

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place,
New Delhi-110066

F. No. **CIC/SA/A/2016/001969**

Date of Hearing : **06.07.2017**
Date of Decision : **27.07.2017**
Appellant/Complainant : **Virender Kumar**
Respondent : **Public Information Officer O/o.
the Superintending Engineer-
(NW), Delhi Jal Board
(Government of NCT of Delhi)**

Through:
Shri Sudhir Kumar, EE/APIO

Information Commissioner : Shri Yashovardhan Azad

Relevant facts emerging from appeal:

RTI application filed on : 15.03.2016
PIO replied on : 13.04.2016
First Appeal filed on : 28.04.2016
First Appellate Order on : 08.06.2016
2nd Appeal/complaint received on :

Information sought and background of the case:

Vide RTI application the appellante sought to obtain the following information:

1. *Certified copy of Site Map of Village Bankner Block No A to E in Alipur Block Delhi. This land is provided under the 20 Point Programme of Govt.*
2. *Site plane of Delhi Jal Board for supply of water in the area of Vill Bankner Block No A to E in Alipur Block Delhi.*

As per the records annexed to the memoranda of second appeal, the RTI remained unreplied. Upon first appeal preferred by the appellant, the FAA declined to disclose the map (drawing) of water supply system of Village Bakner due to safety concerns. Feeling aggrieved over denial of information the appellant approached the Commission.

Relevant facts emerging during hearing:

Both the parties were present at the time of hearing. The appellant states that the information was denied to him on extraneous grounds and there is no legal impediment in disclosure of the same. Per contra, the PIO asserts that the security of residents shall be compromised if the layout plan of water distribution channel is disclosed. He states that if the layout plan becomes public, anyone can dig out pipes. Also, the possibility of water theft and mixing of obnoxious substance cannot be ruled out.

Decision:

After hearing the parties and perusal of record, the finds merit in the contention of the respondent. The decision of FAA as clarified in the course of hearing is found to be in accordance with law. The disclosure of information is held to be barred under Section 8(1)(g) of the Right to Information Act as the disclosure shall invariably prejudice the collective security of the residents who are consumers of water supplied through the underground distribution network. No assertion has been made by the appellant to advance cause of larger public interest which could have outweighed the denial of disclosure.

The appeal is dismissed.

(Yashovardhan Azad)
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.

(R.P.Grover)
Designated Officer

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First Appellate Authority under RTI O/o. the Chief Engineer-(West) & FAA, Delhi Jal Board (Government of NCT of Delhi), MU-Block, Pitam Pura, New Delhi-110088.	