



**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka,  
New Delhi – 110 067

Sh. Kartik Aggarwal

....Appellant

**VERSUS**

Central Information Commission

.....Respondent

**Case No :**

1. CIC/AA/A/2019/233
2. CICOM/A/2019/60164
3. CICOM/R/2019/50739

**Brief facts:**

1. Sh. Kartik Aggarwal, Appellant sought the following information vide his RTI application dated 05/09/2019:
  - i. Provide the copy of guidelines/circulars provided to the CPIOs and FAAs of public authority in past 5 financial years including the current financial year for discharge of functions provided in the RTI Act, 2005 by the Commission.
  - ii. Provide whether the CPIOs and FAAs are instructed to keep the details of the RTI Applicant confidential to them and not to share with any other person. If yes, kindly provide the copy of the said instructions.
  - iii. Provide the copy of circulars/guidelines issued by DoPT to the Chief Information Commissioner with regard to disposing of Second Appeals and Complaints by the Central Information Commission in past 3 financial years including current financial year.
  - iv. Provide the name of the writ petitions filed against CIC in past 3 financial years including current financial year for early hearing of second appeals/complaints filed by the RTI applicants.
  - v. Provide details of training programs conducted by the CIC for the CPIOs for effective disposal of RTI application filed by RTI applicants in past 3 financial years including current financial year.
2. Sh. T.B.J.S. Rajappa, Nodal CPIO (RTI Cell) vide his letter dated 13/09/2019 sent a point wise reply to the RTI application as under:
 

Point 1 to 3: The desired information is already available in public domain.

Point 4: RTI application has already been transferred online through RTI-MIS on 13/09/2019 to Sh. Kishore Kumar Pukhral, SO (Law) & CPIO to provide the information directly to you.

Point 5: application has already been transferred online through RTI-MIS on 13/09/2019 to Sh. Jeevan Chandra, CO (MR) & CPIO to provide the information directly to you.
3. The Appellant, being dissatisfied with the reply sent by the CPIO, filed a First Appeal dated 19/09/2019 before the First Appellate Authority giving the grounds that 'details not provided' and 'refused access to information requested'. He has further stated that:



- i. The CPIO refused the information from points number 1 to 3 by mere stating that the information is available in public domain without stating the source where the information can be accessed.
- ii. Further the CPIO did not entertain the RTI application with true spirit and treated as mere formality.
- iii. Further the RTI application was filed with regard to information in the form of instructions and guidelines received by CPIOs/FAA by the CIC.
- iv. Further the CPIO did not provide the specific access for the information sought in point number 3.
- v. The CPIO just treated the RTI application filed as time waste and left the RTI applicant in confusion and distress as to where to access the information sought in the RTI application.

**Decision:**

1. On perusal of the RTI application, reply of the CPIOs and the First Appeal filed by the Appellant in this matter, it has been observed that Sh. T.B.J.S. Rajappa, CPIO (RTI Cell) vide his letter dated 13/09/2019 has already replied on the information sought at Sl. 1-3 of the RTI application. Further, CPIO (RTI Cell) has also informed the Appellant that his RTI application has already been transferred to Sh. K.K. Pukhral, SO (Law) & CPIO and to Sh. Jeevan Chandra, SO (MR) & CPIO to provide the information directly to the Appellant. It is not clear from the record available in the file whether any information has been sent by Sh. K.K. Pukhral and Sh. Jeevan Chandra.

2. I am fully satisfied with the information provided by the CPIO (RTI Cell) in respect of information sought at Sl. 1-3 of the RTI application. However, Sh. K.K. Pukhral, SO (LAW) and Sh. Jeevan Chandra, SO (MR), the respective CPIOs are directed to respond to the RTI application of the Appellant transferred to them vide communication dated 13/09/2019 by Sh. T.B.J.S Rajappa, CPIO (RTI Cell) within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of this order

2. Hence, the Appeal is disposed off accordingly.

Sh. Kartik Aggarwal is further informed if he is not satisfied with the order of the undersigned, he is free to file a Second Appeal under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Hon'ble Information Commissioner Sh. Divya Prakash Sinha at the above mentioned address within a period of 90 days from the date of receipt of this order.

(Piyush Agarwal)  
Registrar & First Appellate Authority  
17/10/2019

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