was not present despite notice. The respondent Shri Ashok Kumar Vijay, CPIO, SSC was present in person.

4. The respondent submitted that the information sought was provided to the appellant vide letter dated 17.02.2015. The appellant was, inter-alia, informed that as per record his bio-data had been sent for verification of character and antecedents to the Office of the Dy. Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police Bhawan (Special Branch) on 19.12.2013 and the same had not been received by the SSC till 17.02.2015. The appellant was also informed that SSC has the right to accept/reject any application without assigning any reason.

Decision:

5. The Commission heard the submissions of the respondent and perused the records. The Commission observes that the CPIO had informed the appellant that his verification report from Delhi Police had not been received till 17.02.2015 whereas the Delhi Police had informed the appellant that his verification report had been forwarded by Delhi Police vide letter dated 24.01.2014. The Commission, therefore, directs the CPIO to communicate to the Commission within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order by means of a sworn affidavit, that the verification report had not been

received by SSC till 17.02.2015. A copy of the affidavit shall also be provided to the appellant.S

6. With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.
7. Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer