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Central Information Commissioner

CIC/SH/C/2016/000088

Shrigopal Soni v. PIO, National Science Centre

RTI	:	30.07.2015
FAO	:	23.10.2015
Second Appeal	:	10.02.2016
Hearing	:	09.02.2017
Appellant	:	Mr. MK Rastogi - appellant
Public authority	:	Mr. MM E Namboodri, CPIO
Decided on	:	09.02.2017

FACTS:

1. RTI application has been filed by Mr. MK Rastogi before Director, National Science Centre; however, this complaint is filed by another person Mr. Gopal Soni before this Commission. Appellant, Mr. MK Rastogi sought details of names, designation, suspending authority and revocation of suspension order pertaining to employees suspended from NCSM. He also wanted copy of suspension letter, enquiry report; penalty orders etc., he also wanted inspection of records. Later complainant, Mr. Gopal Soni has complained that the CPIO, National Science Centre gave incorrect reply on 11.9.2015 (not on record). FAA, Ministry of culture upheld the reply of CPIO and stated that the RTI application was not addressed to Ministry of Culture and also appellant was a different person. Dissatisfied with the reply of CPIO, the complainant approached this Commission.

Decision :

2. Mr. MK Rastogi, appellant stated that as he had no log-in id, so he used id of Mr. Gopal Soni to file complaint. The CPIO stated that the appellant Mr. MK Rastogi is a removed employee on 9 major charges, and now he is filing multiple RTI applications to harass the office of public authority. He stated that the

Commission in earlier order CIC/SH/C/2015/000252 dated 10.10.2016 has also admonished this appellant for misusing the RTI. The appellant states that though he received information, it was delayed.

3. The Commission finds Mr. MK Rastogi was misusing the RTI Act to avenge his removal by filing multiple RTI applications demanding huge information; for instance details and copies of documents about all suspended employees and suspending officers, for last 15 years. Yet he was given information which he alleges to have been given after 30 days. This RTI application and appeal are filed with malice and without any public interest. If the complaint by an admonished misuse leads to punishment, RTI will become a mockery, encouraging removed employees like this complainant to further misuse RTI and demoralize the disciplinary authorities. Hence, the complaint is rejected with another record of admonition against this complainant.

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(M. Sridhar Acharyulu)
Central Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(Dinesh Kumar)
Deputy Registrar

Copy of decision given to the parties free of cost.

Addresses of the parties:

1. The CPIO under RTI,
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