

Central Information Commission
Room No. 302, Baba Gang Nath Marg,
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Registration No.: CICOM/R/2018/00682/SB

Dated: 12.07.2018

Shri Roshan Lal Goyal

Subject: Information under RTI Act-2005.

Sir,

This refers to your RTI application dated 29.06.2018 received by this Registry via online facility RTI MIS on 09.07.2018. In this regard reply is as under: -

Copy of the second appeal in file no. CIC/SM/A/2011/000652 requested by the Appellant originated from the Appellant himself, he is not within his right to seek the same. In this connection, your attention is drawn to paragraph 6 and 7 of the Commission's order dated 5.12.2006 passed in file No. CIC/AT/A/2006/00411 in the case of G.P.S Rana Vs Delhi Police. The Commission decided as under:

"6. A perusal of the original information sought by the appellant from the CPIO reveal that items 1 to 9 and items 16 to 18 pertained to copies of the appellant's own letters written to the public authority, in this case the Delhi Police. The AA concluded that since the information requested by the appellant originated from the appellant himself, he was not within his right to seek the same from the public authority.

7. The contention of the AA is upheld. The purpose of the RTI Act is to allow access to a citizen to information held by a public authority. The key element is provision of information. Insofar as an information is held by a citizen himself, it must be construed that he already had access to such information and his seeking the same from a public authority is a wholly infructuous exercise. In such cases, it should suffice if the public authority intimates to the appellant whether or not his/her letters/petitions had been received by that public authority and the dates thereof. If he wants to have copies of his own letters written to the public authority, he better look up his own records. In all such cases, the key information to be transmitted to an information-seeker, when such information pertains to the copies of letters he himself might have written to public authority, is that the public authority was or was not in possession of those letters/petitions. The public authority has no obligation beyond supplying the above-mentioned information to the information-seeker."

In case, you are not satisfied with the above reply you can file an appeal, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter to: Shri Rakesh Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary & First Appellate Authority, Room No. 502, 5th Floor, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi -110067

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