

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

**Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000143**

**Dated 03.11.2016**

**Appellant** : Shri Swarn Dev,  
C-65, Bharat Nagar,  
Talab Tillo,  
Jammu.

**Respondent** : Central Public Information Officer,  
O/o the DIG,  
Border Security Force,  
Rajouri Sector,  
Rajouri (J & K)

**Date of Hearing** : 03 .11.2016

**Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:**

RTI application filed on : 02.03.2015

CPIO's reply : 15.04.2015

First appeal filed on : 13.04.2015

Second appeal filed on : 09.07.2015

**ORDER**

1. Shri Swarn Dev filed an application dated 02.03.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Rajouri Sector, Border Security Force (BSF) seeking information on five points relating to Operation Thunder Bolt of which he was a part, including (a) detailed report of "Op Thunder Bolt" undertaken by 138 Bn BSF in Kamla Forests of TRAL subdivision of Kashmir Valley on 22/23 December, 2002 and (b) copies of citations of Gallantry Awards to officers and men.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 09.07.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the CPIO did not provide the information sought by him taking exemption under Section 24 of the RTI Act, 2005 and that the First Appellate Authority (FAA) too did not respond to his appeal. The appellant states that the information sought does not pertain to any matter which may jeopardize national interest, rather it would enhance the morale of the officers and hence, refusal of information is not warranted. The appellant requested the Commission to take necessary penal action as deemed fit against the erring officers of BSF.

**Hearing:**

3. Both the appellant and the respondent were not present despite notice.

**Decision:**

4. The Commission, after perusing the records, observes that in this case information has been sought from an organization (BSF) to which the RTI Act does not apply as per Section 24(1) of the Act. Further, the information sought does not pertain to allegations of corruption and human rights violations. Hence, the information sought cannot be provided to the appellant

5. With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.

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

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

**Authenticated true copy**

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