

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,  
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

**Decision No. CIC/YA/A/2014/000097/SB**

**Dated 17.10.2016**

**Appellant** : Shri Thakur Narmdesh Prasad Singh,  
VPO Sirnawan,  
Via Harnaut,  
Distt. Nalanda,  
Bihar-803110.

**Respondent** : The Central Public Information Officer,  
Central Information Commission,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, B-Wing,  
August Kranti Bhawan,  
Bhikaji Cama Place,  
New Delhi-110 066.

**Date of Hearing** : 17.10.2016

**Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:**

RTI application filed on : 12.07.2013

CPIO's reply : 01.08.2013

First appeal filed on : 02.09.2013

FAA's order : 30.09.2013

Complaint filed on : 09.10.2013

**ORDER**

1. Shri Thakur Narmdesh Prasad Singh filed an application dated 12.07.2013 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Central Information Commission (CIC) seeking information on the status of his complaint dated 11.12.2012 received in CIC vide Dy. No.188737 dated 19.12.2012.

**2.** The appellant filed a second appeal dated 30.04.2014 before the Commission on the grounds that the First Appellate Authority (FAA) informed him that his office is not empowered to review the orders of the Commission. The appellant states that contradictory decisions of CIC have created confusion and state of uncertainty in the matter of private schools – whether private schools come under the provisions of RTI Act or not. The appellant requested the Commission to decide this long pending and controversial matter by constituting a larger bench of Commissioners of CIC.

**Hearing:**

**3.** The appellant Shri Thakur N Prasad Singh was not present despite notice. The respondent Shri A.K. Sharma, CPIO, RTI, CIC was present in person.

**4.** The respondent submitted that a second appeal in a similar matter has already been heard and disposed of by the Commission vide case No. CIC/YA/A/2014/000904/SB dated 05.09.2016.

**Decision:**

**5.** The Commission, after hearing the respondent and perusing the records, finds that the RTI application dated 12.07.2013 filed by Shri N.P. Singh under consideration in this matter is identical to the RTI application considered in file No. CIC/YA/A/2014/000904/SB which was heard by the Commission on 05.09.2016 and disposed of vide decision dated 05.09.2016. Hence, no further action is required in the matter.

**6.** With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.

7. Copy of the decision be provided to both the parties free of cost.

**(Sudhir Bhargava)**  
**Information Commissioner**

**Authenticated true copy**

**(V.K. Sharma)**  
**Designated Officer**