

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
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Appeal No. CIC/BS/A/2016/000077

Appellant: Pradeep Kumar Singh,
O/o DET, Telecom Project, BSNL,
Keonjhar Odisha-758001. (9437218412)

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer,
GM, BSNL, RTI Cell,
Eastern telecom Project Circle,
Kolkata, W.B.

Date of Hearing: 20.04.2017

Dated of Decision: 20.04.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 22.09.2015 seeking information on 5 points regarding status of his transfer application dated 27.11.2014 submitted to CGM Odisha, which had been forwarded to DGM Microwave Project, Bhubaneswar as well as the information pertaining to the number of transfer applications received and processed by the concerned authorities from 01.11.2014 till date.
2. The CPIO response is not on record. The appellant filed first appeal dated 18.12.2015. The FAA response is not on record. The appellant filed second appeal on 04.01.2016 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant participated in the hearing through video conferencing. The respondent was absent.

4. The appellant stated that the respondent has provided him an evasive reply vide letter dated 26.12.2015. The reply given was read out and was found to be ambiguous.

Discussion/ observation:

5. The respondent has given an evasive and ambiguous reply to the appellant. The respondent has furnished him a delayed reply on 26.12.2015. The respondent should provide a specific point wise reply to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order and send a compliance report to the Commission.

Decision:

6. The respondent is directed to take action as per para 5 above.

7. The respondent is further directed to show cause, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order, why penalty should not be imposed on him for not providing the sought for information within the timelines prescribed in the RTI Act and giving an evasive reply to the appellant.

8. The respondent is also directed to show cause, within 30 days of this order, why action should not be taken against him for trying to deny information by not attending the hearing.

9. The Deputy Registrar is directed to fix a hearing for compliance and to consider show cause reply after one month.

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