

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

2nd Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

Decision No. CIC/CC/A/2015/002371/SB

Dated 02.09.2016

Appellant : Shri Harekrushna Sahoo,
At Bouland. P.O. Kanikapada,
Via Mangalpur,
Distt. Jajpur,
Odisha-755037.

Respondent : Central Public Information Officer,
Staff Selection Commission,
Block No.12, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110003.

Date of Hearing : 02.09.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application filed on : 20.05.2014

CPIO's reply : 09.06.2014

First appeal filed on : 31.12.2014

Second appeal filed on : 22.02.2015

ORDER

1. Shri Harekrushna Sahoo filed an application dated 20.05.2014 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Staff Selection Commission (SSC) seeking information on three points in respect of retrieving some old records wherefrom

letter dated 29.02.1996 was located which was earlier missing in the relevant file.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal dated 28.02.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that the CPIO, SSC, Eastern Region, Kolkata to whom his RTI application has been transferred by SSC, Delhi has neither replied nor provided the information sought by him and that the First Appellate Authority, FAA too did not respond to his appeal. The appellant requested the Commission to direct the concerned CPIO, SSC to provide information sought by him.

Hearing on 02.09.2016:

3. The appellant Shri Harekrushna Sahoo was not present despite notice. The respondent Shri A.K. Dadhich, Under Secretary and CPIO was present in person.

4. The respondent submitted that the RTI application of the appellant was transferred to the Regional Director (SSC, Easter Region), Kolkata under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act vide letter dated 09.06.2014 as the subject matter pertains to that region. Therefore, CPIO, SSC, Kolkata would be better equipped to make submissions in the matter.

Interim Decision:

5. The Commission, after hearing the respondent and perusing the records observes that the RTI application of the appellant was transferred to SSC, Kolkata. In view of this, the Commission directs the Registry to issue a fresh notice of hearing to the CPIO, SSC, Kolkata. The Commission, further directs the CPIO, SSC (HQ) to ensure that a copy of this decisions be served upon the CPIO, SSC (Kolkata).

6. Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer