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Appeal No.CIC/BS/A/2015/002105

Appellant: Vincent D Souza
Pearl Colony, A-5, 1st Floor,
Near St. Paul Church,
Ambedkar Nagar Road,
Dadar East, Mumbai-400014.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
Sr. Supdt., Deptt. of Posts,
O/o Sr. Supdt. Of Post Office,
Mumbai, East Division, Mumbai-400014.

Date of Hearing: 02.03.2017

Date of Decision: 02.03.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 15.06.2015 seeking information regarding the reasons for charging the late fee of Rs. 3/- on various postal services beyond the normal working hours i.e. after 4:30 PM and related issues.

2. The CPIO responded on 15.07.2015 stating that since the working hours of the counters were extended beyond the normal working hours, so the late fee was being charged. The appellant filed first appeal dated 14.07.2015 before the first appellate authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 10.08.2015. The appellant filed second appeal to the Commission on 18.09.2015 on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant did not participate in the hearing. The respondent participated in the hearing through video conferencing.

4. The respondent stated that the normal working hours of the Post Office is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 PM but to facilitate the general public the counter hours were extended upto 8:30 PM. This extended time period was termed as night post office timing.

5. The respondent further stated that for the functioning of the night post office, additional Rs. 3/- is being charged and the information in this regard is already available on the website.

6. The respondent also stated that they have furnished the sought information to the appellant vide letter dated 10.08.2015.

Discussion/ observation:

7. The respondent shall display the information about such night post office and charging of extra fee of Rs. 3/- for the extended timing on the notice board of the concerned post office for giving information to the general public.

Decision:

8. The respondent is directed to take action as per para 7 above within a period of 15 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