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Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/000843

Appellant: Ranjeet Kumar
Jodhadih Kyari Road, Bokaro, Jharkhand-827013

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
Sr. DCM, Northern Rly, RTI Cell, New Delhi.

Date of Hearing: 14.12.2016

Dated of Decision: 14.12.2016

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 28.05.2014 seeking information on 4 points regarding journey undertaken by him along with his parents by Jharkhand Swarn Jayanti Express on 04.05.2014 viz total number of reserved berth in coach no. S-8 with boarding and destination etc.

2. The CPIO responded on 13.10.2014. The appellant filed first appeal on 03.01.2015 with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA response is not on record. The appellant filed appeal on 20.03.2015 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 a copy of reservation chart of coach no. S8 and other information also have not been fully provided to him completely. The appellant stated that he will be fully satisfied, if the reservation chart of coach no. S8 is available to him.

5. The respondent stated that the appellant has been replied to vide letter dated 13.10.2014, 31.12.2014. The respondent stated that the copying fee charges for reservation chart Rs 41160 (@ Rs. 840 per PNR) was demanded

from the appellant as per their Railway Board Circular dated 13.12.2011. The respondent stated that the appellant had not deposited the copying charges for getting copy of reservation chart. The appellant stated that he had not received this letter from the Railways.

Discussion/ observation:

6. The reply to the RTI application has not been given within prescribed timeline of the RTI Act. The Rules of copying charges of the Railways are not consistent with the RTI Act, 2005.

Decision:

7. Respondent is directed to provide a copy of reservation chart of coach no. S8 of train mentioned in appellant's RTI application, free of cost, within 30 days of this order.

8. The Railway Board is advised to amend their Rules regarding copying charges as per the RTI Act and Rules.

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

Copy to: The Chairman Railway Board