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Appeal No.CIC/BS/A/2016/001248

Appellant: V B Thakkar,
B 301, Mantra Apartments,
Opposite Amrapali 3, Bhodakdev,
Ahmedabad-15.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer,
Dy. GM (Admn.), BSNL,
O/o The Principal General Manager,
Ahmedabad Telecom Distt.,
1st Floor, Gulabi Tekra T.E. Bldg.,
Ellisbridge, Ahmedbad-380006

Date of Hearing: 31.07.2017

Dated of Decision: 31.07.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 10.11.2015 seeking information on 14 points regarding reimbursement of his medical bills: details of the cheques/ECS payment with the copy of clearance from the bank; whether paid or rejected by competent authority; details of the copy of the said rejection order; when the payment of his medical bill shall be made, with probable period; etc
2. The CPIO responded on 08.12.2015 as to refer to the RTI application dated 10.11.2015. The appellant filed first appeal dated 16.12.2015 with First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 13.01.2016. The appellant filed second appeal on 12.04.2016 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. Both the parties participated in the hearing through video conferencing.

4. The appellant stated that the respondent should provide him the details about reimbursement of his medical bills of Rs. 13,293/- and Rs. 47,851/-. Further, he stated that both medical bills have not been reimbursed fully. He agreed to provide a copy of his medical bills, if required.

5. The respondent stated that the appellant's medical bills pertaining to the year 2011 are not traceable in their records, despite all possible efforts. Further, he stated that the appellant's medical reimbursement case (against bill of Rs. 47,851/-) has been settled for Rs. 18,000/- with the approval of the competent authority as per the CGHS norms prevalent in 2011. Moreover, the respondent stated that if the appellant provides a copy of his aforesaid medical bills, they would settle his legitimate outstanding dues as per rules and provide the relevant information as per the RTI Act. He agreed to clarify the reimbursement of the appellant's earlier outstanding due.

Discussion/ observation:

6. The respondent should provide the sought for information to the appellant, within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order. The appellant should co-operate and provide copy of his medical bills. The respondent is advised to settle the medical bills of the appellant as per rules within 15 days and provide him full information on processing of bills.

Decision:

7. The respondent is directed to take action as per para 6 above.

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