

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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File No. CIC/KY/A/2016/001171

Appellant : Shri C C Antony
PMRA, B-29, Manganoorkonam
Pattom P.O. Trivandrum-695004

Public Authority : The CPIO
Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.
HUDCO, HudcoBhawan, India Habitat Centre
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Date of Hearing : 04.10.2016
Date of Decision : 04.10.2016

Presence:

Appellant : Absent
CPIO : Dr. S K Gupta, Executive Director (CPIO)

FACTS:

- I. Vide RTI application dated **13.10.2015**, the Appellant sought information on **I (1-3), II (1-3) issues**.
- II. CPIO, vide its response dated **14.12.2015 & 26.02.2016**, has provided the information to the Appellant.
- III. The First Appeal (FA) was filed on **07.01.2016**, as desired information not provided.
- IV. First Appellate Authority (FAA), vide its order dated **12.02.2016**, directed CPIO to provide the information to the Appellant.
- V. Grounds for the Second Appeal filed on **12.07.2016**, are contained in the Memorandum of Second Appeal.

HEARING

Appellant opted to be absent despite of our due notice to him. Respondents appeared before the Commission personally and made the submissions at length.

DECISION

It would be seen here that the appellant, vide his RTI Application dated **13.10.2015**, sought information from the respondents on **two issues with sub-issues**. Respondents, vide their response dated **14.12.2015**, allegedly provided the part required information to the appellant. Being aggrieved by the aforesaid response, FA was filed by the appellant on

07.01.2016 before the FAA, who vide his order dated **12.02.2016**, **disposed of the FA** by directing the CPIO to provide the information to the Appellant. Further, in compliance of FAA's order, the CPIO vide his subsequent response dated **26.02.2016**, provided some required information to the appellant.

2. On careful perusal of the nature of issues as raised by the appellant in his RTI application dated **13.10.2015** and respondent's responses dated **14.12.2015 & 26.02.2016**, it is revealed to the Commission that the respondents have provided the required information against **issues no. I (1), I (2) & II (1)**. However, respondents have provided the **vague & incorrect** information, against **issues no. I (3), II (2) & II (3)**, to the appellant.
3. The Commissioner heard the submissions made by respondents at length. The Commission also **perused** the case-file **thoroughly**; specifically, **nature of issues** raised by the appellant in his RTI application dated **13.10.2015**, respondent's response dated **14.12.2015 & 26.02.2016**, FAA's order dated **12.02.2016**, other material made available on record and also the grounds of memorandum of second appeal.
4. The Commission is of the considered view that the appellant has been **deprived** by the respondents **deliberately** from having the benefits of the RTI Act 2005, **even after lapse of more than eleven months period**. Thus, the respondents **have defeated the very purpose** of the RTI Act 2005 for which it was legislated by Parliament of India. As such, the Commission feels that appellant's second appeal deserves to be **allowed partly** i.e. against **issues no. I (3), II (2) & II (3)**. Therefore, it is **allowed accordingly**.
5. In view of the above, the respondents are hereby directed to provide the **complete & categorical** information, against **issues no. I (3), II (2) & II (3)**, to the appellant as per his RTI application, **in accordance with the provisions of RTI Act 2005**, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order under intimation to this Commission. **If need be, Section 5(4) of the RTI Act 2005 may also be invoked in the matter.**

The Appeal is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-

(M.A. Khan Yusufi)

Information Commissioner

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Deputy Secretary

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