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Appeal No.CIC/BS/A/2016/001265

Appellant: Vijay,
C/O. SH. Umrao Salodiya, IAS,
Sec B-4/21, Chitrakoot Scheme,
Vaishali Nagar, Jaipur-302021
Rajasthan.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
Asstt. GM (Admm.),
BSNL, O/o. Telecom Distt. Manager,
Basant Vihar,
Sikar-332001.

Date of Hearing: 13.07.2017
Dated of Decision: 13.07.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 28.11.2015 seeking information regarding the Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) viz. date on which the cable was laid at ward no. 12 of Ramgarh Shekhawati; name and address of the contractor; certified copy of map indicating where the cable was installed; names, address and telephone number of the consumer who have received telephone connection from this OFC etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 22.01.2016 and denied the information under Section 8(1)(d) of RTI Act 2005. The appellant filed first appeal dated 06.02.2016 with First Appellate Authority (FAA). The response of FAA is not on record. The appellant filed second appeal on 01.04.2016 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The respondent participated in the hearing through VC. The appellant did not participate in the hearing.

4. The respondent stated that the appellant has been replied to initially vide letter dated 22.01.2016 by denying the information under section 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act . However, on receipt of the first appellate authority's order dated 06.04.2016, the information has been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 11.07.2017. On query from the Commission, the respondent read the reply and stated that after establishment of BSNL, no OFC cable was laid in ward no. 12. On query from the Commission, the respondent stated that they could not reply on time as officers (CPIO) were transferred and the RTI file was with his superior officer viz TDM.

Discussion/ observation:

5. The reply given by the respondent is not satisfactory and the order of the first appellate authority has not been complied with within time.

Decision:

6. The respondent is directed to furnish revised reply in detail to the appellant within 15 days of this order.

7. The respondent is directed to show cause, as to why action should not be taken against them for contravention of provisions of the RTI Act including not providing the information within 30 days which is the prescribed timeline, within 30 days of receipt of this order.

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