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Appeal No.CIC/BS/A/2016/000449

Appellant: Mr. Harcharan Singh
352, Green Avenue,
Amritsar-143 001,
(9779006003).

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer,
Dy. A/c. Gen. (Admn.)
O/o. Principal Controller of
Communication Accounts,
(Maharashtra Circle), Admn Bldg.,
'C' Wing, 3rd Flr, Telecom Complex,
Juhu Road, Santa Cruz (W), Mumbai-400054

Date of Hearing: 26.07.2017

Dated of Decision: 26.07.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 27.09.2015 seeking copy of the LTC Bill submitted by Shri Priyesh Bheda, ACA, who had availed the LTC during his probation in the office of Principal Controller of Communication Accounts, Mumbai from 05.07.2007 to 20.12.2007.

2. The CPIO responded on 06.11.2015. The appellant filed first appeal dated 17.11.2015. The FAA responded on 15.12.2015. The appellant filed second appeal before the commission on 15.01.2016 on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. Both the parties participated in the hearing through video conferencing.

4. The appellant stated that the respondent has not provided him the sought for information by stating that the said information is exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. Further, he stated that the LTC bill sanctioned out of govt. fund is not personal in nature.

5. The respondent stated that the information sought by the appellant is a third party information u/Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, therefore they have denied the same. Further, he stated that consent of the third party had been sought and he had refused to part with the information.

Discussion/ observation:

6. The expenses incurred out of public funds for availing of LTC cannot be termed as personal information. Invoking of Section 11 of the RTI Act was not appropriate in this case. The Commission observes that the sought for information is official in nature. Moreover, a citizen has a right to know expenses of the public exchequer. Therefore, the respondent should provide the complete information to the appellant, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. In respect of the LTC bill, personal information such as details of family members etc. should be deleted.

Decision:

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

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