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Appeal No. CIC/SS/A/2011/001924

Appellant: Ms. Anu Sareen
I-184, Ashok Vihar, Phase-I,
Delhi- 110 052

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer,
Deptt. Of Expenditure,
Comptroller General of Accounts,
Lok Kalyan Bhavan, Khan Mkt.,
New Delhi- 110003.

Date of Hearing: 31.07.2017

Dated of Decision: 31.07.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 14.06.2011 primarily seeking information regarding her answer sheet of the departmental examination held in December, 2008.
2. The CPIO responded on 25.01.2011. The appellant filed First Appeal dated 23.02.2011. The FAA responded on 18.03.2011. The appellant filed second appeal on 03.05.2017 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to her.

Hearing:

3. Both the parties participated in the hearing in person.
4. The appellant stated that the respondent should provide her a copy of her answer-sheets of the departmental examination held in December, 2008. Further, she stated that the records relating to the departmental examination were existing at the time of her earlier RTI application dated 27.07.2010 (which is not on record with this Commission). But subsequently the respondent in reply to this RTI application dated 14.06.2011 has

categorically stated that the records relating to December, 2008 examination have been weeded out in the month of May, 2010. As per their retention policy, the records of December, 2008 examination should have been weeded out in November, 2009, one month before the next examination of December, 2009. Therefore, the stand taken by the respondent is contradictory in nature. However, if the related records are destroyed, she sought for a copy of the office orders/notesheets pertaining to weeding out of the records along with the proof of destruction.

5. The respondent stated that they are unable to provide the sought for information as the records, which are beyond their retention period of one month before the next examination held in December, 2009, have been weeded out. Further, he stated that after confirming from both the legal and co-ordination sections that the records are not required for any other purpose, they have destroyed the same in May, 2010.

Discussion/ observation:

6. The respondent should provide a copy of the office orders/notesheets pertaining to weeding out of the records along with their proof of destruction, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. Further, the respondent should check up whether the relevant records have actually been destroyed vis-à-vis her RTI application dated 27.07.2010.

Decision:

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

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