

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
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**File No. CIC/VS/A/2014/003558**

Appellant: Mr. Virendra Kumar Tiwari  
12A. Station Road, Lucknow

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer  
Section Officer, M/o E.A CPV Divin. Patiala  
House, Annexe. Tilak Marg, New Delhi- 110001.

Date of Hearing: 16.02.2017

Dated of Decision: 16.02.2017

**ORDER**

**Facts:**

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 03.03.2014, seeking information on date on which appellant's official passport no. 1087359 had been surrendered to the Ministry of External affairs.
2. The CPIO responded on 04.06.2014 and 12.08.2014. The first appeal is not on record. The FAA responded on 28.07.2014. The appellant filed second appeal on 21.10.2014 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

**Hearing:**

3. The Appellant participated in the hearing through video conferencing. Respondent was represented through his counsel who was personally present in the hearing.
4. Appellant stated that he had filed RTI Application on 03.03.2014 and received reply from the CPIO on 04.06.2014 and 12.08.2014 but information was not provided. He had filed First Appeal on

26.06.2014 and FAA on 28.07.2014 directed CPIO to provide the point wise reply to the appellant.

5. Respondent stated that they have provided the information to the appellant on 04.06.2014 viz they have no information in the matter.
6. Respondent further referred to their letter dated 12.08.2014 and stated that information about surrender is not available. However now they are ready to furnish a fresh updated reply to the appellant.

**Discussion/ observation:**

7. The Commission observed that a fresh undated reply of RTI application dated 03.03.2014 should be provided to the appellant.
8. The Commission noted that in absence of proof of surrender of official passport, the appellant is unable to get his personal passport which is in custody of RPO Lucknow. The appellant stated that he had surrendered the official passport in 2003. There is no way that it can be valid even today. Hence Ministry of External Affairs should immediately release his personal passport. The Chief Passport Officer is advised to take immediate appropriate action for release of personal passport.

**Decision:**

9. The respondent is directed to take action as per para 7 above within 15 days of the 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

