

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

**Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000375**

**Dated 24.11.2016**

**Appellant** : Shri Kapil Vinayak,  
BW-30B,  
Shalimar Bagh  
New Delhi-110088.

**Respondent** : Central Public Information Officer,  
Lok Sabha Secretariat,  
Parliament House,  
New Delhi-110 001.

**Date of Hearing** : 24.11.2016

**Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:**

RTI application filed on : 03.07.2015

CPIO's reply : 05.08.2015

First appeal filed on : 07.08.2015

FAA's order : 17.09.2015

Second appeal filed on : 10.10.2015

**ORDER**

1. Shri Kapil Vinayak filed an application dated 03.07.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Public Information Officer (PIO), Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs seeking information on three points pertaining to availability of food at subsidized rates in Parliament Canteen, including (i) under what provisions of law/Circular/Notification/official order/directive etc., the food in canteen of the Parliament is provided under

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gross subsidized rates as reported in Times of India (TOI) dated 24.06.2015 or under what provisions such gross subsidy is provided to the Parliamentarians, the relevant order/notification and all the relevant documents in this regard and (ii) for the last 10 years amount of the public exchequer that has been spent in providing subsidy for the Parliament canteen.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 10.10.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the First Appellate Authority (FAA) disposed of his first appeal by attaching a revised reply from the CPIO to Point No. 1 of his RTI application and that the CPIO has miserably failed to reply even in his revised reply to the specific query regarding passing of any orders/directions/notification/directive etc. on the basis of which gross subsidy of food is provided to the Parliamentarians at the cost of public exchequer. The appellant states that the CPIO has submitted a totally misleading, evasive and a self-contradictory reply and requested the Commission to direct the CPIO to furnish the specific information as sought by him along with all the supporting/relevant documents.

**Hearing:**

3. The appellant Shri Kapil Vinayak vide an email dated 23.11.2016 sought exemption from personal appearance. The respondent Shri K. Sona, Deputy Secretary, LSS was present in person.

4. The respondent submitted that the appellant was provided point wise information as per the available records vide letter dated 05.08.2015. Hence, no further information remains to be provided to the appellant.

**Decision:**

5. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of the respondent and perusing the records, observes that complete information in respect of point no.

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1 of the RTI application has not been provided to the appellant as the provisions of (Circular/Notification/official order/directive etc). under which the food in the Parliament canteen is provided at subsidized rates has not been furnished to the appellant. In view of this, the Commission, directs the respondent to provide correct and complete information on point no.1 of the RTI application to the appellant, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.
7. Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

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

**Authenticated true copy**

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