

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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**Appeal No.CIC/KY/A/2015/000652**

**Appellant:**

Hazi Enamul Haq Khan,  
P.O. banghusari, Distt.-Balrampur,  
U.P.-271206.

**Respondent:**

Central Public Information Officer  
Haj Committee of India, Haj House,  
7A, M.R.A. marg, Mumbai-400001.

**Date of Hearing:**

10.03.2017

**Date of Decision:**

10.03.2017

**ORDER**

**Facts:**

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 29.10.2014 seeking information on 3 points regarding Hajis (pilgrims) who visited Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage through Haj Committee of India with regard to (i) How many Hajis (state-wise) visited Saudi Arabia through Haj Committee of India in 2014, (ii) Whether facilities as mentioned in column 3, 4 and 5 of the Haj Guide, 2014 were provided to Hajis and (iii) Details of the person/officer responsible for providing such facilities.

2. The CPIO responded on 04.12.2014 vide letter no. HC-08/01/2014/3000 by giving a point wise reply. The appellant filed first appeal dated 22.12.2014 before the first appellate authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 30.01.2015. The appellant filed second appeal to the Commission on 13.03.2015 on the ground that information should be provided to him.

**Hearing:**

3. The respondent participated in the hearing. The appellant did not participate in the hearing.

4. The respondent stated that the available information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 04.12.2014. The respondent stated that the appellant, with respect to point no. 2 and 3, has been informed that Haj Committee of India (HCOI) is a statutory organization under Ministry of External Affairs, constituted under the Haj Committee Act 2002 and in making arrangements for Haj, various agencies are assigned different roles. HCOI is empowered to make arrangements for the pilgrims only in India under the present norms. Consulate General of India in Jeddah has the responsibility to look after the pilgrims and to redress their grievances on reaching Jeddah.

**Discussion/ observation:**

5. The Commission observed that the reply given by the respondent is satisfactory. However, the respondent the application with regard to point no. (ii) and (iii) of para 1 should have been transferred under section 6(3) of the RTI application to Consulate General of India in Jeddah.

**Decision:**

6. The respondent is directed to transfer the RTI application with regard to point no. 2&3 to Consulate General of India in Jeddah within 5 days of receipt 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