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Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/001988

Appellant: Mr. R S Agrawal
R/o. B-403, White House Aptt., Budh Marg, Patna-
800001, Bihar, (8294268244).

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer/Addl. Registrar,
Supreme Court of India, Tilak Marg, New Delhi.

Date of Hearing: 14.9.2016
Dated of Decision: 14.09.2016

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 06.02.2015 seeking advice on present status of lawyers bringing under the Consumer Protection Act in the light of the orders of the National Consumer Commission and concurred views expressed by the Supreme Court of India in a judgment.
2. The CPIO responded on 23.02.2015. The appellant filed first appeal on 13.03.2015 with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 20.04.2015. The appellant filed second appeal on 13.07.2015 before the Commission with the plea that the sought for information has not been provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant and the respondent both participated in the hearing personally.
4. The appellant stated that the National Consumer Commission has brought lawyers under the ambit of the Consumer Protection Act and said that lawyers, like doctors or engineers can be proceeded against under the Act if there is deficiency in rendering services. The appellant stated that the

ruling of the National Consumer Commission is meant to safeguard the interest of the clients who are entitled to a quality service. The appellant wanted to know the date from which lawyers have been brought under the Consumer Protection Act.

5. The respondent stated that vide letter dated 23.02.2015 the appellant was informed that it is beyond the jurisdiction and scope of the duties of the CPIO to interpret the law, judgments/orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court or any other Court, to give explanation, opine, comment or advise on matters. The sought for information is not covered under section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent further stated that the sought for information is not available with them. The respondent stated that the status of the cases is available on the Supreme Court website.

6. The respondent stated that the first appellate authority vide its order dated 20.04.2015 had disposed of the first appeal having concurred with the findings of the CPIO.

Discussion/ observation:

7. The action/steps taken by the respondent in dealing with the RTI application is satisfactory.

Decision:

8. No action is required in the matter at the level of this Commission.

The appeal is disposed of. A 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