

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,  
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

**Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000430**

**Dated 02.12.2016**

**Appellant** : Shri Sandeep Tiwari,  
Tulsi Colony, Laxman Talaiya,  
Behind Police Manoranjan Grah,  
Ganeshpura, Morena,  
Madhya Pradesh-476 001.

**Respondent** : The Central Public Information Officer,  
Central Forensic Science Laboratory,  
CBI, Block IV, CGO Complex,  
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003.

**Date of Hearing** : 02.12.2016

**Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:**

RTI application filed on : 25.05.2015

CPIO's reply : 30.06.2015/15.07.2016

First Appeal filed on : 06.07.2015

FAA's Order : 18.08.2015

Second Appeal filed on : 31.08.2015

**ORDER**

1. ShriSandeep Tiwari filed an application dated 25.05.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) seeking information on two points pertaining to number of documents investigated by Video Spectral Comparator-IV (VSC IV) during 2010 to 2015.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal before the Commission on 31.08.2015 on the grounds that he is not satisfied with the information provided to him by the CPIO and the FAA as complete information in the manner sought has not been provided to him.

**Hearing:**

3. The appellant Shri Sandeep Tiwari was not present despite notice. The respondent Shri J.G. Moses, SSO-I and CPIO, CFSL was present in person.

4. The respondent submitted that vide letters dated 30.06.2015 and 15.07.2015 information was provided to the appellant. The respondent further submitted that the appellant was informed that as per the log book of VSC IV, 114 cases were examined during the period 2012-2013. The respondent further submitted that no information is available in the records for the years 2010-11 and 2014-15. The respondent could not explain as to why the log book was not properly maintained.

**Decision:**

4. The Commission notes that no information is available in the records for the years 2010-11 and 2014-15 and the respondent could not explain as to why the log book was not properly maintained.

The Commission, therefore, directs the Director, CFSL to enquire into the matter of the missing records and submit a report to the Commission. The Director, CFSL shall also if required take appropriate departmental action against the officer/official responsible for not maintaining the record properly. In case, the records are traced, information sought for by the appellant should be provided as per the provisions of the RTI Act. The order of the Commission shall be complied with within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this decision.

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

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

**Authenticated true copy**

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