

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000225

Dated 03.11.2016

Appellant : Shri Pawan Kumar Pahwa,
30-31, II Block, Old Abadi,
Sri Ganganagar,
Rajasthan-335 001.

Respondent : Central Public Information Officer,
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi-110 001.

Date of Hearing : 03.11.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application filed on : 27.05.2015

CPIO's reply : 24.06.2015

First appeal filed on : 30.06.2015

FAA's order : 23.07.2015

Second appeal filed on : 03.08.2015

ORDER

1. Shri Pawan Kumar Pahwa filed an application dated 27.05.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Election Commission of India (ECI) seeking information on three points pertaining to organizational elections of certain political parties.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 03.08.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the CPIO has not provided complete and

correct information and he is not satisfied with the order of the First Appellate Authority (FAA).

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri Pawan Kumar Pahwa was not present despite notice. The respondent Shri P.K. Sharma, Secretary, ECI was present in person.

4. The respondent in respect of point no. 1 of the RTI application, submitted that the appellant was provided information vide letter dated 24.06.2015 on payment of the requisite fee. With respect to point no. 2 of the RTI application, the respondent submitted that no information is maintained with the ECI and that no such information is received from the respective political parties. With respect to point no. 3 of the RTI application, the respondent submitted that there is no such power to withdraw the recognition of political parties and that in case of non-compliance of ECI's order, only the election symbol of the parties can be forfeited.

Decision:

5. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of the respondent and perusing the records, observes that due information has been provided to the appellant by the respondent. Hence, no further intervention of the Commission is required in the matter.

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