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Appeal No. CIC/BS/A/2016/001865

Appellant: Mr. Devendra Singh Munna,
Baur Bazar, Badausa Road,
Janpad-Banda 210201
(9452421717)

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer,
TDM BSNL, O/o General Manager,
2nd Flr, Doorbhasha Kendra Bhawan,
Indira Nagar, Banda-210001.

Date of Hearing: 17.07.2017
Dated of Decision: 17.07.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 04.03.2016 seeking information regarding 5 points: how many workers have been recruited to the departments under Banda office circle, whether through contract or directly recruited for the department work, their annual pay and the name of the contractor; total number of vehicles and their respective number contracted for office work and the name of the contractor; under Digital India scheme what work has been done by BSNL and NOFN in development blocks under jurisdiction of circle office and whether the work was done by BSNL or through contractor; action taken by the circle office against the damage done to department's cable laid between Banda and Chirtakoot, and the surcharges against the offenders in the year 2015-2016; and how much will be the expense to fix these cables etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 24.05.2016. The appellant filed first appeal dated 02.05.2016 with First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on

30.05.2016. The appellant filed second appeal on 11.07.2016 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant and the respondent Shri G. D Patel (DE, Admin) and Shri Sanjay (SD, Planning) participated in the hearing.

4. The appellant stated that he has not been provided information on point no. 3, 4 and 5 of his RTI application. The appellant stated that he is a reporter and he has to report the latest information, as such, delays in giving information adversely affect him.

5. The respondent stated that earlier on point no. 3 (under Digital India scheme what work has been done by BSNL and NOFN in Development Blocks under jurisdiction of circle office and whether the work was done by BSNL or through contractor etc) the information was not readily available with them but now the information is available with them and they agreed to provide to the appellant. The respondent stated that the information with regard to point no. 4 (action taken by the circle office with regard to damage of department's cable laid between Banda and Chirtakoot, and the surcharges against the offenders in year 2015-2016 and 5 (how much expense were incurred to repair the OFC damaged cables till 29.02.2016 etc). are related to the Chief General Manager, Northern Telecom Region, New Delhi.

Discussion/ observation:

6. The information with regard to point no. 3 of RTI application shall be provided to the appellant within 7 days of receipt of this order. Further, the RTI application shall be transferred to the Chief General Manager, Northern Telecom Region, New Delhi immediately for further necessary action.

Decision:

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

8. The CPIO, the Chief General Manager, Northern Telecom Region, New Delhi, is directed to dispose the RTI application within 15 days of receipt of the RTI application as per the RTI Act.

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