

Central Information Commission, New Delhi
File No. CIC/SH/A/2016/000013
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : 12th January 2017

Date of decision : 12th January 2017

Name of the Appellant : SHRI VINAYAK BEHERE
A 3-7, SARITA NAGARI PHASE -I,
GANESH MALA, NEAR DATTAWADI,
PUNE, MAHARASHTRA- 411030

Name of the Public Authority/Respondent : CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA
H.O. LOKMANGAL, 1501,
SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE,
MAHARASHTRA- 411005

RTI Application filed on : 20/02/2015

CPIO replied on : 19/03/2015

First Appeal filed on : 22/04/2015

First Appellate Authority order on : 27/04/2015

2nd Appeal received on : 27/11/2015

The Appellant was not present.

On behalf of the Respondents, Shri Vivek Ghate, CPIO was present at the NIC Studio, Pune.

Information Commissioner : Shri Sharat Sabharwal

Information sought

1. Name of the places outside India visited by the Bank Officers including Chairman and Managing Directors during financial years 2012 to 2014 and from April 2014 till date.
2. Purpose of each visit and amount debited to the bank on different heads for the foreign trips.

3. Copies of office note and sanction note for each of these foreign tours with the name of the sanctioning authority and if the board of directors have approved the expenses, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors in which the approval was granted along with note to the board.

The CPIO reply

The CPIO provided the details of the foreign visit/ training/ conference of executives and officers from April onwards, as available with the HRM Department and also board notes relating to the foreign trips. However, he denied the information concerning the office note and sanction letter under section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act.

Grounds of the First Appeal

Not satisfied with the CPIO's reply

Order of the First Appellate Authority

The FAA upheld the CPIO's reply.

Grounds of the Second Appeal

Complete information not provided.

Relevant facts emerging during the Hearing, Discussion and Decision

The Appellant was not present in spite of a written notice having been sent to him. The Respondents stated that the information on points No. 1 and 2 was provided. With regard to point No. 3, the notings concerning visits abroad of the officials concerned were not provided. We see no ground to deny this information. Therefore, the CPIO is directed to provide the copies of the relevant notings/sanction

note to the Appellant. While doing so, he may exclude / blot out, under Section 10 of the RTI Act, the information, if any, of commercial interest to the bank, exempted from disclosure under Section 8 (1) (d) of the RTI Act or information concerning any matter other than the foreign visit in question. The CPIO should comply with our above directives, within thirty days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Such information, as is provided, should be provided free of charge.

2. With the above directions and observations, the appeal is disposed of.

3. Copies of this order be given free of cost to the parties.

Sd/-
(Sharat Sabharwal)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy. Additional copies of orders shall be supplied against application and payment of the charges prescribed under the Act to the CPIO of this Commission.

(Vijay Bhalla)
Deputy Registrar