

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
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**Appeal Nos.** CIC/BS/A/2016/000245,  
CIC/BS/A/2016/000333, CIC/BS/A/2016/000527, CIC/BS/A/2016/000414  
CIC/BS/A/2016/000662, CIC/BS/A/2016/000663, CIC/BS/A/2016/000664,  
CIC/BS/A/2016/000665, CIC/BS/A/2016/000666, CIC/BS/A/2016/000667,  
CIC/BS/A/2016/000686, CIC/BS/A/2016/000687, CIC/BS/A/2016/000688  
CIC/BS/A/2016/000689, CIC/BS/A/2016/000692, CIC/BS/A/2016/000914,  
CIC/BS/A/2016/001092, CIC/BS/A/2016/000690, CIC/BS/A/2016/000691,  
CIC/BS/A/2016/000693, CIC/BS/A/2016/000978, CIC/BS/A/2016/000526,  
CIC/BS/A/2016/001087, CIC/BS/A/2016/001082, CIC/BS/A/2016/000980,  
CIC/BS/A/2016/000694, CIC/BS/A/2016/000976 & CIC/BS/A/2016/000912  
**(Total 28 cases)**

Appellant: Satyendra Kumar,  
Moh- Gandhinagar, Ward-33,  
PO/ Distt./ PS- Aurangabad-824101,  
Bihar.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer,  
Supdt. Deptt. Of Posts,  
O/o The Sudt. Of Post Offices,  
Aurangabad Division,  
Aurangabad-824101, Bihar.

Date of Hearing: 15.05.2017

Date of decision: 15.05.2017

**ORDER**

**Facts:**

1. The appellant filed RTI applications referred to in the abovementioned 28 appeals. Information sought for by the appellant and response given by the respondent is given below:

<b>S.N o</b>	<b>Appeal No.</b>	<b>Information sought by the appellant</b>	<b>CPIO's reply/FA/FAO</b>
1.	CIC/BS/A/2016 /000245 RTI dated	Copy of verification reports of educational documents of 15 selected candidates for the post of	PIO dt. 08.09.2015- Appointment Register has been sought from

	07/08/2015	'Sakha Dakpal' received from the concerned Education Boards.	Circle Office, vide letter dated 18.08.2015, on receipt of the Register, the information will be provided without delay. FAA dt.14.10.2015- found that information was provided on 09.10.2015.
2. &3	CIC/BS/A/2016/000333, 000527 RTI 23.09.2015	Date of receipt of application for the post of Sakha Dakpal in the Post Office Mehima Bhabha Tandva, Matpa Bhabha Amba, and applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc. Information sought for in a Performa.	PIO-07.10.2015- information is voluminous and not available in given Performa. However, the appellant was invited for inspection of all records. FAA-27.11.2015- upheld the decision of the CPIO
4.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000414 RTI 24.09.2015	Date of receipt of application for the post of Dak Distributor in the Post Office Pokhaha and applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc. Information sought for in a Performa.	PIO-23.10.2015- on receipt of the information, it will be provided. FAA-27.11.2015- directed the PIO to provide the information
5.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000662 RTI 17.07.2015	Name of all 15 Post Offices which notified dt 19.09.2014 vacancies applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc. Information sought for in a Performa.	PIO-19.08.2015- information is voluminous and not available in given Performa. However, the appellant was invited for inspection of all records. FAA-24.09.2015- upheld the decision of the CPIO
6.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000663 RTI dated 07/07/2015	Copy of verification reports of educational documents of 13 selected candidates for the post of 'Sakha Dakpal' received from the	PIO dt. 03.08.2015- copying charges Rs. 36 was demanded. FAA dt.14.10.2015-

		concerned Education Boards.	directed the PIO to provide the information
7.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000664 RTI dated 07/07/2015	Copy of verification reports of educational documents of 15 selected candidates for the post of 'Sakha Dakpal' received from the concerned Education Boards.	PIO dt. 09.08.2015-copying charges Rs. 30 was demanded. FAA dt.05.11.2015-directed the PIO to provide the information
8.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000665 RTI dated 07/07/2015	Copy of verification reports of educational documents of 28 selected candidates for the post of 'Gramin Dak Vahak' received from the concerned Education Boards.	PIO dt. 03.08.2015-copying charges Rs. 56 was demanded. FAA dt.14.10.2015-directed the PIO to provide the information
9.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000666 RTI 17.07.2015	Name of all 15 Post Offices which notified dt 19.09.2014 vacancies, applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc. Information sought for in a Performa.	PIO-19.08.2015-information partially provided. FAA-24.09.2015-upheld the decision of the CPIO
10	CIC/BS/A/2016/000667 RTI dated 07/07/2015	Copy of verification reports of educational documents of 15 selected candidates for the post of 'Shakha Dakpal' received from the concerned Education Boards.	PIO dt. 03.08.2015-Appointment Register is available with Circle Office, Patna, therefore, sought for information cannot be provided. FAA dt.10.09.2015-upheld the decision of CPIO.
11.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000686 RTI 22.09.2015	As per merit list for the post of 'Shakha Dakpal', for Branch Post Office Barahi Bazar Bhabh Jakhim, applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc. Information sought for in a Performa.	PIO-07.10.2015-information is voluminous and not available in given Performa. However, the appellant was invited for inspection of all records. FAA-00.11.2015-directed the CPIO to provide the

			information within 3 days.
12.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000687 RTI 22.09.2015	As per merit list for the post of 'Shakha Dakpal', for Branch Post Office, Belsara Bhabha Dev, applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc. Information sought for in a Performa.	PIO-07.10.2015- information is voluminous and not available in given Performa. However, the appellant was invited for inspection of all records. FAA-06.11.2015- directed the CPIO to provide the information within 3 days.
13	CIC/BS/A/2016/000688 RTI 22.09.2015	As per merit list for the post of 'Shakha Dakpal', for Branch Post Office, Mirzapur Bhabha Navinagar, applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc. Information sought for in a Performa.	PIO-07.10.2015- information is voluminous and not available in given Performa. However, the appellant was invited for inspection of all records. FAA-06.11.2015- directed the CPIO to provide the information within 3 days.
14	CIC/BS/A/2016/000689 RTI 23.09.2015	As per merit list for the post of 'Shakha Dakpal', for Branch Post Office, Gheura Bhabha Amba, applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc. Information sought for in a Performa.	PIO-07.10.2015- information is voluminous and not available in given Performa. However, the appellant was invited for inspection of all records. FAA-23.11.2015- upheld the decision of the CPIO.
15.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000692, RTI application dated 23.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office	The CPIO vide letter 07.10.2015 informed the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed

		Khudwa Post Office, Obra.	first appeal dated 04.11.2015. The FAA responded on 23.11.2015.
16.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000914, RTI application dated 22.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office B.H. Ganj, Sherghati.	The CPIO response is not on record. The appellant filed first appeal dated 16.11.2015. The FAA responded on 27.11.2015.
17.	CIC/BS/A/2016/001092, RTI application dated 24.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Postman-cum-distributor at Phessor Post Office.	The CPIO vide letter dated 23.10.2015 informed the appellant that information will be provided to him upon receipt of the same from the Postal Supdt. The appellant filed first appeal dated 10.11.2015. The FAA responded on 27.11.2015.
18.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000690, RTI application dated 23.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office Ithat, S.S. College.	The CPIO vide letter dated 07.10.2015 informed the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa.  The appellant filed first appeal dated 04.11.2015.  The FAA responded on 23.11.2015.
19.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000691, RTI application dated	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education	The CPIO vide letter dated 07.10.2015 informed the

	23.09.2015	board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office, Budhai, Goh.	appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed first appeal dated 04.11.2015. The FAA responded on 23.11.2015.
20.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000693, RTI application dated 23.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office, Kathaitiya, Sherghati.	The CPIO vide their letter dated 07.10.2015 informed the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed first appeal on 31.10.2015. The FAA responded on 23.11.2015.
21.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000978, RTI application dated 23.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office, Charan, Barun.	The CPIO vide their letter dated 07.10.2015 informed the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed first appeal on 30.10.2015. The FAA responded on 23.11.2015.
22.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000526, RTI application dated 23.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office, Singhari, Goh.	The CPIO vide their letter dated 07.10.2015 informed the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed

			first appeal on 07.11.2015. The FAA responded on 27.11.2015.
23.	CIC/BS/A/2016/001087, RTI application dated 24.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Postman-cum-distributor at Khudva Post Office.	The CPIO vide their letter dated 23.10.2015 informed the appellant that information will be provided to him upon receipt of the same from the Postal Supdt. The appellant filed first appeal on 10.11.2015. The FAA responded on 27.11.2015.
24.	CIC/BS/A/2016/001082, RTI application dated 22.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office, Barriya, Navinagar.	The CPIO vide their letter dated 07.10.2015 informed the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed first appeal on 30.10.2015. The FAA responded on 23.11.2015.
25.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000980, RTI application dated 22.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office, Pouthu, Jamhor.	The CPIO vide their letter dated 07.10.2015 informed the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed first appeal on 30.10.2015. The FAA responded on 23.11.2015.

26.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000694, RTI application dated 23.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office, Belsar, Kaler.	The CPIO vide their letter dated 07.10.2015 informed the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed first appeal on 31.10.2015. The FAA responded on 23.11.2015.
27.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000976, RTI application dated 24.09.2015	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Postman-cum-distributor at Jamhor Post Office.	The CPIO vide their letter dated 23.10.2015 informed the appellant that information will be provided to him upon receipt of the same from the Postal Supdt. The appellant filed first appeal on 09.11.2015. The FAA responded on 27.11.2015.
28.	CIC/BS/A/2016/000912, RTI application dated	List of the applications received (applicant's name, father's name, address, date of birth, education	The CPIO vide their letter dated 07.10.2015 informed

	22.09.2015	board, education qualification, obtained marks etc.) in order of merit for appointment to the post of Branch Postmaster at Post Office, Arathua, Rafiganj.	the appellant that the information sought is not available in the said Performa. The appellant filed first appeal on 19.10.2015. The FAA responded on 06.11.2015.
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**Hearing:**

2. Both the parties participated in the hearing through video conferencing. The appellant was represented by his counsel, Mr. Satendra Kumar Singh (Advocate). They agreed to hearing of these 28 cases together, as the subject matter is similar in nature.

3. The appellant stated that he has not received the sought for information till date.

4. The respondent stated that the sought for information has been provided to the appellant. In fact, as per the instructions of the Director Postal Services, (as appellate authority) Patna they have sent the detailed information pertaining to the aforesaid 20 RTIs in the sought proforma after collecting the same from four different units of Inspector of Posts (appointing authority of all the posts below the Branch Postmaster) through the registered post. They also possess the dispatch proof of sending the information. In the remaining 8 RTIs, they had asked the appellant to inspect the required documents. Despite being offered inspection, the appellant has failed to turn up in their office. Therefore, they have not provided the sought for information with respect to 8 RTIs.

5. The respondent agreed to provide the detailed information in the remaining 8 cases too, as they had done in the aforesaid 20 cases. They have provided the information in the above 20 cases on the following dates:-

<b>File No.</b>	<b>Date of CPIO's Reply</b>
CIC/BS/A/2016/000245	20.01.2016

CIC/BS/A/2016/000333	25.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000527	21.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000414	21.02.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000662	19.08.2015
CIC/BS/A/2016/000663	03.08.2015
CIC/BS/A/2016/000664	08.09.2015
CIC/BS/A/2016/000665	08.09.2015
CIC/BS/A/2016/000666	19.08.2015
CIC/BS/A/2016/000667	03.08.2015
CIC/BS/A/2016/000686	25.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000687	25.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000688	25.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000914	25.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/001092	21.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000526	21.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/001087	21.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000694	25.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000976	21.01.2016
CIC/BS/A/2016/000912	25.01.2016

6. The respondent stated that no article/registered post giving full information has been returned undelivered.

**Discussion/ observation:**

7. The respondent should provide the sought for information in the remaining 8 cases also as provided in 20 cases of the appellant.

8. The respondent stated that the appellant has sought huge and voluminous information, contained in several files and in formats designed by him. It is not possible to compile the details without disproportionately diverting the resources of the public authority. However, they compiled the information and supplied it as per the directions of the appellate authority. He emphasized that the appellant's only purpose is to harass the public authority.

9. It is observed that the counsel/representative of the appellant has been wrongly briefed, which is evident from the fact that the sought for information after compilation had been sent to him through numerous letters *via* registered post on the aforesaid dates. The appellant failed to turn up for this hearing. He did not come for inspection despite several opportunities. This could have avoided disproportionate efforts on the part of the respondent to collect and collate voluminous information.

10. The recruitments process lacks transparency. The respondent should put the information at all stages of recruitment process in the public domain. This would obviate needs for such RTIs.

**Decision:**

10. The respondent is directed to take action as per paras 7 and 9 above, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

11. The appellant is hereby admonished for improper briefing to his counsel and not turning up to inspect the records as requested. He is warned to exercise caution in future.

12. Secretary, Department of Posts is advised to implement a transparency policy for such recruitments.

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**

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