

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
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**Appeal No. CIC/BS/A/2015/001991**

Appellant: Mr. Santosh Kumar Pathak  
452, SHEO Mandir Road, Adarsh  
Colony, Lohia Ward, Katni- 483501 U.P.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer  
Sr. Supdt. Deptt. Post, O/o Supdt  
Of Post office, Jabalpur Circle

Date of Hearing: 15.03.2017

Dated of Decision: 15.03.2017

**ORDER**

**Facts:**

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 16.01.2015 seeking copy of order book, nominal roll and attendance register of Katni, H.P.O. (01.01.2011 to 14.01.2015) and attested copies of SR-1 (leave application), leave order (original and revised), charge reports of S K. Pathak (appellant) and list of officials on deputation/attachment/temporary transfer in Jabalpur Postal Division etc.

2. The CPIO responded on 19.01.2015. First appeal is not on record. The FAA responded on 10.04.2015. The appellant filed second appeal undated before the Commission 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 incomplete information has been provided to him.

5. The appellant further stated that the respondents have denied the complete information relying on section 8(20) of RTI Act, which doesn't exist.

6. The respondent stated that the information sought by the appellant is under investigation by the SSP, Jabalpur and that is why they did not provide the same.

7. The respondent further reiterated the stand taken by the CPIO that information has been denied on the basis of Section 8(20) of the RTI Act.

**Discussion/ observation:**

8. Section 8(20) doesn't exist in the RTI Act. The respondent has cited wrong provision of the RTI Act. The grounds taken by the respondent to deny information is improper.

9. The information sought may be provided as it is official in nature. However, any personal information like permanent residential address, reasons for taking leave etc. may be redacted. The respondent should provide the complete information to the appellant free of cost within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

**Decision:**

10. The respondent is directed to take action as per para 9 above.

11. The CPIO, Postal Division is directed to show cause, within 30 days of this order, why action should not be taken against him for denying the information to the appellant by quoting a non-existent provision of the RTI Act.

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**