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Complaint No.CIC/BS/C/2016/000238

Complainant: Azad Singh (Retired from BSNL)  
1617, Sector-3, Rohtak 124001, Haryana.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer  
GM (HR), BSNL, O/o Chief General Manager  
Telecom Haryana Circle, 107, Mahatma Gandhi  
Marg-56780, Ambala Cantt. 133001

Date of Hearing: 02.05.2017  
Date of Decision: 02.05.2017

**ORDER**

**Facts:**

1. The complainant filed RTI application dated 24.12.2015 seeking information regarding medical claim of Rs 38, 300/- of his wife viz the details of amount claimed/deducted along with reasons furnishing photo copies of the authorities/OM of Ministry of Health & FWND; the time period prescribed within which such claims are settled etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 05.02.2016 by denying the information on the grounds of it being third party information. The complainant filed first appeal dated 01.04.2016 with First Appellate Authority (FAA) on 13.02.2016. The FAA responded on 01.03.2016 by upholding the CPIO response. The complainant filed a complaint with the Commission on 22.03.2016 with a plea to provide information.

**Hearing:**

3. The complainant and the respondent Shri Nitesh Malhotra (on behalf of CPIO) participated in the hearing through VC.

4. The complainant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him. The complainant stated that the sought for information is not third party information as it has not been supplied by third party to the respondent and it would not cause invasion of the privacy of the third party. The complainant stated that the sought for information cannot be denied to the Parliament. Hence, he should be provided the sought for information. The complainant stated that he is a retired employee of the BSNL and he had submitted family card to the respondent. The complainant stated that deduction amount of the medical bills is not personal information. The complainant stated that he should be awarded compensation. The complainant stated that if the information is personal information of the third party, the respondent should have followed the procedure of section 11 of the RTI Act. The complainant stated that the CPIO and FAA had difference of opinion in providing information.

5. The respondent stated that the sought for information is related to third party and it is her personal information. The respondent stated that the complainant has sought information, as an advocate without indicating that he is a retired staff of the BSNL and that he is the husband of the person whose information is being sought. The respondent stated that the complainant can seek information in such a case as husband with due authority from his wife.

**Discussion/ observation:**

6. The complainant is still pursuing for information thus the complainant is treated as appeal.

7. It is settled law that the medical related information of an individual is personal information. However, the gross amount of the medical bills, sanctioned amount, deducted amount (however, the copy of medical bills and I medical examination report need not to be disclosed), OM of Ministry of Health on the subject, time period prescribed for settlement of such claim can be disclosed.

**Decision:**

8. Respondent is directed to provide to the appellant information as stated in para 7 above, within 30 days 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