

F.No. I-11001/19/2020-Admn.II
भारत सरकार / Government of India
संचार मंत्रालय / Ministry of Communications
दूरसंचार विभाग / Department of Telecommunications
संचार भवन 20 -अशोका रोड / Sanchar Bhavan, 20-Ashoka Road,
नई दिल्ली 110001- / New Delhi-110001.

Dated the 12th August, 2020

Subject: Appellate Authority Order on the RTI Appeal (No.DOTEL/A/E/20/00125) dated 20-07-2020 from Ms. Hari Kiran Gurla.

An RTI Appeal No. DOTEL/A/E/20/00125 dated 20-07-2020 has been received from Mr. Bhawan Singh, Advocate requesting to direct Under Secretary (Admn.II) & CPIO to provide information on his e-mail in respect of his RTI Application no. DOTEL/R/E/20/00355 dated 13-04-2020 in view of COVID 19 situation.

2. Facts of the case:

(i) Mr. Bhawan Singh vide his application dated 13-04-2020 addressed to Shri Anil Kumar, Under Secretary (Admn.II) & CPIO sought information under RTI Act, 2005 on the following points;

1. Copies of all the note sheets of the File No.-A-12028/01/2019-Admn.II vide which case for seniority list of Group 'A' IRRS Officers was processed.
2. Copies of the approval of the Final seniority list from competent authority.
3. Whether, the representations received were disposed off by speaking orders or not?
4. Reasons for non-Finalization of Seniority list of Engineers?

(ii) Shri Anil Kumar, Under Secretary (Admn.II) & CPIO vide letter no – I-11001/19/2020-Admn.II dated 13-05-2020 provided the requisite information in respect of point No 3 & 4 of Appellant's RTI application dated 13-04-2020 and asked the Appellant to deposit a fee of Rs. 34/- as Photocopying charges @ Rs.2/- per page for obtaining information/documents in respect of Point No. 1 & 2 which consists of 14 pages.

(iii) Mr. Bhawan Singh deposited the said fee in the form of cash receipt of Rs. 34/- no. 93 dated 05-06-2020 at the reception counter of Sanchar Bhawan and informed the Under Secretary (Admn.II) & CPIO vide letter dated 06-06-2020.

(iv) Shri Anil Kumar, Under Secretary (Admn.II) & CPIO provided the information in respect of Point No. 1 & 2 to the Appellant vide letter no. I-11001/19/2020-Admn.II dated 11-06-2020.

(V) Mr. Bhawan Singh, the Appellant in his appeal has mentioned that due to COVID 19 situation Courts and their Chambers including the chambers of Lawyers are closed till further orders. Therefore, there may be a possibility that the letters/information sent by the CPIO could not reach at his chamber and may be returned back by postal department. Due to this the applicant may not get the information on time. As the requisite fees has already been deposited, so in view of above, he has requested to direct CPIO to provide the information on his email address.

3. Decision on the appeal:

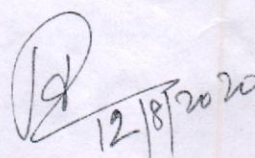
The undersigned has gone through the facts of the case and found that the CPIO has issued the letter no I-11001/19/2020-Admn.II dated 11-06-2020 along with requisite information to the Appellant at the address given by him in his RTI Application. The information sought is in the physical form, therefore Under Secretary (Admn.II) & CPIO has rightly forwarded the information to the Appellant in physical form. There appears to be no fault on the part of CPIO.

However, as the Appellant has given the address of his Lawyers Chamber in his RTI Application and he has informed that Courts & Lawyers Chambers are closed and considering the special circumstances in COVID-19 situation, the Under Secretary (Admn.II) & CPIO may consider the request of the Appellant and provide him the requisite information on his e-mail address *within 15 days of the issue of this order*.

4. The Appeal dated 20-07-2020 stands disposed of accordingly.

5. In case the Appellant is not satisfied, he may prefer a Second Appeal before the Central Information Commission at the following address, *within 90 days of receipt of this Order*.

*O/o Central Information Commission
CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg expedite
Munirka, New Delhi - 110067,
Phone - 011-26767500, Fax - 011-26186536
Email - fdesk-cic@gov.in*


(Vijay Kumar)
First Appellate Authority &
Deputy Secretary (Admn.II)

To

*Mr. Bhawan Singh, Advocate,
Chamber no 828 Lawyers Chamber
Dwarka Court Complex Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075.
(Through E-mail Address - advocatebhawansingh69@gmail.com
drmember1@yahoo.com)*

Copy to :

1. Shri Anil Kumar Singh, US (Admn.II) & CPIO, DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Smt. Anjana Singh, Section Officer (RTI), DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, *(with the request to upload this Order on the official web site of DoT)*.