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Appeal No. CIC/RK/A/2016/000498

Appellant: M Raja Manohar
D. No. 5-41, W.No. 12 Pedapudi, Kuchipudi Center,
Movva Mandalam, Krishna -521136 A.P.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
DD/E (GR), RTI Cell, Rly Board, Rail Bhawan,
Delhi-110001.

Date of Hearing: 05.12.2016

Dated of Decision: 05.12.2016

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 30.03.2015 seeking information relating to Engineering Services Examination held during year 1996 to 2004 including copies of 'Indents' submitted by Ministry of Railways or competent authority to UPSC prior to publishing of Notifications of ESE, copy of correspondence between UPSC and Ministry of Railways etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 19.06.2015. The appellant filed first appeal on 07.05.2015 with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 06.07.2015. The appellant filed appeal on 26.12.2015 before the Commission with the plea that the sought for information has not been provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant and the respondent both participated in the hearing.
4. The appellant stated that he has not been provided complete information. The appellant stated that initial vacancy position or Indents submitted by Ministry of Railways (or competent authority) to UPSC prior to

publishing of Notifications of ESE-1996 to 1999 containing number of vacancies in various departments categorised of OC/OBC/SC/ST have not been provided to him.

5. The respondent stated that that the Indent from 1996 to 1999 is not readily available and the appellant has been informed in this regard.

6. The respondent stated that the appellant has been supplied with the entire available relevant documents, free of cost, comprising approximately more than 1000 pages. The respondent stated that the appellant is in habit of seeking information by filing numerous applications in relation to interlinked matter repeatedly. The respondent stated that the appellant is seeking more than 20 years old documents and voluminous information. The respondent stated that from 2000 onwards the vacancy position/Indent and all correspondence are available on their website. The respondent stated that indent of non railways services is not available with them as the concerned Ministry/Department submits these direct to the UPSC for allocation.

7. The respondent stated that appellant had also filed OA before the CAT Hyderabad Bench and they have complied with the order of the CAT by considering his representation dated 25.10.2013.

8. The appellant stated that he has been supplied a bulk of documents but he has not been informed of process of selection and allocation of posts.

9. The respondent stated that the selection and allocation is done as per the Rules.

Discussion/ observation:

10. The action/steps taken by the respondent in dealing with the RTI application is satisfactory. However, the respondent may make one more effort to trace the record of 1996 to 1999 in the context of appellant's RTI application.

Decision:

11. The respondent is directed to search the record from 1996 to 1999 in context of appellant's RTI application. The record or their non availability may be informed to the appellant within 30 days of this order.

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