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File no.: CICOM-R-P-20-00028-SC-146

Dated: 17-01-2020

Sh. Rabin Prasad Panda,

Sub.: Information under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

I am refer to your RTI application dated 30-11-2019 received from RTI Cell on 14-01-2020. The information is as under:-

A downloaded copy of Commission's order in file no. CIC/DOP&T/A/2018/106799/DOFSR is **enclosed** with this letter. You may find this order on Commission's website link i.e. https://cic.gov.in/decision

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Copy to: Nodal CPIO w.r.t CICOM/R/P/20/00028 dated 14-01-2020.

केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग Central Information Commission बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग,मुनिरका Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka नई दिल्ली, New Delhi – 110067

द्वितीय अपील संख्या / Second Appeal No. CIC/DOP&T/A/2018/106799/DOFSR

Rabin Prasad Panda

... अपीलकर्ता/Appellant

VERSUS बनाम

CPIO: Department of Financial Services, Parliament Street, New Delhi

...प्रतिवादीगण/Respondents

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI : 05.11.2017	FA : 06.12.2017	SA : 24.01.2018
CPIO: 22.11.2017	FAO: 15.01.2018	Hearing: 28.11.2019

ORDER (27.12.2019)

1. The issues under consideration arising out of the second appeal dated 24.01.2018 include non-receipt of the following information raised by the appellant through his RTI application dated 05.11.2017 and first appeal dated 06.12.2017:

- (i) Statement of account against State Bank of India P.F. Index No. 3118967& SBI, Co-op. S.A. Membership No.04394 since dated 01.03.1997.
- 2. Succinctly facts of the case are that the appellant filed an application dated 05.11.2017 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), New Delhi, seeking aforesaid information. The CPIO replied on 22.11.2017. Dissatisfied with this, the appellant has filed first appeal dated 06.12.2017. The First Appellate Authority passed order vide letter dated 15.01.2018. Aggrieved by this, the appellant has filed a second appeal dated 24.01.2018 before this Commission which is under consideration.
- 3. The appellant has filed the instant appeal dated 24.01.2018 *inter alia* on the grounds that no response/communication was received from the CPIO. The appellant requested the Commission to direct the CPIO to provide the information free of cost immediately under the RTI Act.
- 4. The CPIO vide letter dated 22.11.2017 transferred the RTI application under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act to the CPIO, RTI Cell, Department of Financial Services, Parliament Street, New Delhi for necessary action. The First Appellate Authority passed order vide letter dated 15.01.2018 informing that the application had been transferred as per Section 6(3) of the RTI Act to Department of Financial Services and further directed the appellant to file his RTI application with the concerned Public authority as mandated by Sec 6(1) for faster processing of request.
- 5. The appellant and on behalf of the respondent Shri K. M. Nandakumar, CPIO & Under Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance,

New Delhi attended the hearing in person and Shri Sanat Kumar Mishra, CPIO, State Bank of India, Puri, attended the hearing through video conference.

- **5.1.** The appellant while presenting his case *inter alia* submitted that desired information was not provided by the respondent till date. He also submitted that he sought information relating to the account of his father who died on 01.03.1997. He argued that he was neither appointed on compassionate ground nor getting any family pension from the respondents.
- **5.2.** Shri K.M. Nandakumar, the CPIO, Department of Financial Services, *inter alia* submitted that he had received aforesaid RTI application from the DoPT on 29.11.2017. He further submitted that information sought was concerning State Bank of India, therefore, transferred the RTI application to the State Bank of India (SBI), Head office, Mumbai vide letter dated 01.12.2017 and advised the appellant to take up the matter directly with the CPIO, SBI.
- 5.3. Shri Sanat Kumar Mishra, the CPIO, State Bank of India, *inter alia* submitted that information sought by the appellant was vague/ambiguous and also not specific. He informed to the Commission that the CPIO while disposing 14 RTI applications of the appellant had already provided information/reply with regard to family pension/compassionate appointment etc against PF No. 3118973 on 30.01.2018. He also submitted that the appellant was in the habit of filing a number of RTI application times and again. He brought to the notice of the Commission that more than 40 RTI applications were filed by the appellant on similar issues and the same had been disposed of properly. The respondent informed that the appellant's petition regarding his compassionate appointment was rejected by the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha.
- 6. The Commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, hearing both the parties and perusal of records, notes that information sought by

the appellant was not specific. If the appellant has any grievance the same might have been raised before an appropriate forum. Moreover, similar issue has been raised by the appellant in the appeal CIC/SBIND/A/2017/157453 which was disposed of by this Bench on 07.02.2019. The Commission further feels that no public purpose would be served in further prolonging the matter. Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of.

Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

Sd/-

(Suresh Chandra) (सुरेश चंद्रा)

Information Commissioner (सूचना आयुक्त)

दिनांक/Date: 27.12.2019

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