

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000170

Dated 25.10.2016

Appellant : Shri Pradeep Kumar Tiwari,
27/100, Tulsi Colony,
Laxman Talaiya, Ganeshpura,
Muraina-476001, Madhya Pradesh.

Respondent : Central Public Information Officer,
Central Forensic Science Laboratory,
Central Board of Investigation,
Block IV, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110 003.

Date of Hearing : 25.10.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application filed on : 20.05.2015

CPIO's reply : 12.06.2015

First appeal filed on : 17.06.2015

FAA's order : 08.07.2015

Second appeal filed on : 14.07.2015

ORDER

1. Shri Pradeep Kumar Tiwari filed an application dated 20.05.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) seeking information/photo copies of Log Book

from 21.06.2012 to 27.06.2012 having the entries of Video Spectral Comparator-4 (VSC) instrument.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 13.07.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that he is not satisfied with the information provided to him by the CPIO as well as the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri Pradeep Kumar Tiwari was not present despite notice. The respondent Shri Anil Sharma, Senior Scientific Officer-II, Document, CFSL was present in person.

4. The respondent submitted that there is no entry in the log book for the time-period mentioned by the appellant. Hence, information sought by him could not be provided. The respondent further submitted that the appellant was also informed about the same vide letter dated 12.06.2015.

Decision:

5. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of the respondent and perusing the records, observes that as per the respondent, no entries in the log book of VSC-IV for the time-period mentioned by the appellant were made and, therefore, the information sought could not be provided to the appellant. The Commission further observes that since the respondent was not carrying the log book for VSC-IV during the hearing, therefore, the submissions of the respondent could not be verified. In view of this, the Commission directs the respondent to file an affidavit with the Commission deposing that no entries in the log book were made from 21.06.2012 to 27.06.2012 in respect of VSC-IV. A copy of the affidavit shall also be served on the appellant. The above directions shall be complied with within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this decision.

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

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer