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Appeal No. CIC/MOEAF/A/2016/298594

Appellant: Mr. Rajhans Trehan,
Chandralok, Nr. Vanprastha Ashram.
Jwalapur, Haridwar-249407,
Uttarakhand.

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
Ministry of External Affairs,
AB & BC Division,
Room No. 1044,
Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110011.

Date of Hearing: 11.08.2017

Date of Decision: 11.08.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed online RTI application dated 9.5.2016 seeking certified copy of letters/emails sent from the MEA, Govt. of India to the i) South Asian University, New Delhi in the year 2015, ii) PMO regarding the South Asian University in the year 2015; iii) SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, Nepal regarding the South Asian University in the year 2015 etc.

2. The response of CPIO is not on record. The appellant filed first appeal dated 23.5.2016 with First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 12.7.2016. The appellant filed second appeal on 12.8.2016 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant participated in the hearing personally. The respondent did not participate in the hearing.

4. The appellant stated that he wants information/document on one point only viz. letters/emails/correspondence from MEA to the South Asian University regarding grant of scholarship during 2015 to the Indian students.

Discussion/Observations:

5. The respondent should provide to the appellant copy of letters/emails/correspondence from MEA to the South Asian University, New Delhi regarding grant of scholarship to the Indian students during 2015 within 15 days of receipt of this order.

Decision:

6. The respondent is directed to take action as per para 5.

7. The respondent is directed to show cause, within 30 days of this order, why action should not be taken against him for trying to deny information by not attending the hearing.

The appeal is disposed of. Copy of decision be given free of cost to the parties.

(Radha Krishna Mathur)
Chief Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(S.C. Sharma)
Dy. Registrar