

**Central Information Commission**  
**Baba Gang Nath Marg,**  
**Munirka, New Delhi – 110 067**

CIC/AA/A/2020/  
CICOM/A/E/20/00050 & 00051  
CICOM/R/E/20/00159/1 & 00159/2

Name of the Appellant: Shri Mohit  
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1.	Date of RTI application	02.03.2020
2.	Date of reply of the RTI application	17.04.2020, 12.05.2020
3.	CPIO (s) who furnished reply	Sh. K . L. Das
4.	1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal Date	04.04.2020
5.	First Appeal received in FAA's office	05.05.2020 (through online portal)
6.	Date of Decision	19.05.2020

**Brief Facts of the case:-**

- I. In the RTI application, Appellant has sought the following information:-
1. Copy of link dak no 502599 dated 27.01.2020
  2. Copy of link dak no 504101 dated 06.02.2020
  3. Copies of link dak(s), if any, received by the CIC (after its decision) in matters of  
3a.CIC/SEBIE/A/2017/146974 3b.CIC/SEBIH/A/2017/602121  
3c.CIC/SEBIH/A/2018/609773

**Reply of CPIO:-**

- II. CPIO, Sh. K. L. Das has provided the following information on **17.04.2020**:-

“This has reference to your RTI application registered in the Commission vide File No. CICOM/R/E/20/00159 dated 02.03.2020. You have sought copies of link Daks. In view of the lockdown due to Covid-19 outbreak nationwide, it is not possible to supply copies. Sought information will be sent you after lockdown is over”.

Reply has been sent by CPIO, Sh. K. L. Das, on **12.05.2020** as given below:-

- 1 & 2. In this respect, I would like to inform you that the submitted link daks vide diary number 502599 dated 27.01.2020 and diary number 504101 dated 06.02.2020 are Commission's notice of hearing, attendance sheet and decision in the file No. CIC/RBIND/A/2017/604250. Copies of the link daks are being sent to you via email.
3. No document seems to have been received.

**Ground of First Appeal:-**

- III. The appellant in his First Appeal application stated that –“ No Response within the Time Limit” and “Bhai information nahin deni toh bol do par jawaab toh dena tha, Kindly direct information be furnished”.

**Decision with reasons:-**

- IV. On perusal of the Appeal and RTI application, it is observed that CPIO, RTI Cell has forwarded the RTI application on 04.03.2020 to Sh. R. Sitarama Murthy, CPIO ,IC (SC) for reply of Point No. 1 and 2 and to Sh. K. L. Das, CPIO & DO to CIC (BJ) for reply of Point No. 3 RTI application.

Sh. K. L. Das in his reply dated 17.04.2020, assured that "Sought information will be sent you after lockdown is over." Further, Sh. K. L. Das, CPIO has provided all the desired information to Appellant for Point No. 1 to 3 of his RTI application vide letter dated 12.05.2020.

It is pertinent to mention here that the CPIO is expected to reply to the RTI filed within 30 days of receipt of application, and in the instant case the reply could be sent up to 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The CPIO has informed that due to COVID-19 Pandemic situation worldwide, the Govt. of India had announced country wide lockdown from the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the lockdown was partially lifted from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. It is noted that the delay in replying to the application was due to the lockdown announced by the Govt. of India following spread of COVID-19 a "notified disaster" under the provision of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. There was a "reasonable cause" on behalf of the CPIO for delay in replying to the RTI Application. It is also noted that the applicant has been given the reply on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Therefore, no further intervention is required on the part of the FAA, in the matter.

- V. The appeal is being disposed of accordingly.
- VI. 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 – 110 067 against this order within 90 days.

**Dated – 19.05.2020**

*M. Balimane*  
*19/5/2020*  
(Meena Balimane Sharma)  
First Appellate Authority  
Tel: 26162290

**Copy to:-**

1. Sh. T. B. J. S. Rajappa, CPIO, RTI Cell, CIC, New Delhi.
2. Sh. K. L. Das, CPIO & DO to CIC (BJ), CIC, New Delhi.