

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000453

Dated 02.12.2016

Appellant : Shri T. Baskaran,
B.3, MNI Apartments,
Hasan Basha Street,
Pallavaram,
Chennai-600043

Respondent : Central Public Information Officer,
Union Public Service Commission.
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road,
New Delhi-110069.

Date of Hearing : 02.12.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application filed on : 31.03.2015

CPIO's reply : 22.04.2015

First appeal filed on : 25.05.2015

FAA's order : 07.07.2015

Second appeal filed on : 12.10.2015

ORDER

1. Shri T. Baskaran filed an application dated 31.03.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), O/o Chairman, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) seeking information on six points relating to promotion of Postal Services Group 'B' officers to the cadre of Junior Time Scale (JTS) Group 'A', including (i) copy of

minutes of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) which considered the promotion of Postal Services Group 'B' officers of the Department of Posts to the cadre of JTS Group 'A' for the vacancies of 2014-15 and (ii) copy of gradation/seniority list of P.S. Group 'B' officers placed by the Department of Posts before the DPC for consideration of promotion to JTS Group 'A' cadre with reference to point No.1.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 12.10.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the CPIO denied information on point Nos. 3 to 6 of his RTI application and that the First Appellate Authority (FAA) upheld the decision of the CPIO. The appellant states that the averment of the CPIO and the FAA is not acceptable and requested the Commission to direct the CPIO to furnish the factual information sought by him with a view to ensure transparency as embodied in the RTI Act, 2005.

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri T. Baskaran attended the hearing through video conferencing. The respondent Shri K.N. Bhutia, Under Secretary, UPSC was present in person.

4. The appellant submitted that the information on point nos. 3 to 6 of the RTI application has not been provided to him by the respondent. The appellant further submitted that the information on point nos. 4 to 6 of the RTI application has been denied by the respondent on the ground that the same relates to Department of Post and, therefore, his RTI application was transferred to the Department of Post. However, the said information would be in UPSC's possession as the Chairman UPSC is the Chairman of the DPC.

5. The respondent submitted that the appellant was informed vide letter dated 22.04.2015 that the information on point no. 1 and 2 of the RTI application can be obtained on payment of requisite fee, and the same has

been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 03.06.2015 upon receipt of the requisite fee. The respondent with regard to point nos. 4 to 6 of the RTI application submitted that since the matter relates to Department of Post, therefore, his RTI application was transferred to the CPIO, Department of Post, under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act vide letter dated 22.04.2015.

Decision:

6. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, observes that due information has been provided to the appellant by the respondent. Hence, no further action is required in the matter.
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