

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Decision No. CIC/MP/A/2015/001493/SB

Dated 03.07.2017

Appellant : Shri Ghanshyam Soni,
Advocate, Soni Law Chamber,
District Courts Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Respondent : The Central Public Information Officer (CPIO),
India's Public Service Broadcaster (IPSB),
Director General, Doordarshan,
Doordarshan Bhawan,
Copernicus Marg, New Delhi- 110001

Date of Hearing : 03.07.2017

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application : 30.12.2014
CPIO's Reply : 04.02.2015
First appeal : 16.02.2015
FAA's Order : 28.05.2015
Second Appeal : 06.07.2015

ORDER

1. The Commission observes that a second appeal dated 06.07.2015 has been registered as file no. CIC/MP/A/2015/001493. In this connection, a notice dated 03.03.2016 was issued to the complainant directing him to furnish a copy of the relevant documents, including the RTI application to the Commission, as well as the respondent, as this was not placed on record by the appellant. However, the complainant did not provide copies of the relevant documents including the RTI application, to the Commission despite the above-mentioned notice. However, from the perusal of the second appeal which is placed on record, it appears that

the appellant had filed an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Doordarshan Kendra, Bhopal seeking certain information regarding the number of days that a resource person has to be compulsorily present at the Doordarshan Kendra for a particular assignment.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal before the Commission on the grounds that he was not satisfied with the information furnished by the CPIO. The appellant is also aggrieved with the Order of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), which had upheld the decision of the CPIO. The appellant requested the Commission to direct the CPIO to provide complete information to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri Ghanshyam Soni and the respondent Ms. Malti Singh, Assistant Director, Doordarshan, Bhopal attended the hearing through video conferencing. The respondent Dr. S.C. Thaledi, Assistant Director (Programme), O/o the DG Doordarshan, was present in person.

4. The appellant submitted that he is not satisfied with the order of the FAA dated 28.05.2015, wherein, it was observed that a resource person is contracted for a maximum of seven assignments in a month and not for seven days. Hence, the resource person may have to provide assistance for more than one day. The appellant further submitted that this is contradictory to the information provided by the Doordarshan, Bhopal in the reply furnished in a response to a RTI application dated 25.08.2014 filed by one Shri Vijay "Baba".

5. The respondent submitted that in response to the first appeal, the appellant was informed that a resource person is contracted for a maximum of seven assignments in a month. The respondent further submitted that a resource person has to be present for the entire duration of the assignment. Hence, he may have to provide assistance for more than one day with respect to an assignment. The respondent also stated that in reply to the RTI application dated 25.08.2014, referred to by the appellant, the information seeker was informed that the

resource person has to be present on the days of the assignment. Hence, the information provided by the FAA is neither contradictory nor incorrect.

Decision:

6. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, observes that due information has been provided to the appellant by the respondent. The Commission also observes that there is no infirmity in the order of the FAA dated 28.05.2015. Hence, no further intervention of the Commission is required in the matter.

7. With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.

8. Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

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(S. S. Rohilla)
Designated Officer