

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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File No. CIC/KY/C/2016/000268

Appellant : Shri Rajdeep Singh
177, Sector-18-A, Chandigarh-160018

Public Authority : The Supdt. Finance I- cum CPIO
Chandigarh Administration, Deluxe Building,
Sec-9, UT Chandigarh

Date of Hearing : 13.10.2016

Date of Decision : 13.10.2016

Presence:

Appellant : Shri Rajdeep Singh
CPIO : Absent

FACTS:

- I. Vide RTI application dated **03.03.2016**, the Appellant sought information on **2 issues**.
- II. CPIO, response is not on record.
- III. The First Appeal (FA) was filed on **02.05.2016**, as desired information not provided.
- IV. First Appellate Authority (FAA), order is not on record.
- V. Grounds for the Second Appeal filed on **16.06.2016**, are contained in the Memorandum of Appeal.

HEARING

Appellant appeared before the Commission personally and made the submissions at length. **Respondent opted to be absent despite of our due notice to them.**

DECISION

During hearing of the appeal, it is submitted by the appellant that his so called complaint may be treated as a second appeal. On this appellant has also given his handwritten letter dated **13.10.2016**, requesting thereby that his complaint be treated as a second appeal & not complaint. Further, during hearing of the case, no submissions was made with regard penal action but has constantly been requesting for getting the required information from the respondents. In view of this, the Commission feels that it would be appropriate and even justified to convert the captioned petition into a second appeal. Therefore, it is converted into a **second appeal**. Thus, being deal accordingly.'

2. It is pertinent to mention here that the appellant, vide his RTI Application dated **03.03.2016**, sought information from the respondents on **2 issues**. However, respondents **failed to**

furnish any response to the appellant. Being aggrieved with the aforesaid PIO's **inaction**, appellant filed his FA on **02.05.2016** before FAA, who **could not take up** the same for its disposal **for the reasons best known to him**. Hence, a Second Appeal before this Commission.

3. The Commissioner heard the submissions made by appellant at length. The Commission also **perused** the case-file **thoroughly**; specifically, **nature of issues** raised by the appellant in his RTI application dated **03.03.2016**, other material made available on record and also the grounds of memorandum of second appeal.
4. The Commission is of the considered view that the appellant has been **deprived** by the respondents **deliberately** from having the benefits of the RTI Act 2005, **even after lapse of more than seven months period**. Thus, the respondents **have defeated the very purpose** of the RTI Act 2005 for which it was legislated by Parliament of India. As such, the Commission feels that it would be appropriate and even justified to allow the appellant's **second appeal in toto instead of remanding back to learned FAA for disposal of FA which is even more time consuming**. Therefore, it is allowed in toto.
5. In view of the above, the respondents are hereby directed to provide the **complete & categorical** information, **issue-wise**, to the appellant as per his RTI application, **in accordance with the provisions of RTI Act 2005**, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order under intimation to this Commission. **If need be, Section 5(4) of the RTI Act 2005 may also be invoked in the matter**.

The Appeal is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-

(M.A. Khan Yusufi)

Information Commissioner

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Deputy Secretary

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