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Central Information Commission

बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग/Baba Gangnath Marg मुनिरका/Munirka, नई दिल्ली/ New Delhi – 110067

No.3/1/2019/Admin/CIC/CV/50831

Dated 31.10.2019



Sub: Seeking information under the RTI Act, 2005.

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to your online RTI application dated 05.10.2019 and CPIO letter No. CICOM/R/2019/50820 dated 05.10.2019. This RTI has been received in this section for information and the reply is as under:-

Point No.	Reply	
1.	The certified copy of note sheet asked for is enclosed	

2. The first appeal, if any, u/s 19 (1) will lie with Shri Piyush Aggarwal, Registrar & First Appellate Authority, Central Information Commission at the above address within thirty days of receipt of this letter.

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Consultant (SO) & CPIO

Copy to:-

1. CPIO, RTI Cell w.r.t. CICOM/R/2019/50820 dt. 05.10.2019

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F.No. 40/08/2018/Admn/CIC

Date: 09.09.2019

Sub: Request for Appointment of Additional Secretary as FAA in place of Piyush Aggarwal, Registrar

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A petition/letter dated 02.09.2019 received from Shri Jasbir Singh Arora on above subject wherein Shri Jasbir Singh Arora referred a appointment of Registrar as FAA under RTI Act, 2005 w.e.f. 06.08.2019 and mentioned that there will be always a possibility of bias, if Sh. Piyush Aggarwal is allowed to function as FAA under RTI Act 2005. It is one of the fundamental principles of our jurisprudence that no man can be a judge in his own cause and that if there is a reasonable likelihood of bias. Shri Jasbir has mentioned following facts:

- 1. Most of the CPIOs of this Commission are Dy. Registrars that too consultant and all of them are directly or indirectly reporting to the Registrar of this Commission. In such situation, in terms of judgement there is every likelihood of bias being present in issuing orders on first appeals by Registrar.
- 2. Additional Secretary (AS) is a regular employee and a public servant and not a Consultant like Sh. Piyush Aggarwal, Registrar. Assigning a statutory duty to a Consultant is also not justified.
- 3. Shri Piyush Aggarwal while disposing 11 first appeals of Shri Jasbir on 21.08.2019, based on the hearing held on 08.08.2019 had not only cheated Shri Jasbir as appellant but also practiced the bias in saving/favouring all CPIOs of the Commission in respect of as many as 06 appeals.

Shri Jasbir has requested to appoint AS as FAA in place of Registrar and mentioned also that if it is not possible to appoint AS as FAA in all cases, then in case of Shri Jasbir, AS may be appointed as FAA.

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