

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

2nd Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

Decision No. CIC/SB/C/2015/000063

Dated 20.09.2016

Complainant : Shri Istyak,
B-222, J.J. Camp Tigdi,
Post Sangam Vihar,
New Delhi-110 080.

Respondent : Central Public Information Officer,
Ministry of Minority Affairs,
Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003.

Date of Hearing : 20.09.2016

Relevant dates emerging from the complaint:

RTI application filed on : 13.07.2015

Complaint filed on : 12.09.2015

ORDER

1. Shri Istyak filed an application dated 13.07.2015 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Ministry of Minority Affairs (MMA) seeking information on nine points regarding schemes for Muslims and Backward Classes people.

2. The complainant filed a complaint dated 12.09.2015 before the Commission on the grounds that he has not been provided any information.

Hearing:

3. The complainant Shri Istyak and the respondent Shri K.D. Singh, Under Secretary, MMA were present in person.

4. The complainant submitted that the information sought has not been provided to him by the respondent. The complainant further submitted that the RTI application was sent by Speed Post bearing tracking id no-ED6896492151IN to the MMA, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

5. The respondent submitted that information could not be provided to the complainant since the RTI application of the complainant was not received in the respondent office. The respondent further submitted that a copy of the RTI application was received along with the Commission's notice of hearing and in response, information relating to the Establishment Division of MMA i.e. point nos. 7 and 8 of the RTI application was provided to the complainant vide letter dated 16.09.2016.

Decision:

6. The Commission, after hearing both the parties and perusing the records, observes that as per the respondent, RTI application was not received in the respondent office. However, as per the complainant, the RTI application was sent via Speed Post, addressed to the MMA at CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, so there appears to be no reason for the non-delivery of the RTI application. In view of the same, the Commission directs the respondent to conduct an enquiry to trace the missing RTI application and submit the enquiry report to the Commission within two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this decision. The Commission, further directs the Nodal CPIO, MMA to provide information on the remaining points to the complainant within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this decision.

7. With the above observations, the complaint is disposed of.

8. Copy of decision be given free of cost to the parties.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(V.K. Sharma)
Designated Officer