

Central Information Commission, New Delhi
File No. CIC/SH/A/2016/000065
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : 16th January 2017

Date of decision : 16th January 2017

Name of the Appellant : SHRI AVINASH CHANDER VERMA
C/O – RAJINDER KUMAR GAUTAM
43, MODERN COLONY,
JALANDHAR- 144003

Name of the Public Authority/Respondent : 1. CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,
BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION
LIMITED
TEL BHAWAN, SECTOR 19-C,
CHANDIGARH

2. Shri N. Ramannathan,
DGM and CPIO, Bharat Petroleum
Corporation Ltd.
Bharat Bhavan, 4 & 6, Currimbhoy Road,
Ballard Estate, P. B. No. 688,
Mumbai - 400001

RTI Application filed on : 05/08/2015

CPIO replied on : —

First Appeal filed on : 29/09/2015

First Appellate Authority order on : —

2nd Appeal received on : 20/12/2015

The Appellant was represented by Shri Rajinder Kumar Gautam, who was present at the NIC Studio, Jalandhar.

On behalf of the Respondents, Shri N. Ramanathan, DGM and CPIO was heard through audio-conferencing from Mumbai.

Information Commissioner : Shri Sharat Sabharwal

Information sought

What action had been taken on his letters dated 1.2.2010, 12.10.2010, 19.10.2010 and 2.12.2013 in respect of payment of dues.

The CPIO reply

No reply given.

Grounds of the First Appeal

No information provided.

Order of the First Appellate Authority

No order passed.

Grounds of the Second Appeal

Information sought not provided.

Relevant facts emerging during the Hearing, Discussion and Decision

The representative of the Appellant stated that the Appellant's query was regarding settlement of a claim of Rs. 9,89,704/- submitted by him to the Respondents originally in December 2009. However, no information has been provided to him. He further submitted that the claim has not been settled in spite of repeated reminders.

2. Speaking on behalf of the Respondents, Shri N. Ramanathan, DGM and CPIO stated that a reply was sent to the Appellant on 26.8.2015 and he was informed that the matter would be sorted out by 31.10.2015. Shri Ramanathan seemed to suggest that subsequently there were some difficulties in the office concerned because of non-availability of certain documents and consequently the matter has not been sorted out so far.

3. We have considered the submissions of both the parties and note that a claim which according to the representative of the Appellant was submitted as early as in December 2009 has not elicited a final response from the Respondents; nor has it been settled. Only an interim reply was given by the CPIO on 26.8.2015, stating that the matter would be sorted out by 31.10.2015. However, it has not been sorted out so far. Taking the above into account, we direct Shri N. Ramanathan, DGM and CPIO to give a final response to the Appellant in this matter, within thirty days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

4. With the above direction and observations, the appeal is disposed of.

5. 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