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Appeal No. CIC/BS/A/2015/002015

Appellant: Mr. Vijay Laxman Pathak
B-15, Shree Gajanan Park, Kamod Nagar
Nashik- 422009, Maharashtra.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
Sr. Supdt. Deptt. of post, O/O Supdt.
Deptt. of post Office, Nashik Divn.
Nashik- 422001

Date of Hearing: 03.03.2017

Dated of Decision: 03.03.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 20.01.2015 seeking certified copy of provision under which postal authority can override the Government of India notification no G.S.R 496 (E) dated 01.05.1989 and responsibilities of officer for such serious lapse and liability for disciplinary action, to impose penalty, and to compensate the applicant for unnecessary harassment etc.

2. The CPIO responded on an unrecorded date and 18.02.2015. The appellant filed first appeal dated 17.03.2015. The response of FAA is not on record. The appellant filed second appeal on 02.09.2015 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. Both the parties participated in the hearing through video conferencing.

4. The appellant stated that the practice of proof of receipt of an original NSC Certificate on a chit of plain paper is not supported by any Government Orders/rules thereof.

5. The respondent stated that those seeking encashment of NSC certificate are initially given such chits upon depositing their NSC certificate with the post office. Amount below Rs. 20, 000/- is paid in cash and that exceeding Rs. 20, 000/- is paid in cheque.

6. The respondent further stated that there is no specific provision to give receipt of original NSC Certificate on a blank paper.

Discussion/ observation:

7. There appears to be a prima facie lacuna in the practice adopted by the respondent. There is no Govt. order on the subject. This exposes the public to the risk of losing their valuable assets. The Govt. cannot give receipts on a plain paper.

8. The Secretary, Department of Posts, is advised to issue instructions to the officials with regard to discontinuance of such procedure and to promulgate appropriate orders on this issue.

Decision:

9. The respondent is directed to take action as per para 8 above within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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

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