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File No. CICOM/R/2016/00085/1/KY

To

Shri Y.K. Singhal CPIO & Joint Secy. (RTI Cell) CIC, New Delhi

Sub: Providing information U/s 5(4) of the RTI Act, 2005 on RTI application dated 14.01.2016 of Shri R.K. Jain diarised vide Dy. No. 106185 dated 14.01.2016 and forwarded on-line to this sub-registry on 29.01.2016.

Sir,

On the subject mentioned above, kindly find the relevant information issue-wise as under: -

Point A: Yes

(i) Hearing was started in this Commission by Sh. M.A. Khan Yusufi, Hon'ble Information Commissioner w.e.f 15.01.2014. As such, no video-conferencing held during the year 2013.

In respect of rest of the period (2014, 2015 & 2016), video-conferencing was provided frequently by Sh. M.A. Khan Yusufi, Hon'ble Information Commissioner as and when requested by appellant/complainant/respondent. However, no record of such video-conferencing is being maintained separately.

- (ii) As per the practice-in-vogue, if the appellant/complainant/respondent
 - (a) Requested for providing video-conferencing at the time of filing of his second appeal/complaint in this commission, a copy of the Notice of Hearing (NoH) is sent to NIC before issuing the Notice. If the desired slot is available, NIC personnel just provide their signature on the NoH as a token of availability of the slot. If there is any amendment, he (NIC personnel) just mentions it on that NoH, accordingly it is revised. That copy of the NoH is treated as an office copy and placed in the relevant file and no separate record is maintained in this regard.
 - (b) However, as and when a request for providing video-conferencing is made by appellant/complainant/respondent after issue of NoH, then the matter is verbally taken up with NI and if the slot is available, concerned appellant/complainant/respondent is informed telephonically about the same. However, in this case also, no record of providing video-conferencing is maintained.

Point B: The information is likely to be available with NIC as such; the same may be obtained directly from it.

(Krishan Avtar Talwar)
Deputy Secretary

Dated: 17.02.2016

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