

Central Information Commission  
Baba Gang Nath Marg,  
Munirka, New Delhi-110067.

CIC/AA/A/2018/253  
CICOM/A/2018/00221  
CICOM/R/2018/00846

Name of the appellant : Comdr (Retd) Lokesh Batra,

1.	Date of RTI application	30.08.2018
2.	Date of reply of the RTI application	13.09.2018
3.	CPIO(s) who furnished reply	CPIO(MR)
4.	1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal Date	19.09.2018
5.	Diary date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal in the office of FAA	19.09.2018
6.	Date of Decision	25.09.2018

**Brief facts of the case:-**

In the RTI application, appellant has following information regarding remaining of CIC website's accessibility only 'India Specific' during the period from 22.08.2018 to 29.08.2018:-

- "2(a) Details of causes those let to CIC website getting blocked beyond Indian Shores and  
(b) the date when the CIC website got blocked globally with exception of India.  
(c) Indian government's instructions/policy/communications (if any) to make accessibility of few selected government websites to remain 'India specific'.  
Also provide copy of such instructions/policy/communication."*

2. Shri Jeewan Chandra, Consultant/CPIO(MR) vide letter dated 13.09.2018 replied as under:-

*"(a) Details of causes:*

**Reply:** *Due to some unknown technical error, the access to the CIC website through some of the channels was not available. This was not brought to the notice of NIC earlier. Once this was brought to our notice, all the access channels have been reset to enable the access.*

*(b) Date from which the CIC website was inaccessible outside India:*

**Reply:** *This is not known.*

*(d) Indian Government Instructions/policy, if any:*

**Reply:** *No such instruction was received as far as CIC website is concerned."*

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**Decision with reasons:-**

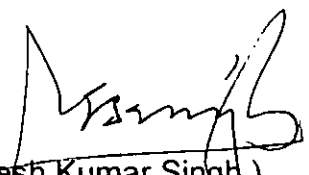
3. The appellant has made appeal stating that *"What is most surprising is that on 29 August 2018, after I had circulated 'ALERT' message regarding 'Inaccessibility of CIC website outside India', the Website accessibility was opened across globe within minutes of me circulating the ALERT message to CIC officials (including media). This is considered possible, only when CIC/NIC officials responsible and accountable for maintaining CIC website, were aware in advance about 'inaccessibility of CIC website outside India'.*
4. He further stated that he has consulted many IT experts and he is certain that the occurrence of inaccessibility of CIC website outside India, required human interventions.
5. The Point No.2(b) regarding date on which CIC website got blocked globally is also not acceptable to the appellant. As regard Point 2(c), information provided is restricted to CIC whereas the information requested was 'Indian government's instructions/policy/communications (if any) to make accessibility of few selected government websites to remain 'India specific'.
6. The CPIO was called and he stated that all three matters were taken up with NIC and based on their input, the information has been provided. He further reiterated that information provided on Points 2(a) & (b) are factual and regarding Point (c), since we are responsible only for CIC's website that is why information was restricted to CIC. We do not have information of other websites of India specific.
7. From the above, it is observed that CPIO has provided factual and appropriate information available on the record as per RTI Act, 2005. Dispute regarding correctness of the information, it is stated that Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the case of Hansi Rawat and Anr Vs Punjab National Bank and Ors, LPA No.785/2012 dated 11.01.2013 has held that:-

*"6. The proceedings under the RTI Act do not entail detailed adjudication of the said aspect....the proceedings under the RTI Act cannot be converted into proceedings for adjudication of disputes as to the correctness of the information furnished."*

8. The appeal is, therefore, disposed off accordingly.

7. In case the appellant is aggrieved by the decision, he is free to file second appeal, if he so desires, before the Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067 against this order within 90 days.

Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

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