

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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

Decision No. CIC/SB/C/2015/000054

Dated 27.10.2016

Complainant : ShriR.K. Jain,
1512-B, Bhishm Pitamah Marg,
Wazir Nagar, New Delhi-110 003.

Respondent : Central Public Information Officer,
Customs Excise and Service Tax
Appellate Tribunal,
West Block 2, R.K. Puram,
New Delhi-110 066.

Date of Hearing : 27.10.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the Complaint:

RTI application filed on : 04.09.2015

CPIO's reply : 08.09.2015/10.09.2015

Complaint filed on : 21.09.2015

ORDER

1. ShriR.K. Jain filed an application dated 04.09.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Customs Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) seeking information on five points pertaining to date and diary no. under which DO No.A-12026/2011-Ad.IC(CESTAT) dated 30.04.2014 of JS MOF (DOR) and addressed to the President CESTAT was received.

2. The complainant filed a complaint dated 21.09.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the CPIO, the Deemed CPIOs and SPS of the President, CESTAT have deliberately, malafidely and persistently not provided the information in spite of the clear mandate of the RTI Act. The complainant further requested the Commission to impose penalty on the CPIO, the Deemed CPIOs and SPS of the President, CESTAT under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act.

Hearing on 27.10.2016:

3. The complainant Shri R.K. Jain was present in person. The respondent was not present despite notice.

Interim Decision:

4. The Commission, takes note of the absence of the respondent during the hearing. However, one last opportunity is accorded to the respondent to file a written reply to the complaint dated 21.09.2015 of the complainant with the Commission and a copy of the same shall be served on the complainant by **18.11.2016**. Thereafter, the complainant would file a rejoinder to the reply of the respondent with the Commission and a copy of the same shall be served on the respondent by **30.11.2016**. The matter is listed for hearing on **01.12.2016 at 10.30 am.**

5. Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer