

Central Information Commission

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New Delhi

Case No. CIC/SS/A/2011/901250

Name of Appellant : Sh. A.M. Jha
with (The Appellant was present along
Sh. Anil Seenwal & Sh. Jitender Bhati)

Name of Respondent : D/o Expenditure
(Represented by Smt. Renu Jain,
Director (EIIIA) & Sh. Jagdish Chander,
Dy. Secretary (RTI))

The matter was heard on : 2.11.2011

ORDER

Sh. A. M. Jha, the Appellant, had requested the PIO of the Respondent Public Authority, through his RTI application dated 9.09.2010, to provide him a copy of the noting portion of file No. 1/1/2008-IC of the Department of Expenditure relating to the issuance of O.M. number 1/1/2008-IC dated 15.11.2009 and O.M. of even number dated 16.11.2009. The Appellant had clarified that the noting required by him was from the time of initiation of the proposal till its final approval by the competent authority. The PIO vide reply dated 22.09.2010 enclosed the reply of the deemed PIO wherein it has been stated that the Appellant may be asked to state the specific information that he desires from the said file, in terms of Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Appellant thereafter through his letter dated 15.07.2010 requested the PIO to allow him to inspect the file in order to specifically identify the documents. The request was turned down by the CPIO on the ground the said file contains information on items on which decision is yet to be taken and which attract the exemption provisions of section 8(1)(i) of the RTI

Act and since it was difficult for the Respondent to segregate the other items they were unable to accede to the request of the Appellant.

During the hearing the Appellant clarified the specific documents that he required. Smt. Renu Jain, Director (EIIIA) who was present for the hearing on behalf of the Respondent Public Authority expressed her willingness to provide the relevant note portion after segregating it from the rest of the file.

In view of the above the Commission hereby directs the Respondent PIO to provide the relevant portion of file number 1/1/2008-IC of the Department of Expenditure relating to the issuance of the O.M. number 1/1/2008-IC dated 13.11.2009 and O.M. of even number dated 16.11.2009, as requested for by the Appellant in his RTI request dated 9.09.2010, free of cost, within 2 weeks of receipt of this order.

The matter is disposed of with these directions.

(Sushma Singh)
Information Commissioner
16.11.2011

Authenticated true copy

(D. C. Singh)
Dy.Registrar

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3. The Appellate Authority

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