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Appeal No. CIC/SH/A/2014/002688

Appellant: Mr. A Ahmad,
Vill+P.O. Panchpedava,
Janpad-Gorakhpur,
U.P.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs,
(Parliament & Coordination Section),
Akbar Bhawan,
Chankaya Puri,
New Delhi.

Date of Hearing: 01.03.2017

Dated of Decision: 01.03.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 25.04.2014 seeking information regarding American Passport number and date held by Shri Abdullaha Bin Aamir and Indian passport number surrendered by him; the appellant wants to know as to whether a person can open a bank account etc. in India who had surrendered his Indian citizenship and obtained the USA citizenship.
2. The response of CPIO is not on record. The appellant filed First Appeal dated 19.7.2014 with First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 12.8.2014. The appellant filed second appeal on 28.12.2014 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The respondent was personally present in the hearing. The appellant was absent.

4. The respondent stated that they have informed the appellant that the person referred to by him appears to have surrendered Indian citizenship at Indian Mission/Post in USA. The respondent stated that they have further informed that the information on point No. 1 of the RTI application can be ascertained by the applicant from Embassy of India, Washington and information on point No. 2 of the RTI application is related to Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services.

Discussion/ observation:

5. The Commission is of the view that the respondent should transfer the appellant's RTI application dated 25.04.2014 under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the concerned CPIO, in Embassy of India, Washington and also the CPIO, Dept. of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.

Decision:

6. The respondent is directed to transfer the appellant's RTI application dated 25.04.2014 under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the CPIO, Embassy of India, Washington on point No. 1 of the RTI application and to the CPIO, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services on point No. 2 of the RTI application, within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order.

7. The CPIO, Embassy of India, Washington and CPIO, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services are directed to provide the information to the appellant, within 15 days from the receipt of transferred RTI application.

8. The respondent is directed to show cause in writing that why action should not be taken against him for not transferring the RTI application dated 25.04.2014 of the appellant to the concerned Public Authority, within 30 days from the date of this order.

The appeal is disposed of. 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

Copy to:

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(Nodal Officer is directed to send this copy of order to the CPIO, Embassy of
India, Washington)