

Central Information Commission, New Delhi
File No. CIC/SH/A/2016/000055
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : 19th January 2017

Date of decision : 19th January 2017

Name of the Appellant : **SHRI BHIMSEN**
S/O. SHRI JWALA PRASAD,
AMREIYA ROAD, NEAR JAHANABAD
BUS STAND, POST- JAHANABAD,
DISTT-PILIBHIT, UP

Name of the Public Authority/Respondent : **CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,**
ALLAHABAD BANK
ZONAL OFFICE, CIVIL LINES,
MORADABAD, UP

RTI Application filed on : 09/06/2015

CPIO replied on : 28/09/2015

First Appeal filed on : 04/08/2015

First Appellate Authority order on : 24/09/2015

2nd Appeal received on : 23/12/2015

The Appellant was present in person.

On behalf of the Respondents, Shri Jitender Kumar, Chief Manager was present at the NIC Studio, Moradabad.

Information Commissioner : **Shri Sharat Sabharwal**

Information sought

This matter concerns an RTI application filed by the Appellant, seeking information on five points regarding copies of orders issued in respect of waiver of agricultural loans in the years 2007 and 2008, amount sent by the Government to the Respondents, details of the farmers whose loans were waived in the years 2007 to 2011, non waiver of his agricultural loan and issuance of no dues certificate to him.

The CPIO reply

No reply given.

Grounds of the First Appeal

No reply given within the stipulated time period.

Order of the First Appellate Authority

The FAA directed the CPIO to dispose of the RTI application as per the RTI Act. The CPIO vide letter dated 28.9.2015, asked the Appellant to see the Respondents' website and provided the link to get the information on point Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4. He provided the information on point No. 5.

Grounds of the Second Appeal

Not satisfied with the information provided by the CPIO.

Relevant facts emerging during the Hearing, Discussion and Decision

The Appellant stated that he was not provided the information in response to points No. 1 to 4 of his RTI application and was not satisfied with the information provided in response to point No. 5. He submitted that at point No. 5, he had sought information regarding his own loan account in which a waiver amount of Rs. 7,500/- was to be received. Even though the CPIO stated in his reply dated 28.9.2015 that the above amount was credited to his account, it does not figure in the entries made by the bank in his passbook. The Appellant also claimed that in 2010, a manager of the bank asked him to deposit Rs. 15,000/- as one time settlement. He did so. However, the successor of the above manager issued a notice to him regarding repayment of the loan on the ground that it was still outstanding. The Appellant also stated that even though his loan was not treated as fully settled, some others with much larger amounts of loans were given a waiver.

2. We have considered the submissions of both the parties. In so far as the information sought at points No. 1 to 4 is concerned, the CPIO has stated that it is available on the website of the bank. Elaborate information has been sought at these points and we would refrain from directing the Respondents to provide the information in a hard copy. Instead, we would like to focus on the issues raised by the Appellant concerning his own loan account. The CPIO is directed to provide to the Appellant a certified copy of the up to date statement of his loan account, so that he could check the various entries himself. Further, the CPIO is directed to check whether any one time settlement was made in the loan account in 2010 and inform the Appellant of the position in this regard as per the records of the bank. The CPIO should comply with our above directives, within thirty days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The information should be provided free of charge.

3. With the above directions and observations, the appeal is disposed of.

4. 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