

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Decision No. CIC/CC/A/2015/003594/SB

Dated 03.09.2016

Appellant : Shri Rakesh Kumar,
House No.G-1/561, Armapur Estate,
Kanpur, U.P.-208 005.

Respondent : The Central Public Information Officer,
Department of Administrative Reforms &
Public Grievances, Sardar Patel Bhawan,
Sansad Marg, New Delhi- 110001.

Date of Hearing : 23.08.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI application filed on : 25.12.2014

CPIO's reply : 22.01.2015

First Appeal filed on : 05.02.2015

FAA's order : 24.03.2015

2nd Appeal filed on : 13.04.2015

ORDER

1. Shri Rakesh Kumar filed an application dated 25.12.2014 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) seeking information on seven points pertaining to certified copies of the noting and correspondence/documents related to the action taken on his letter dated 01.11.2014.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal before the Commission on 13.04.2015 on the grounds that the CPIO has provided misleading and incorrect information to him and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has not provided any information. The appellant further requested that point-wise information may be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant Shri Rakesh Kumar and the respondent Ms. Pratibha Ahuja, CPIO and Under Secretary, Department of AR and PG and Shri

4. The appellant submitted that the respondent had merely forwarded his grievances to the Department of Defence Production and had not taken any action on his petition dated 01.11.2014. The appellant further submitted that he has not been provided copy of notings regarding action taken on his petition.

5. The respondent submitted that the appellant petition was forwarded to the Department of Defence Production because as per the 'Grievance Redressal Mechanism' action on the grievances of the appellant shall be taken by the parent Department. The respondent further submitted that the petitions are scanned and uploaded on Centralized Public Grievance/Redressal Monitoring System/CPG RAMs. Hence, no notings are made in this regard.

6. The respondent, Department of Defence Production that the matter relating to the redressal of grievances of the appellant is under consideration of the Department and the next hearing in that matter is on 29.08.2016.

Decision:

7. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, finds that information sought has been provided to the

appellant. The Commission observes that the RTI Act is not the proper law for redressal of grievances/disputes and there are other appropriate forum(s) for resolving such matters. The Commission further observes that the appellant cannot expect the respondent to take certain action or initiate action as desired by him. In view of this, no further action is required in the matter.

8. With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.
9. Copy of the decision be provided to both the parties free of cost.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer