

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place,
New Delhi-110066

F. No. **CIC/YA/A/2016/000009**

Date of Hearing : **12.01.2017**
Date of Decision : **12.01.2017**
Appellant/Complainant : **Shri S Ulaganathan, Tamil Nadu**
Represented by: Sh. S Sarangapani
Respondent : CPIO, Neyveli Lignite Corporation
Limited, Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu)
Through: Mr. Srinivasan, NLC
Information Commissioner : Shri Yashovardhan Azad

Relevant facts emerging from appeal:

RTI application filed on : 10.08.2015
PIO replied on : 22.08.2015
First Appeal filed on : 21.09.2015
First Appellate Order on : --
2nd Appeal/complaint received on : 23.12.2015

Information sought and background of the case:

The appellant vide RTI application dated 10.08.2015 sought information under 10 points regarding complaint made to the CVO, NLC Limited, Neyveli about swindling of hundreds of crores of EPF money in respect of Contract workers by the Contractor-Employers.

CPIO vide letter dated 22.08.2015 furnished information on point nos. 1 – 8 as available on record. The appellant preferred first appeal but the same remained unheard. Feeling aggrieved the appellant approached the Commission.

Relevant facts emerging during hearing:

Both parties were present during the hearing. The Appellant reiterated that he had not been provided complete reply though some details of investigation conducted on the basis of his complaints have been supplied vide letter dated 19.08.2015. The CPIO vide a letter dated 22.08.2015 has provided further point wise information placing reliance on the information provided vide the earlier letter dated 19.08.2015, in response to query number 3. The

Respondent narrated during the hearing that the EPF deductions done by the employer and remitted to the contractor are duly verified and certified within a week and reflected in the account of the employee, hence, there is no scope of such anomalies as have been alleged by the appellant. The Respondent has further stated that the remittances have been computerised now, which used to be a manual process during 2003, the period about which the appellant has complained about. In fact one of the reasons for digitisation of the EPF remittances was to tackle the problem of irregular transactions or corrupt practices by the contractors.

Decision:

After hearing the parties and perusal of record, the Commission directs the PIO to submit i) one paragraph about the current procedure adopted for the deduction of EPF and till it reaches the account of the respective employee and ii) send a copy of the CVO Reply alongwith a consolidated factual description to address the apprehensions of the appellant about malpractices at deduction and remittances of EPF. This reply should be supplied by the Respondent within two weeks of receipt of this order, with a copy marked to the Commission.

The appeal is disposed of.

(Yashovardhan Azad)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy. Additional copies of orders shall be supplied against application and payment of the charges prescribed under the Act to the CPIO of this Commission.

(R.P.Grover)
Designated Officer

Copy to:-

<p>CPIO: Nodal Officer – RTI Cell, Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Block-10, NLC Limited, NEyveli-607801. District – Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu)</p>	<p>First Appellate Authority under RTI General Manager, Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Block-10, NLC Limited, Neyveli-607801. District – Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu)</p>
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