

Central Information Commission, New Delhi  
File No. CIC/SH/A/2016/000023  
File No. CIC/SH/A/2016/000046  
File No. CIC/SH/A/2016/000915  
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : 7th February 2017  
Date of decision : 7th February 2017  
Name of the Appellant : SHRI BHOLA NATH BARANWAL  
C/O. BHOLANATH CARPETS  
LIMITED, G. T. ROAD, PO  
-THATHRA, KACHHAWAN,  
VARANASI, UP-221313  
Name of the Public Authority/Respondent : CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,  
ALLAHABAD BANK  
ZONAL OFFICE VARANASI, S-9/33,  
MOHD. IKRAM KHAN BUILDING,  
VARUNA BRIJ, NADESAR,  
VARANASI, UP- 221002

The Appellant was not present.

On behalf of the Respondents, Shri B. Sahu, CPIO was present at the NIC Studio, Varanasi.

Information Commissioner : Shri Sharat Sabharwal

These files contain appeals in respect of the RTI applications dated 4.6.2015 and 1.8.2015, filed by the Appellant, seeking information in the context of the loan account of M/s Shri Bholanath Carpets Ltd. (earlier known as M/s BIL Continental Ltd. and previously M/s Bholanath International Ltd.). The appeal concerning the RTI application dated 4.6.2015 has been registered twice on Files No. 23 and 46. Not satisfied with the response of the Respondents, the Appellant has approached the CIC in second appeal in both the cases.

2. In response to our query, the Respondents stated that the Appellant is the authorised signatory of the account and, therefore, they have no objection in principle to provision of the information to him. In regard to the RTI application dated 4.6.2015 (Files No. 23 and 46), the Respondents submitted that information on point No. 1 was provided and with regard to the remaining four points, the Appellant was informed that the overdue interest of the bill in question was not paid by the company in spite of several reminders of the bank and that the overdue interest was negotiated / settled by the company vide letter dated 16.12.2013 for acceptance of the requested amount of overdue interest for several overdue bills. With regard to the RTI application dated 1.8.2015 (File No. 915), the Respondents stated that information on point 2 (A) was provided. However, the information sought at points No. 1 and 2 was regarding reasons in respect of certain actions of the bank.

3. The Appellant was not present, in spite of a written notice having been sent to him, to plead his case or make submissions regarding any shortcoming(s) in the replies of the Respondents. In so far as the RTI application dated 4.6.2015 is concerned, we see no ground to interfere with the reply of the CPIO. As for the application dated 1.8.2015, we see no ground to interfere with the CPIO's reply to point 2 (A). However, in respect of points No. 1 and 2, the CPIO is directed to recheck the records of the bank and provide to the Appellant any reasons that may be recorded in the same in respect of the issues raised by the Appellant at the above two points. However, in case the records contain no reasons in respect of the above, the CPIO should inform the Appellant accordingly. In this context, we note that the CPIO is required to provide only such information as is available on records and is not

required to offer any opinion / explanation of his own. The CPIO should comply with our above directives, within twenty days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Such information, as is provided, should be provided free of charge.

4. With the above directions and observations, the three appeals are disposed of.
5. Copies of this order be given free of cost to the parties.

Sd/-  
(Sharat Sabharwal)  
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy. Additional copies of orders shall be supplied against application and payment of the charges prescribed under the Act to the CPIO of this Commission.

(Vijay Bhalla)  
Deputy Registrar