

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/900003

Dated 21.10.2016

- Appellant** : Shri. Abhishek Verma,
S/o Late Shri H.K.L. Verma,
150, Pushp Vihar,
Dharampur,
Dehradun,
Uttarakhand-248001.
- Respondent** : The Central Public Information Officer,
Union Public Service Commission,
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road,
New Delhi-110069.
- Date of Hearing** : 21.10.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

- RTI application filed on : 18.02.2015
- CPIO's reply : 13.03.2015/08.05.2015
- First Appeal filed on : 02.04.2015
- FAA's Order : 08.05.2015
- 2nd Appeal filed on : 03.06.2015

ORDER

1. Shri Abhishek Verma filed an application dated 18.02.2015 under the Right to Information Act,2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) seeking information on nineteen points pertaining to interview process for selection for the post of Assistant Director General (ADG) in the Ministry of Tourism before the

interview conducted on 12th and 13th November, 2014, including (1) names of the candidates provisionally shortlisted by UPSC for the post of ADG in the Ministry of Tourism and (2) reasons for provisionally shortlisting the candidates.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 03.06.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the CPIO and First Appellate Authority (FAA), UPSC have denied and held back the information on point Nos. 2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the RTI application and despite FAA's order, the CPIO did not provide the recommendation letters sent to candidates mentioning different clauses as excuses of his RTI application on the plea of being of interrogative in nature and not classified as information as per the RTI Act, 2005.

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri Abhishek Verma attended the hearing through video conferencing. The respondent Shri Avishek Datta, Asstt. Section Officer, UPSC was present in person.

4. The appellant submitted that satisfactory information has not been provided to him in response to point nos. 2 to 15 of his RTI application by the respondent.

5. The respondent submitted that point wise information as per available records has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 13.03.2015. The respondent further submitted that the FAA's vide his order dated 08.05.2015 has directed the CPIO to provide certain additional information in respect of certain points of the RTI application and that the same has been complied with by the CPIO concerned and additional information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 08.05.2015. Hence, no further information remains to be provided to the appellant.

Decision:

6. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, observes that complete information on point nos. 9 and 13 of the RTI application has not been provided to the appellant by the respondent. In view of this, the Commission directs the respondent to provide information on point nos. 9 and 13 of the RTI application to the appellant, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this decision.

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

8. Copy of the decision be provided to both the parties free of cost.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer