

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
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Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/000050

Appellant: Ramesh Sadharam Gianchandani
205 Devika Cooperative Housing Society 20101
A Gaffar Beg Street, Pune-411001

Respondent: 1. Central Public Information Officer
RTI Cell, Rly Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-
110001
2. Central Public Information Officer
DRM (W), Central Rly, O/o DRM, Works Branch,
Solapur

Date of Hearing: 07.12.2016
Dated of Decision: 07.12.2016

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 05.03.2014 seeking information regarding finalisation/closure of civil contracts including stipulated time frame within which the concerned Railway Division has to finalise such matters, action against the concerned officials for not finalising the contract and release of bill payment and security deposits etc.

2. The CPIO responded on 02.04.2014. The appellant filed first appeal on 15.04.2014 with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 21.05.2014. The appellant filed appeal on 24.12.2014 before the Commission with the plea that the sought for information has not been provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The respondent participated in the hearing. The appellant did not participate in the hearing.

4. The respondent Railway Board stated that the sought for information pertains to Central Railway, Solapur Division. The appellant had filed many

RTI applications with Solapur Division and has also got replies. The respondent stated that whatever information was available with was given to the appellant vide reply dated 02.04.2014. They have transferred the RTI application dated 05.03.2014 and relevant papers to the CPIO, General Manager Office, Central Railway , Mumbai vide letter dated 30.09.2014.

5. The respondent stated that RTI application dated 01.08.2014 and first appeal dated 13.09.2014 has been replied to vide letter dated 29.12.2014 and 07.01.2015. The respondent stated that Mumbai Office has replied vide letter dated 20.02.2015. The respondent stated that this Commission vide order dated 27.09.2014 has disposed the appellant's matter on the issue which was the same as matter at hand.

Discussion/ observation:

6. The sought for information should have been provided to the appellant. It is observed that the non redressal of the grievance of the appellant is main source of generation fresh RTIs on the issue.

7. It is observed that if the facts mentioned by the appellant in his pleading are correct then it amounts to harassment of the appellant.

Decision:

8. Respondent no. 2 is directed to provide the information to the appellant in the context of his RTI application dated 05.03.2014 within 30 days of this order.

9. Respondents are advised to redress the grievances of the appellant in time bound manner so that fresh RTI do not get generated.

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