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Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/000357

Appellant: Mrs. Gayatri Devi
Village- Bujurg Digha, PO- Satakat Ashram, Distt.
Patna-800010, Bihar

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
Dy. CPO/HRD-East Central Rly, O/o GM/Personnel
Branch, Hajipur, Vaihali, Bihar.

Date of Hearing: 17.11.2016
Dated of Decision: 17.11.2016

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 07.11.2014 seeking inspection of all files relating to the recruitment for group C and D under sports quota during 2007-08 to 2013-14 etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 12.12.2014. The appellant filed first appeal on 16.12.2014 with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 14.01.2015. The appellant filed appeal on 16.02.2015 before the Commission with the plea that the sought for information has not been provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant and respondent both participated in the hearing.
4. The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him citing the section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. The appellant stated that the respondent misused the section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. The appellant stated that she is seeking inspection of files in which recruitment under sports quota details are maintained. The appellant stated that she has not been given reply within time. The appellant requested for imposition of penalty upon the respondent.

5. The respondent stated that they have replied to the appellant on 12.12.2014 that the information pertained to third party and cannot be provided under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

6. The respondent stated that the first appellate authority vide its order dated 14.01.2015 had disposed of the first appeal having concurred with the findings of the CPIO.

Discussion/ observation:

7. On query from the Commission, the respondent stated that it was a special recruitment under sports quota at zonal level and such recruitment is done every year. Over the relevant period these are only three such recruitments.

8. It is observed that the recruitment under sports quota is done to promote the sports to serve the larger public interest. It should be open for the public to monitor/check whether such public interest is being served or not.

Decision:

9. Respondent is directed to allow the appellant to inspect the files in context of the RTI application within 30 days of this order.

The appeal is disposed of. A 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