

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

**Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000325**

**Dated 18.11.2016**

**Appellant** : ShriAshok S Narwani,  
F.No.102, Sai Shiv Apartment,  
Behind Kumar Dept. Store,  
Ulhasnagar, Thane,  
Maharashtra-421 002.

**Respondent** : Central Public Information Officer,  
Union Public Service Commission,  
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road,  
New Delhi-110 069.

**Date of Hearing** : 18.11.2016

**Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:**

RTI application filed on : 30.05.2015

CPIO's reply : 16.06.2015

First appeal filed on : 20.06.2015

FAA's order : 18.07.2015

Second appeal filed on : 03.09.2015

**ORDER**

1. ShriAshok S. Narwani filed an application dated 30.05.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) seeking information/documents on nine points regarding the status of the candidature of

one Shri Deepak Jethanand Somai in the Civil Services (Main) Examination-2014.

**2.** The appellant filed a second appeal dated 07.09.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the CPIO had incorrectly denied him information under the provisions of Section 8(1)(i) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act as Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act is not applicable in the present case as disclosure of the information sought would serve the larger public interest.

**Hearing:**

**3.** The appellant Shri Ashok S. Narwani attended the hearing through video conferencing. The respondent Smt. Prema Bhatt, Deputy Secretary and CPIO (Exam-IV), UPSC was present in person.

**4.** The appellant submitted that the information sought by him in the RTI application has been incorrectly denied by the respondent on the ground that the same is personal information of a third party. However, there is a larger public interest involved in the matter as the third party about whom the information is sought is a fraudster with fake certifications.

**5.** The respondent submitted that information on point no. 1 of the RTI application was provided to the appellant vide letter dated 16.06.2015. The appellant was also informed with respect to point nos. 2 to 9 of the RTI application that the information sought is personal information of a third party, the disclosure of which would not serve any larger public interest and, therefore, the information sought is exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

**Decision:**

6. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, agrees with the respondent that the information sought is personal information of a third party, the disclosure of which would not serve any larger public interest and, hence, the information sought is exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

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

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

**(Sudhir Bhargava)**  
**Information Commissioner**

**Authenticated true copy**

**(V.K. Sharma)**  
**Designated Officer**