

Central Information Commission, New Delhi
File No. CIC/SH/A/2016/000043
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : 3rd February 2017

Date of decision : 3rd February 2017

Name of the Appellant : SHRI ASHOK KUMAR GOYAL
GANESHPUR, REHMANPUR,
CHINHAT, LUCKNOW, UP -226028

Name of the Public Authority/Respondent : 1. CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
REGIONAL OFFICE, LANKA
VARANASI, UP- 221010

2. CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
REGIONAL OFFICE, MEERUT, 31,
JAIL CHUNGI, 1ST FLOOR,
VICTORIA PARK ROAD,
MEERUT, UP

3. CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
REGIONAL OFFICE, 37/2/4, 2ND
FLOOR, SANJAY PLACE, AGRA, UP-282002

4. CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
33, SUKHDEO NIWAS, CHAK JALA,
GOLGHAR, DISTT-GORAKHPUR,
U.P.-273001

5. CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
REGIONAL OFFICE, LUCKNOW, 1ST
FLOOR, 72, MAHATMA GANDHI
ROAD, HAZRAT GANJ,
DISTT-LUCKNOW ,U.P.-226001

6. CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
REGIONAL OFFICE,
117/H-1/240, PANDU NAGAR,
KANPUR NAGAR, U. P. -208005

RTI Application filed on : 13/09/2015
CPIO replied on : 1-30/09/2015, 2-06/10/2015,
3-28/09/2015, 4-14/10/2015,
First Appeal filed on : 30/10/2015
First Appellate Authority order on : 05/11/2015
2nd Appeal received on : 14/12/2015

The Appellant was not present.

On behalf of the Respondents, the following were present:-

1. Shri S. R. Yadav, DRM was present at the NIC Studio, Meerut.
2. Shri M. Manoharan, AGM was present at the NIC Studio, Lucknow.

Information Commissioner : Shri Sharat Sabharwal

Information sought

This matter concerns an RTI application filed by the Appellant, seeking information on seven points regarding details of the accounts declared NPA as on 31.3.2014 and 31.3.2015 by the branches under the Circle Office, Lucknow and related issues.

The CPIO reply

The CPIO, Regional Office, Varanasi, vide letter dated 30.09.2015 denied the information under Section 8 (1) (d) & (j) of the RTI Act. The CPIO, Regional Office, Meerut, vide letter dated 06.10.2015, expressed his inability to provide the information as it was related to third parties. The CPIO, Regional Office, Agra, vide letter dated 28.09.2015 provided total number of NPA accounts and total amount due. The CPIO, Regional Office, Lucknow, vide letter dated 14.10.2015, denied the information under section 8 (1) (d) & (j) of the RTI Act.

Grounds of the First Appeal

Not satisfied with the CPIOs' replies.

Order of the First Appellate Authority

The FAA denied the information under sections 8 (1) (j) and 7 (9) of the RTI Act.

Grounds of the Second Appeal

Information sought not provided.

Relevant facts emerging during the Hearing, Discussion and Decision

The Appellant was not present in spite of a written notice having been sent to him. We note that he sought information concerning NPA accounts in the branches under the Lucknow Circle Office and a good deal of information sought by him was regarding the action taken by the bank against its officers. We further note that the information falling in the latter category is exempted from disclosure under Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act in view of the Supreme Court judgment dated 3.10.2012 in Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs. Central Information Commissioner & Ors. [Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 27734 of 2012]. However, the CPIO, Regional Office, Lucknow is directed to collect the following information from the offices concerned and provide it to the Appellant, free of charge, within thirty days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission:-

- (i) The number of NPA loans in the branches under the Lucknow Circle Office as on 31.3.2014 and 31.3.2015.
 - (ii) The total outstanding in the above accounts as on 31.3.2014 and 31.3.2015.
2. With the above direction and observations, the appeal is disposed of.
 3. 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