

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

**Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000717**

**Dated 18.11.2016**

**Appellant** : Dr. Anjana Singla,  
C-24, Saket Court,  
Residential Complex, Saket,  
New Delhi-110017.

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

**Date of Hearing** : 18.11.2016

**Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:**

RTI application filed on : 18.09.2015

CPIO's reply : 16.10.2015

First appeal filed on : 30.10.2015

FAA's order : 08.12.2015

Second appeal filed on : 22.12.2015

**ORDER**

**1.** Dr. Anjana Singla filed an application dated 18.09.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) seeking information on six points pertaining to Combined Medical Services (CMS) Examination-2015, including (i) names of the candidates who appeared in CMS-2015 Examination

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on 28.06.2015 having roll numbers 009617, 009618 and 009619, (ii) whether all these three candidates appeared for CMS-2015 Examination on 28.06.2015 and (iii) what was the name of the examination Centre in which these three candidates appeared for CMS-2015 Examination on 28.06.2015.

**2.** The appellant filed a second appeal dated 22.12.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the CPIO denied the information under Section 8(1)(j) being third party information. The appellant states that she being one of the candidates who appeared in the said examination, the information sought by her cannot be treated as third party information. The appellant requested the Commission to direct the CPIO to furnish the information sought by her and penalize the CPIO for not providing the information.

**Hearing:**

**3.** Both the appellant Dr. Anjana Singla and the respondent Shri Tapan Kumar Das, Under Secretary, UPSC were present in person.

**4.** The appellant submitted that the information sought by her has been denied by the respondent by invoking blanket exemption under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act in respect of all the points of the RTI application on the grounds that the information sought is personal information of a third party and, hence, is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

**5.** The respondent submitted that the appellant was informed vide letter dated 16.10.2015 that the information sought cannot be provided to her as the same is personal information of a third party and, the disclosure of which would not serve any public interest and hence, the disclosure of the same is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

**Decision:**

6. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, observes that information sought in point no. 1 of the RTI application is a third party personal information and hence, its disclosure is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. However, the information sought on point nos. 2 to 6 of the RTI application is not personal information of a third party. In view of this, the disclosure of the same cannot be denied under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. The Commission, therefore, directs the respondent to provide information on point nos. 2 to 6 of the RTI application to the appellant, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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**