

## CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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File No. CIC/KY/A/2016/001242

Appellant : Shri Sucha Ram  
House No. 48,A-Block  
Sec-14, Chandigarh

Public Authority : The CPIO  
M/o Social Justice and Empowerment  
Social Welfare Department, Town Hall Extension Building,  
3rd Floor, Sector-17C, UT Chandigarh

Date of Hearing : 27.09.2016  
Date of Decision : 27.09.2016

### Presence:

Appellant : Absent  
CPIO : Shri Raman Kumar, Research Officer & CPIO

### FACTS:

- I. Vide RTI application dated **29.01.2015**, the Appellant sought information on **7 issues**.
- II. CPIO, vide its response dated **27.02.2015 & 07.09.2015**, has provided the information to the Appellant.
- III. The First Appeal (FA) was filed on **03.08.2015, 22.09.2015**, as desired information not provided.
- IV. First Appellate Authority (FAA), vide his order dated **11.09.2015**, upheld the decision of CPIO.
- V. Grounds for the Second Appeal filed on **01.12.2015**, 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 **29.01.2015**, sought information from the respondents on **7 issues**. Respondents, vide their response dated **27.02.2015 & 07.09.2015**, allegedly not provided the required information to the appellant. Being aggrieved by the aforesaid response, FA was filed by the appellant on

**03.08.2015** before the FAA, who vide his order dated **11.09.2015**, upheld the decision of CPIO. Hence, a Second Appeal before this Commission.

2. During hearing of the appeal, it is submitted by Shri Raman Kumar, Research Officer & CPIO, that the subject matter of the RTI application pertains to the recruitment rules. It is further submitted by him that the matter has already been submitted before Competent Authority for taking necessary action. Further, CPIO vide his responses dated **27.02.2015**, **07.09.2015** & **11.09.2015**, have given the interim reply to the appellant informing him that the matter is still under consideration.
3. It is further submitted by Shri Raman Kumar, Research Officer & CPIO, that a committee comprising of Mrs. Rajni Gupta, Company Secretary (Child & Women Development Corporation), Mrs. Devinder Kaur, Social Welfare Department and Representative of Law Department, UT Chandigarh, has been constituted to relook latest guidelines and practice/service rules being followed in Punjab.
4. On being queried by the Commission, as to whether there is any progress by the Committee in the matter. On this very aspect, it is submitted by him that the meeting was held once in the recent past. However, he is not in position to give details of that meeting.
5. 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 **29.01.2015**, respondent's response dated **27.02.2015** & **07.09.2015**, FAA's order dated **11.09.2015**, other material made available on record and also the grounds of memorandum of second appeal.
6. In view of the **position** above and in the **circumstances** of the case, the Commission is of the considered view that it would be appropriate and even justified to direct the respondents to expedite the matter and get the final outcome and informed the Appellant accordingly, 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.**

With these observations, the appellant's second appeal is hereby disposed of.

Sd/-

(M.A. Khan Yusufi)

Information Commissioner

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