Central Information Commission 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 'B' Wing, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066.

CIC/AA/A/2016/148 CICOM/A/2016/00147 CICOM/R/2014/00305

Name of the appellant:

Shri R.K. Jain,

1512-B, Bhishm Pitamah Marg, Wazir Nagar,

New Delhi -110 003.

1.	Date of RTI application	21.07.2014
2.	Date of reply of the RTI application	26.08.14, 20.10.14 &
		24.02.16
3.	CPIO(s) who furnished reply	JS(MR), Registrar, JS(Law)
4.	1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal No. & Date	16187 dt. 16.03.2016
5.	Diary No. of 1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal of the Dak Section	123228
6.	Diary date of the Dak Section	21.03.2016
7.	Diary date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal in the office of FAA	22.03.2016
8.	Date of Hearing	26.07.2016

Appellant was present when Shri M.K. Sharma, Registrar, Shri Y.K. Singhal, JS(Law) & Nodal Officer and Shri Kishore Kumar Pukhral, CPIO, RTI Cell were also present. This appeal was earlier fixed for hearing on 18.05.16 and 12.07.2016 but due to engagement of Shri Y.K. Singhal, JS(Law), the same could not be conducted and finally heard on 26.07.2016.

## Decision with reasons:-

2. During the hearing, the appellant has stated that he is aggrieved with the response given by the CPIOs on points (A), (D) & (E) only. On point (A) the appellant has sought a list of the existing committees constituted in CIC for different purposes with their composition and the subject being dealt with by them and also the number of times they have meeting the last two years with copy of the minutes for each meeting. The DS(Admin) cum CPIO, Shri Sushil Kumar has replied that the information sought for is not specific. The appellant has stated during the hearing that the information sought by him on point (A) is very specific and moreover the CPIO has taken more than 500 days in giving reply to the RTI application, which itself shows the malafide intent of the CPIO. Direction is given to Shri Sushil Kumar, DS(Admin) cum CPIO to provide the available information on constitution of existing committees and minutes of the meeting of such committees to the appellant within 3 weeks from the date of receipt of the order.

- 3. On Point (D) of the RTI application regarding preparation of compendium containing landmark decision of CIC, HCs and Supreme Court on RTI, the JS(Law), Shri Y.K. Singhal has informed the appellant that the compendium is available on website of this Commission which is already in public domain. During the hearing, the appellant was agreed with the reply and suggested that the summary of the cases may also be uploaded in the website.
- 4. On Point (E) of the RTI application, the appellant has sought information regarding action taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> para of supplementary agenda of MOM dated 25.06.13 and the writ petition number that has been filed by CIC in Orissa High Court. The JS(Law) has responded that the information is not held in this office. The response of the JS(Law) is not appropriate. If the information is not held with his office, he should have taken the assistance from the other officers or transfer the RTI application to the concerned CPIO of the Commission. Shri S.P. Beck, JS(Admn) cum CPIO who is dealing with the Commission's meeting is directed to provide the information on the action taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Para of Supplementary Agenda of Commission's meeting dated 25.06.2013 to the appellant within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of the order. Shri Y.K. Singhal, JS(Law) is also directed to find out whether any writ petition filed on behalf of the Commission in appropriate High Court and provide information accordingly to the appellant within 2 weeks from the date of the receipt of the order.
- 5. The appeal is disposed off accordingly.
- 6. In case the appellant is aggrieved by the decision, he is free to file second appeal, if he so desires, before the CIC in Room No.185, Ground Floor, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066 against this order within 90 days.

Dated the 22th August, 2016.

(Achla Sinha)

Additional Secretary & First Appellate Authority
Tel: 26162290

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1. The CPIO, RTI Cell, CIC, New Delhi.

2. Shri S.P. Beck, JS(Admn), CIC, New Delhi.

3. Shri Y.K. Singhal, JS(Law), CIC, New Delhi.

4. Shri Sushil Kumar, DS(Admin), CIC, New Delhi.