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Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/000484

Appellant: Mr. S S Walia
H.NO- 213-A Sewak Colony,
Patiala- 147001, Punjab

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
RTI Cell, M/o E.A, O/o the Foreign Secretary, 23-D,
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan Janpath,
New Delhi-110011.

Date of Hearing: 22.02.2017

Dated of Decision: 22.02.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 20.10.2014 seeking information as to whether General Power of Attorney (GPA) no. 2283 dated 25.07.2011 was counter signed by the Vice Consul of the Consulate General of India, Chicago; certified copy of the documents submitted by executant to prove that he really owns such property etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 31.10.2014 and 14.11.2014. The appellant filed first appeal dated 11.12.2014. The response of FAA is not on record. The appellant filed second appeal on 10.02.2015 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant participated in the hearing through video conferencing. The respondent participated in the hearing through counsel in person.
4. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him regarding the GPA concerned.

5. The appellant further stated that they have not received any reply of the first appeal.

6. The respondent stated that the information sought comes within the ambit of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

7. The respondent further stated that such documents are retained only upto 2 years and thereafter they are destroyed.

8. The respondent also stated that their role is limited to the extent of identity verification on the basis of Passport. The respondent stated that they have forwarded the first appeal to the Consulate General of India, Chicago.

Discussion/ observation:

9. The requisite information has been given.

Decision:

10. No intervention of the Commission is required.

The appeal is disposed of. 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