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Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/002676

Appellant: Mohinder Singh Heir
78 Guruhar Rai Avenue PO Khalsa College
Amritsar, Punjab-143002

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
APIO-I, M/o Rly, RTI Cell, Rly Board, New Delhi

2. MD & PIO
Centre for Rly Information System (CRIS),
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

Date of Hearing: 02.01.2017
Dated of Decision: 02.01.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 02.08.2010 seeking details & meaning of 'PTO Common Wealth Country' and eligibility criteria for the same etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 05.10.2010, 25.09.2013 17.10.2013, 03.01.2011. These responses were merely Railway Board and CRIS shifting responsibility for reply to each other. The appellant filed first appeal on 28.10.2010 with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA response is not on record. The appellant filed appeal on 20.06.2015 before the Commission with the plea that the sought for information has not been provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The respondent no. 2 participated in the hearing. The appellant and the respondent no. 1 did not participate in the hearing.
4. The respondent stated that earlier they have received appellant's RTI application from the Railway Board vide letter dated 05.10.2010. it was

replied vide letter dated 03.01.2011 with remarks that CRIS has no details regarding passes issued to Railway employees for the Common Wealth Countries.

5. There has been an extraordinary delay in reply, which is yet to be given. Responsibility needs to be fixed in the matter.

Discussion/ observation:

6. Desired information should have been provided to the appellant by the respondent no. 1. Viz APIO-I, M/o Rly, RTI Cell, Rly Board, New Delhi as it is a policy matter.

Decision:

7. Respondent no. 1 is directed to provide information to the appellant within 30 days of this order and be present personally with reply and reply to show cause on 07.04.2017 at 10:00 AM.

8. Respondent no. 1 is directed to show cause why action should not be taken against him for this delay.

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