

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000135

Dated 24.10.2016

Appellant : Shri M.M. Periyasami,
No.22, Amman Nagar,
Machampalayam,
Sundaprapuram,
Coimbatore, T.N.-641024.

Respondent : Central Public Information Officer,
Department of Personnel & Training,
North Block, New Delhi-110 001.

Date of Hearing : 24.10.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application filed on : 14.08.2014

CPIO's reply : 26.09.2014

First appeal filed on : 07.10.2014

FAA's order : 27.10.2014

Second appeal filed on : 03.04.2015

ORDER

1. Shri M.M. Periyasami filed an application dated 14.08.2014 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information

Officer (CPIO), Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) seeking information regarding stepping up of pay at par with his juniors.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 03.04.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that he has not been provided any information by the CPIO and the FAA.

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri M.M. Periyasami attended the hearing through video conferencing. The respondent Shri Pushpendra Kumar, Under Secretary and CPIO, DoPT was present in person.

4. The appellant submitted that the information sought has not been provided to him. The appellant further submitted that the representations were merely forwarded to the Department of Post without examining the said representations.

5. The respondent submitted that the representations made by the appellant relates to Department of Post and, therefore, all the representations as well as the appellant's RTI application were transferred to the Department of Post vide letters dated 12.03.2014, 22.09.2014 and 26.09.2014. The respondent further submitted that the appellant wants redressal of his grievance, however, the same cannot be redressed under the RTI Act as there are other appropriate forums for the redressal of the same.

Decision:

6. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, observes that the representations of the appellant about which the information was sought under the RTI application relates to Department of Post and, therefore, all the representations as well as the

appellant's RTI application were transferred to the Department of Post by the respondent. The Commission also agrees with the respondent that the appellant is seeking redressal of his grievances and there are other appropriate forums available for the same. Hence, no intervention of the Commission is required in the matter.

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

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer