

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,  
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

**Decision No. CIC/YA/A/2014/001599/SB**

**Dated 18.10.2016**

**Appellant** : Shri Navin Kumar,  
C/o Kisori Lal,  
Padri Ki Hawali, Rustam Pir Ki Gali Patnay  
City, Distt. Patna, Bihar-800 008.

**Respondent** : Central Public Information Officer/  
Central Information Commission,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, B-Wing, August Kranti Bhawan,  
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110 066.

**Date of Hearing** : 09.09.2016

**Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:**

RTI application filed on : 26.11.2013

First Appeal filed on : 22.02.2014

Second appeal filed on : 20.06.2014

**ORDER**

**1.** Shri Navin Kumar filed an application dated 26.11.2013 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Central Information Commission (CIC) seeking information on two points regarding action taken on his first appeal dated 11.11.2013.

**2.** The appellant filed a second appeal dated 20.06.2014 on the grounds that he has not been provided any information and requested initiation of

disciplinary action against the CPIO and imposition of a penalty of Rs. 25,000/- on the CPIO.

**Hearing:**

**3.** The appellant Shri Navin Kumar attended the hearing through video conferencing. The respondents Shri V.K. Sharma, Deputy Registrar to IC(SB), CIC and Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, CPIO, CIC were present in person.

**4.** The appellant submitted that the information regarding action taken on his first appeal dated 11.11.2013 as sought by him under the RTI application has not been provided to him. The appellant stated that point no. 6 of his RTI application he had sought information regarding the details of penalties imposed by the Central Information Commissioners. Instead of providing information the CPIO asked him to obtain a copy of the same from the Joint Secretary, CIC concerned. Thus, the information was not provided him. The appellant however, submitted that he is no longer interested in getting the information but wants that the system for ensuring compliance of the Commission's order especially regarding the recovery of penalty from the CPIOs concerned be strengthened by considering the suggestions made by the various stake holders especially the information seekers.

**5.** The respondent submitted that a point-wise reply as per the available records has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 17.01.2014. The respondent further submitted that the Commission already has a system/procedure in place for dealing with the matters of non-compliance of the Commission's order.

**Decision:**

**6.** The Commission, after hearing both the parties and perusing the records observes, that reply given by the CPIO is not completely correct, as information on point no. 6 of the RTI application has not been provided to the appellant. However, since the appellant is no longer interested in getting the information,

no action in this regard is required. The Commission observes that systemic reforms in the functioning of the Commission with a view to enhance accountability, objectivity and transparency is an ongoing process. The Commission, therefore, directs the respondent to inform the appellant, about the reforms undertaken by the CIC, from time to time, to improve its functioning, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The Commission also directs the respondent to take steps for strengthening the institutional mechanism for ensuring the compliance of the Commission's order including those relating to the recovery of penalty from the CPIOs concerned.

7. With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.
8. Copy of the decision be provided to both the parties free of cost.

**(Sudhir Bhargava)**  
**Information Commissioner**

**Authenticated true copy**

**(V.K. Sharma)**  
**Designated Officer**