Name of the Appellant : Shri Stanly Paul, Karimnagar.
Name of the Public Authority : South Central Railway

Background:

Shri Stanly Paul of Karimnagar filed an RTI-application with the Public Information Officer, South Central Railway, Secunderabad, on 4 December 2006, seeking information on action taken on his complaints dated 19 June 2006 and 22 June 2006. The Appellant also sought inspection of the muster roll maintained at the Ramgundam Station.

2. The PIO vide his letter dated 13 January 2007 replied to his RTI-application. Dissatisfied with the information supplied by the PIO, the Appellant filed an appeal with the first Appellate Authority on 18 January 2007 and thereafter approached the Central Information Commission with a second appeal on 26 July 2007.

3. The bench of Dr. O.P. Kejariwal, Information Commissioner, heard the matter on 31 October 2007.

4. Shri S. Tamilcholai, Sr. DPO & CPIO and Shri K.V. Sivaprasad, represented the Respondents.

5. The Appellant, Shri Stanly Paul, was present in person.

Decision:

6. The Commission heard both the parties and noted that the Respondents had replied to all the three queries of the Applicant. On going through the replies, the Commission found these to be satisfactory and considers this case as closed. However, the Commission noticed that a delay of 9 days in the response of the Respondents to the RTI-application of 4 December 2006 (replied
to on 13 January 2007). The Commission, therefore, decided to issue a Show Cause Notice as to why penalty should not be levied upon them under Section 20(1) of the RTI-Act.

7. The Commission ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
(O.P. Kejariwal)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:

Sd/-
(G. Subramanian)
Assistant Registrar

Cc:


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