

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
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Complaint No.CIC/KY/C/2015/000239

Complainant: Ajay Kumar Bharti,
Residence:- Utraula Road, Bhagwati Ganj
Opp. Sradar Hotel, Distt. Balrampur, U.P.-
271201.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
RPO, M/o External Affairs,
Passport Office Complex, Vipin Khand,
Gomti nagar, Lucknow, U.P.-226010.

Date of Hearing: 10.03.2017

Date of Decision: 10.03.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The complainant filed RTI application dated 01.09.2015 seeking information on 15 points in the context of his passport application file No. LK-3068555177815 dated 11.03.2015 viz (i) documents required for getting passport, (ii) Whether police verification is the only basis, (iii)w.r.t. validity of affidavit furnished by applicant and that of witnesses, (iv) w.r.t. SMS regarding adverse report, etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 24.09.2015 by giving a point wise reply. The complainant filed first appeal dated 05.10.2015 before the first appellate authority (FAA). The FAA response is not on record. The complainant filed

complaint to the Commission on 14.12.2015 on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The complainant and the respondent did not participate in the hearing.

Discussion/ observation:

4. From the perusal of the record, it appears that the sought for information has been provided to the complainant.. The action/steps taken by the respondent in dealing with the RTI application are satisfactory.

Decision:

5. The Commission's intervention is not required in the matter.

6. The respondent is directed to showcause why action should not be taken for not attending the hearing, within 30 days of this order.

7. The Chief Passport Officer is advised to issue directions to all offices for:

(i) Invariably giving pointwise replies to RTI application.

(ii) Specific deficient documents should be clearly mentioned.

(iii) If an adverse police report is received, its copy should be sent to applicant immediately for his comments.

(iv) Clearly articulated policy, shared with general public, for re-verification of police report should be laid down.

This may be done within 30 days of this order.

The complaint is disposed of. Copy of the order be given to the parties free of cost.

(Radha Krishna Mathur)
Chief Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(S.C. Sharma)

Dy. Registrar

Copy: The Chief Passport Officer & Joint Secretary , Room No. 8 Ministry of Exeternal Affairs, CPV Section, Patiala House, Tilak Marg New Delhi-110001