

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
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**Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/003298**

Appellant: Mr. Vinayak Pandey  
60/92, Hussain Ganj, Lucknow,  
Uttar Pradesh

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer  
Sr. DPO,  
Northern Railway,  
RTI Cell,  
Divisional Office,,  
Lucknow, U.P

Date of Hearing: 05.01.2017

Dated of Decision: 05.01.2017

**ORDER**

**Facts:**

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 15.07.2015, seeking information regarding: number of canteens and shops operated by Northern Railways Women Welfare Organisation; on what basis the said canteens have been operated; number of canteen employees and their salaries etc.
2. The response of CPIO is not on record. The appellant filed First Appeal dated 17.08.2015, with First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 21.08.2015. The appellant filed second appeal on 23.09.2015 with the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

**Hearing:**

3. Both the parties participated in the hearing through video conferencing.
4. The appellant referred to his RTI application dated 15.7.2015 and stated that he is not satisfied with the response of the respondent. The

appellant further stated that railways have been providing its land/buildings to the Northern Railways Women Welfare Organisation for operating canteens and shops. The appellant said that railway has been allotting land/ shops/ canteen to their own persons and no tender is floated.

5. The respondent stated that for the welfare of the employees, canteens/shops work on no loss no profit basis. The respondent further stated that data related to number of canteen/shops is maintained by the Commercial Department.

**Discussion/ observation:**

6. The respondent should provide following information/documents to the appellant within 30 days of this order:-

- i) numbers of canteens/shops operated by Northern Railways Women Welfare Organisation, their allotment orders and their renewal orders over past two years;
- ii) terms and conditions, rules and policy for allotment of canteens/shops.

**Decision:**

7. The respondent is directed to take action as per para 6 above.

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**