

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

2nd Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

Decision No. CIC/YA/A/2014/001023/SB

Dated 10.10.2016

Appellant : Shri Chayan Ghosh Chowdhury,
189, Rabindrapalli,
Lucknow-226 016.

Respondent : The Central Public Information Officer,
Central Information Commission,
2nd Floor, B-Wing, August Kranti
Bhawan Bhikaji Cama Place,
New Delhi-110 066.

Date of Hearing : 10.10.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application filed on : 30.08.2013

CPIO's reply : 04.10.2013

First appeal filed on : 01.11.2013

FAA's order : 27.11.2013

Second appeal filed on : 04.04.2014

ORDER

1. Shri Chayan Ghosh Chowdhury filed an application dated 30.08.2013 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Central Information Commission (CIC) seeking information/documents on four points, including, (1) certified copies of replies submitted by the PIOs in response to Show Cause Notices in three cases (a,b,c,in list) and (2) certified copies of file notings in which replies of

the PIOs in para 1(a) to (c) have been processed along with the conclusive comments of the respective Commission.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal before the Commission on 04.04.2014 on the grounds that the CPIO provided only a part of the information and the rest of the records/documents were refused on flimsy grounds and that the First Appellate Authority (FAA) maintained complete silence on the requests made vide para numbers 2,3 & 4 of the RTI application. The appellant requested the Commission to direct the concerned CPIO to provide complete, correct and true information, direct the Nodal CPIO to provide certified copies of the records/documents relied by him before advancing the reply dated 04.10.2013, invoke penal provisions of the Act for violation of Section 7(1) of the RTI Act and award adequate compensation to the appellant for the harassment faced by him at the hands of CIC officials.

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri Chayan Ghosh Chowdhury was not present despite notice. The respondent Shri A.K. Sharma, CPIO, CIC was present in person.

Interim Decision:

4. The Commission, after perusing the records, observes that the facility of video conferencing could not be provided to the appellant no slot for video conferencing in Lucknow, NIC was available. Hence, the appellant was asked to either appear in person or intimate the telephone/mobile no. on which he may be allowed audio hearing. However, no response has been received from the appellant. Nonetheless, in the interest of justice the Commission, decides to grant one more opportunity of hearing to the appellant. The matter is, therefore, adjourned to **12.12.2016 at 12.30 p.m.**

5. Copy of decision be given free of cost to the parties.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer