सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.42/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/ Name of Respondent

Shri.V Udaya Kumar
Central Public Information Officer
ISRO Propulsion complex
Mahendragiri,
Tirunelveli District
Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. **Smt.J.Jessi Flora** had submitted a RTI application on 16.01.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of information from CPIO within time limit, the applicant had submitted an appeal dated 05.03.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought the copy of a complaint letter/RTI application lodged against her and also the details regarding the verification done by the Office on her official email as part of a disciplinary enquiry. CPIO, IPRC had provided the information to the applicant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/397/2023 dated 16.03.2023 subject to exemptions under section 8 and severance under section 10 of the RTI, Act and uploaded the same in RTI MIS on 17.03.2023.
- 3. However, from the appeal it is seen that, the appellant has sought newer information which is not acceptable. Further, on examination of the reply provided by CPIO, I am of the opinion that the reply is in order. The appeal is decided accordingly.
- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 5. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 3rd of April, 2023.

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

Shri.V Udaya Kumar
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सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 Appeal No.43/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/ Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/ Name of Respondent : Shri.V Udaya Kumar Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. **Shri.Anurag Kumar Gupta** had submitted a RTI application on 25.01.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Not satisfied with the reply provided, the applicant had submitted an appeal dated 15.03.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought details regarding the stepwise progress of the disciplinary proceedings pending against him and also regarding the blocking of his Identity card. CPIO vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/403/2023 dated 01.03.2023 has provided the information to the applicant.
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO has been examined. The appellant has stated that the reply provided to **SI.No.1 & 2** was ambiguous in nature and not in line with the query sought. In this regard, it is understood that,

"The appellant was on unauthorized absence from 01.04.2021 and a charge memorandum was issued to him by the Department on 06.07.2022. During the intervening period Shri.Anurag had submitted his resignation on 01.06.2022 resulting in the disciplinary proceedings coming to a halt. In the meantime, Shri.Anurag had visited Office on 02.01.2023 requesting to rejoin duty. As his resignation was under process and further to verify his character & antecedents during the long period of unauthorized absence, it was decided not to permit him. Accordingly, his Identity card was blocked based on an Administrative decision. However, subsequently based on the communication from the Department, Shri.Anurag was allowed to join Office and he had reported for duty on 27.02.2023. The disciplinary proceedings viz. enquiry resumed only after his joining in the Office.

For SI.No.1, it has to be noted that, the RTI application was filed by the applicant on 25.01.2023 and no real progress had occurred in the disciplinary proceedings during the period. The custodian of records, on this notion had replied to the applicant that the disciplinary proceedings are under process and the inquiry report will be submitted to the Disciplinary Authority on its completion.

For SI.No.2, regarding the blocking of Identity card, the reply provided was that the blocking of ID card was an Administrative decision. The applicant had sought the guideline/regulation which resulted in the ID card being blocked. It has to be noted that, the Identity Card issued by ISRO Centres/Units is accessible all over ISRO/DOS establishments and in order to contain any misuse, the Centre/Unit on its volition holds the prerogative for blocking the ID card as and when required."

- 4. As, such I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO to both the queries is in order. Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.
- 6. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 7. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 5th of April, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन/R.Raveendran)

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

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Shri.V Udaya Kumar
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 Tamilnadu - 627 133

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 Appeal No.44/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/ Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/ Name of Respondent : Shri.V Udaya Kumar Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamil Nadu - 627 133

1. **Shri.D.R.Selvanayagam** had submitted a RTI application on 16/01/2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of information from CPIO within time limit, applicant had submitted an appeal dated 28/02/2023 to FAA, IPRC.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought the information on LTC fraudulent claims and its related details. CPIO, IPRC had replied to the RTI query vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/396/2023 dated 08.03.2023 and uploaded in RTI-MIS on 09.03.2023. On receipt of the reply, Shri.Selvanayagam had preferred another appeal vide e-mail dated 15.03.2023 stating that reply provided by CPIO on SI.No.3, 5, 6 & 8 are not satisfactory.
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. The appellant's contention on each of the queries (3, 5, 6 & 8) and FAA's observation is detailed below:

Query No.3:

The appellant has stated that the CPIO has only provided information on the second part of the query and not for the first one. On perusal of the first part of the query, it is noticed that the query is in the nature of clarification which doesn't come under the definition of information under 2(f) of the RTI. Accordingly, the PIO is not bound to furnish any information which requires drawing of inferences or making any assumptions.

Query No.5, 6 & 8:

Vide query No.5 & 6, the appellant sought the names of the management committee members who have analyzed the internal audit and (i) who had also been identified to have submitted fraudulent claims (ii) who had booked their LTC air tickets through Air India counter/website during the period from 2008 to 2022. CPIO had however, denied the information invoking section 8(1)(g) of the RTI, Act.

Further, vide query No.8, the appellant had sought the names of 18 employees for whom no action was initiated and CPIO had replied that action has already been initiated for recovery from 17 employees barring one employee whose name was included in the list by oversight.

It is further observed that, a total of 99 cases were identified initially by the Centre where discrepancies were noticed. Accordingly, recovery was initiated from 81 employees (serving/retired) and later on from the remaining 17 employees (serving/retired) excluding one employee wherein the case was found to be genuine. It is however noticed that the PIO had not provided the names of the any of employees as sought by the appellant. As such, the total list of employees from whom recovery was initiated is disseminated herewith.

However, the appellant shall understand that, the verification of LTC claims was a complex procedure and is voluminous in nature. As such, to sort out any related details on the same, the custodian of records has to compile over a large amount of data which would disproportionately divert the manpower and resources of the public authority. In this regard, it is suggested that, if the appellant is having any further queries regarding the recovery of LTC claims he shall examine the scope for inspection of the available records subject to severance (u/s 10) and exemptions (u/s 8) under the RTI, ACT. Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.

- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 5. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 13th of April, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन/R.Raveendran)

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA

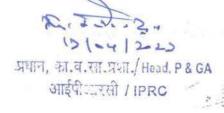
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 Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion Complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli Tamil Nadu - 627 133

ANNEXURE to Appeal No.44/2023

Name (Shri/Smt/Kum)	Name (Shri/Smt/Kum)	Name (Shri/Smt/Kum)
1.P.SUBASKAR	38.M.XAVIER	75.M.RAMASWAMY
2.V.KUMARASAN	39.B.JOBEL RATNAM	76.S.MURUGAN
3.R.SELVAM	40.S.NANTHAKUMAR	77.Y.THANKARAJ
4.V.THAGAPUTHIAVAN	41.M.SUBRAMANIAN	78.C.PONNU PILLAI
5.A.BENZIGAR RAJAN	42.MANISH KUMAR	79.SURESH JEEVAN
6.B.CHELLATHURAI	43.S.SIVAPRASAD	80.M.YOVEL
7.A.DAVID DASON	44.S RAJESWARI	81.T.VIJAYA
8.E GEETHA	45.P.RAJAKUMAR	82.K.PONBARNABAS
9.B.KANNAN	46.J.VELMURUGAM	83.S.A.ARUMUGHAM
10.R.MOHANAN	47.MOSES M SEN	84.W.VINCE ANTRO
11.R.NALLAPERUMAL	48.JOHN RABI KUMAR	85.B.CHANDRAN
12.V.SURESH KUMAR	49.MARIANESAN	86.H.HARI PRASATH
13.K.THANGAPPAN	50.R.RAJAKUMAR	87.K.V.KRISHNA KUMAR
14.S.AYYAPPAN	51.G.THIRUMALAI	88.G.GOPALAN
15.J.BRIGHT NELSON	52.J.SUDERSON	89.R.RAJA HELENA BAI
6.S.BAGAVATHI PERUMAL PILLAI	53.P.SUJATHA	90.S.GANESH
I7.K.BALAJI	54.S.MURUGAN	91.J.MOHAMED MOHIDEEN
18.P DURAISWAMY	55.M.SINGARAVELU	92.S.VENKATESH
9.M GILBERT ALEXANDER	56.M.DANNY BRUCE	93.K.GANESAN
20.P.GOWTHAMAN	57.J.SINGARAYAR	94.P.PALTHURAI
21.G.N.GOPALAKRISHNAN	58.R.ANANDHA KUMAR	95.E.CHANDIRAN GANDHIJI
22.S JOSEPH BERGMANS	59.T.ARUL PRABAHAR	96.M.JOHN RABI KUMAR
23S KRISHAN	60.G.NAGESWARAN	97.P.V.TARA
24.A.MUN1ARASU	61.G.KAMLESH DAVIDSON	98.C.K.VEL
25.J.MOHAMMED MOHIDEEN	62.V.KUMARASWAMY	
6.K.MONYSEKAR	63.TJEYABALAN	
7.S.MICHAEL RAJ	64.J.HARIKRISHNAN	
8.M.REGIS WELLINGTON	65.V.SELVAKUMAR	
9.N.SUBRAMONIA PILLAI	66.DHAS THIBAHAR	
0.H.M SUBRAMANIAN	67.M.MURUGAN	
1.R.SUNDER	68.T.ELANG0	
2.G.SAI VEDACHALAM	69.V.MADASAMI	
3.R.TAMIL SELVI	70.P.REVATHI	
4.T.THINESH	71.P.MANOHARAN	
5.S.VENKADA KRISHNAN	72.N.V.VIJAYA MOHAN NAIR	
6.C.VUAYAPANDIAN	73.A.NATARAJAN	
37.V.VINOTH KUMAR	74.M.AYYASAMY	



सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.41/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/ Name of Respondent

Shri.V Udaya Kumar
Central Public Information Officer
ISRO Propulsion complex
Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District
Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. **Smt.T.Vijaya** had submitted a RTI application on 19/03/2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of information from CPIO within time limit, applicant had submitted an appeal dated 27.04.2023 to FAA, IPRC

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought various queries regarding the recovery of fraudulent LTC claims. The application and appeal have been examined. CPIO/Custodian of records at IPRC is directed to provide the relevant information to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order subject to 'exemptions' u/s 8 and 'severability clause' u/s 10 (1) of the RTI Act 2005. The appeal is decided accordingly
- 3. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 4. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 26th of May, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन/R Raveendran) प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA

प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

2. Shri.V Udaya Kumar

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 अपील संख्या /Appeal No.46/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/ Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/ Name of Respondent श्री वी उदय कुमार/Shri.V Udaya Kumar

केंद्रीय लोक सूचना अधिकारी/Central Public Information Officer

इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स/ISRO Propulsion complex

महेंद्रगिरि, तिरुनेलवेली जिला/Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District

तमिलनाडु/Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. श्री विवेक कुम्भकर ने 30.03.2023 को एक आरटीआई आवेदन प्रस्तुत किया था और सीपीआईओ आईपीआरसी द्वारा प्राप्त किया गया था, जो आरटीआई अधिनियम, 2005 के प्रावधानों के तहत जानकारी मांग रहा था। रिकॉर्ड के संरक्षक से मिले इनपुट के आधार पर, सीपीआईओ, आईपीआरसी ने No. IPRC/CPIO/RTI/ 425/2023 दिनांक 11.05.2023 (12.05.2023 को RTI-MIS में अपलोड) आवेदक को पत्र के माध्यम से उत्तर दिया था। हालाँकि, आवेदक ने दिनांक 19.05.2023 को प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी (FAA), आईपीआरसी को एक अपील प्रस्तुत की थी, जिसमें कहा गया था कि उसने डीओपीटी (DoPT) को आर.टी.आई. प्रस्तुत की थी और उन्होंने अनजाने में इसे व्यय मंत्रालय के बजाय अंतरिक्ष विभाग/आईपीआरसी को स्थानांतरित कर दिया था।

Shri. Vivek Kumbhkar had submitted a RTI application on 30.03.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Based on the inputs from custodian of records, CPIO, IPRC had replied to the applicant vide letter No. IPRC/CPIO/RTI/425/2023 dated 11.05.2023 (uploaded in RTI-MIS on 12.05.2023). However, the applicant had submitted an appeal dated 19.05.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC, stating that he had submitted the RTI to DoPT and they had inadvertently transferred the same to DOS/IPRC instead of Ministry of Expenditure.

निर्णय /DECISION

2. यह देखा गया है कि अपीलकर्ता ने विज्ञापन संख्या IPRC/RMT/2023/01 दिनांक 26.03.2023 के संबंध में एल.वी.डी. (LVD) और एच.वी.डी. (HVD) को दिए गए वेतन पैकेज के बारे में विवरण मांगा था। सी.पी.आई.ओ. (CPIO), आईपीआरसी ने पत्र संख्या IPRC/CPIO/RTI/425/2023 दिनांक 11.05.2023 द्वारा आवेदक को उपलब्ध जानकारी प्रदान की थी।

It is observed that the appellant had sought details regarding the salary package given to LVD and HVD with respect to the advertisement No. IPRC/RMT/2023/01 dated 26.03.2023. CPIO, IPRC vide letter No. IPRC/CPIO/RTI/425/2023 dated 11.05.2023 had provided the available information to the applicant.

3. अपील की जांच करने पर, अपीलकर्ता को यह कहते हुए देखा गया कि आरटीआई आवेदन शुरू में डीओपीटी को प्रस्तुत किया गया था और इसे अंतरिक्ष विभाग/आईपीआरसी के बजाय व्यय मंत्रालय को स्थानांतरित किया जाना चाहिए था। तदनुसार, अपीलकर्ता व्यय मंत्रालय को आरटीआई आवेदन स्थानांतरित करने का अनुरोध कर रहा है।

On examination of the appeal, the appellant is seen stating that the RTI application was initially submitted to DoPT and it should have been transferred to Ministry of Expenditure instead of DOS/IPRC. Accordingly, the appellant is requesting to transfer the RTI application to Ministry of Expenditure.

4. हालांकि, उपलब्ध रिकॉर्ड के अनुसार, यह देखा गया है कि आरटीआई आवेदन अंतरिक्ष विभाग से आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि को स्थानांतरित कर दिया गया था। चूंकि आरटीआई आवेदन का पहले ही निस्तारण किया जा चुका है, इसलिए आवेदन के आगे स्थानांतरण का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है। इस प्रकार, अपीलकर्ता को सूचना एकत्र करने के लिए व्यय मंत्रालय को एक अलगानया आरटीआई आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की सलाह दी जाती है। इसके अलावा, सीपीआईओ द्वारा प्रदान किए गए उत्तर की जांच करने पर, मेरी राय है कि उत्तर कम में है। तदनुसार अपील का निर्णय किया जाता है।

However, as per the available records, it is seen that the RTI application was transferred from Department of Space to IPRC, Mahendragiri. Since the RTI application has already been disposed, there is no provision for further transfer of the application. As such, the appellant is advised to submit a separate/fresh RTI application to Ministry of Expenditure for gathering information. Further, on examination of the reply provided by CPIO, I am of the opinion that the reply is in order. The appeal is decided accordingly.

5. इस निर्णय के खिलाफ दूसरी अपील केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग, सीआईसी भवन, बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग, मुनिरका, नई दिल्ली-110067 के पास इस निर्णय के प्राप्त होने की तारीख से नब्बे दिनों के भीतर की जा सकती है।

A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.

6. इस अपील का निस्तारण महेंद्रगिरि में दिनांक 16 जून, 2023 को किया जाता है।

This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 16th of June, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन/R.Raveendran)

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/То

2. श्री वी उदय कुमार/Shri.V Udaya Kumar केंद्रीय लोक सूचना अधिकारी/Central Public Information Officer इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स/ISRO Propulsion Complex महेंद्रगिरि, तिरुनेलवेली जिला /Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District तमिलनाडु/Tamilnadu - 627 133

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 Appeal No.47/2023

2. Shri.V Udaya Kumar

Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion Complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. **Shri.G.Sai Kishore** had submitted a RTI application on 14.05.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. On receipt of the reply provided by CPIO, the applicant had submitted an appeal dated 26.05.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC stating the information provided was incomplete, misleading/false information.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought details regarding advertisement No.IPRC/RMT/2023/01 dated 26.03.2023 for post code 020 Technician B (Welder) category. CPIO, IPRC vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/440/2023 dated 25.05.2023 had provided the information to the applicant. However, the appellant had stated that, CPIO had provided details regarding Technician B (Fitter) instead of Technician B (Welder).
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. In this regard, the appellant is hereby informed that, "the name of the post furnished as Technician 'B' (Fitter) in the reply for SI.No.1 of the RTI application was a typographical error. Hence, the appellant may read the same as Technician 'B' (Welder) instead of Technician 'B' (Fitter). All the other information provided for the remaining queries (SI No.2 to 6) pertains to the post of Technician 'B' (Welder) only." Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.
- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the **Central Information Commission**, **CIC Bhawan**, **Baba Gangnath Marg**, **Munirka**, **New Delhi-110067**, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.

5. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 21st of June, 2023.

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA

प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

2. Shri.V Udaya Kumar

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 Appeal No.48/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Shri.V Udaya Kumar

Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. **Shri.Anurag Kumar Gupta** had submitted a RTI application on 10.04.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Not satisfied with the reply provided, the applicant had submitted an appeal dated 15.06.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought details regarding the process to be followed for resignation and whether it was made applicable to his resignation request. CPIO, IPRC vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/426/2023 dated 11.05.2023 had provided the information to the applicant.
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. It is understood that the appellant is seeking clarification for the reply provided to **SI.No.1** which is not acceptable. Further, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO for both the gueries are in order.
- 4. The appellant may kindly note that, he had preferred the appeal only after the expiry of thirty days (reply updated in RTI-MIS on 12.05.2023; appeal received on 15.06.2023) and has not satisfactorily established the causes that prevented him from filing the appeal within the time frame. However, Appellate Authority has taken a lenient view on the same and considered the appeal and arrived at the above conclusion. Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.
- 6. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.

7. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 14th of July, 2023.

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

Shri.V Udaya Kumar
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 Tamilnadu - 627 133

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.50/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/ Name of Respondent

ISRO Propulsion complex
Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District
Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. Shri. Anurag Kumar Gupta had submitted a RTI application on 15.06.2023 and received by CPIO . IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Not satisfied with the reply provided by the CPIO, the appellant has submitted an appeal dated 19.07.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC on the ground of refusal of access to information.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought information on the compensation rules that applies with regard to the delay attributed in processing his resignation request. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO replied to the appellant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/456/2023 dated 18.07.2023 (uploaded in RTI-MIS on 18.07.2023 itself).
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. In this regard, it is noticed that CPIO had provided the information on the queries sought by the applicant. Further, the claim of the appellant on office not providing any explanation to the query is untenable, as the PIO is bound to furnish information as defined under section 2(f) of the RTI Act and doesn't requires to draw any inferences or make any assumptions. As, such I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.
- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 6. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 09th of August, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रने/R.Raveendrah) प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA

प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.51/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/ Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/ Name of Respondent : Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. Shri. D.R. Selvanayagam had submitted a RTI application on 15.06.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of information from CPIO, appellant has submitted an appeal dated 25.07.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC requesting to furnish the information sought by him. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO, IPRC had replied to the appellant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/457/2023 dated 03.08.2023 (uploaded in RTI-MIS on 04.08.2023).

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought various details regarding recovery of fraudulent LTC claims. As the reply had already been furnished by CPIO vide letter No.CPIO/RTI/457/2023 dated 03.08.2023, the appeal stands disposed of. Further, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. The appeal is decided accordingly.
- 3. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 7. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 09th of August, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन/R.Raveendran) प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.49/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/ Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/ Name of Respondent : Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. **Shri. P. Nagalingam** had submitted a RTI application on 01.06.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of information from CPIO, appellant has submitted an appeal dated 13.07.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC requesting to furnish the information sought by him. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO, IPRC had replied to the appellant vide letter No.CPIO/RTI/448/2023 dated 30.06.2023 (uploaded in RTI-MIS on 30.06.2023 itself).

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought details regarding recovery of fraudulent LTC claims. As the reply had already been furnished by CPIO vide letter No.CPIO/RTI/448/2023 dated 30.06.2023, the appeal stands disposed of. Further, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. The appeal is decided accordingly.
- 3. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 7. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 09th of August, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन/R.Raveendlan) प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/То

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 Appeal No.52/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Central Public Information Officer

ISRO Propulsion complex
Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District
Tamilnadu - 627 133

1. **Shri. D.R. Selvanayagam** had submitted a RTI application on 15.06.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of information from CPIO, appellant has submitted an appeal dated 25.07.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC requesting to furnish the information sought by him.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought various details regarding recovery of fraudulent LTC claims and CPIO, IPRC vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/457/2023 dated 03.08.2023 had furnished the reply to the appellant. Accordingly, the appeal was disposed of on 09.08.2023. However, on receipt of the reply from CPIO, Shri.Selvanayagam had preferred another appeal vide e-mail dated 18.08.2023, stating that the reply provided by CPIO on SI.No. A(i), B, D & E are not satisfactory.
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. It is observed that, most of the queries raised by the appellant are either in the nature of clarification or seeking opinion from the public authority. It has to be noted that, under RTI, the public authority is not supposed to create or interpret information/solve the problems raised by the applicants/furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Only such information can be provided which already exist with the public authority. As such, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.
- 3. A second appeal against this decision lies with the **Central Information Commission**, **CIC Bhawan**, **Baba Gangnath Marg**, **Munirka**, **New Delhi-110067**, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 7. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 15th of September, 2023.

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA

प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 Appeal No.53/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B
Central Public Information Officer
ISRO Propulsion complex
Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District
Tamilnadu - 627133

1. **Ms. Amsavalli** had submitted a RTI application on 04/08/2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. The appellant has submitted an appeal dated 20/09/2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC on the grounds of refusal to access of information requested.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought various details regarding the recruitment exam for Technical Assistant (Civil) conducted by IPRC. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO replied to the appellant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/474/2023 dated 31.08.2023 (uploaded in RTI-MIS on 01.09.2023).
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. It is observed that, the appellant is satisfied with reply provided by CPIO except for SI.No.6. On perusal of the inputs provided by the custodian of records on SI No.6 and on further examination, *it understood that the Skill Test question paper is not retained after examination*. As such, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.
- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 5. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 19th of October, 2023.

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA

प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

2. Smt. Varde Hiranben B

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.54/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B
Central Public Information Officer
ISRO Propulsion complex
Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District
Tamilnadu - 627133

1. **Shri. Subas Chandra Patro** had submitted a RTI application on 15/08/2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of the information, the appellant has submitted an appeal dated 27/09/2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought details regarding the Pay & allowances, incentive, bonus, award etc., pertaining to Fire Service personnel of DOS / ISRO. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO replied to the appellant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/477/2023 dated 26.09.2023 (uploaded in RTI-MIS on 27.09.2023).
- 3. As the reply had already been furnished by CPIO vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/477/2023 dated 26.09.2023, the appeal stands disposed of. Further, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. The appeal is decided accordingly.
- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 5. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 23rd of October, 2023.

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र./Head, P&GA

प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी /First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/To

2. Smt. Varde Hiranben B
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Tamilnadu - 627133

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय पाधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 Appeal No.55/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamilnadu - 627133

1. Shri. D.R. Selvanayagam had submitted a RTI application on 25/08/2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of the information, the appellant has submitted an appeal dated 27/09/2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought various details regarding recovery of LTC claims. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO replied to the appellant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/482/2023 dated 18.10.2023 (uploaded in RTI-MIS on 18.10.2023 itself).
- 3. As the reply had already been furnished by CPIO vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/482/2023 dated 18.10.2023, the appeal stands disposed of. Further, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. The appeal is decided accordingly.
- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 5. This Appeal is disposed of at **Mahendragiri** on the **26th of October, 2023**.

(आर रवींद्रने / R. Raveendran)

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र. / Head, P&GA

प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी / First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/То

2. Smt. Varde Hiranben B

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.56/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B
Central Public Information Officer
ISRO Propulsion complex
Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District
Tamilnadu - 627133

1. **Shri. J. Suresh Jeevan** had submitted a RTI application on 06.08.2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Based on the information received from the custodian of records, CPIO vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/475/2023 dated 26.09.2023 had reply to the appellant. Not satisfied with the reply provided, the appellant has submitted an appeal dated 08.10.2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought various details regarding recovery of LTC claims done by IPRC. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO replied to the appellant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/475/2023 dated 26.09.2023 and uploaded in RTI-MIS on the same day itself.
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. It is understood that, the appellant's contention is on the reply provided by CPIO to SI No.1 & 3. It is observed that, for SI No.1, CPIO had not denied any information but had requested the applicant for inspection of records. The appellant shall understand that, in order to sort out the details, the custodian of records has to compile over a large amount of data in respect of serving and retired employees which would disproportionately divert the manpower and resources of the public authority. As such, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. Further, with respect to SI No.3, the appellant had sought details regarding the verification charges paid to Air India and CPIO had already provided the reply for the same. However, the reply is modified as follows:

Verification charges were paid to Air India on two occasions.

₹68,750/- on 04.08.2016 for verifying 275 tickets ₹29,205/- on 22.02.2022 for verifying 99 tickets out of 1297 tickets

4. The appeal is decided accordingly. However, it is hereby informed that, the appellant may contact the CPIO for inspection of records for **SI.No.1** on a mutually convenient date and time.

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- 5. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 6. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 6th of November, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन / R.Raveendran)

प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र. / Head, P&GA प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी / First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/То

2. Smt. Varde Hiranben B
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सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.58/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B
Central Public Information Officer
ISRO Propulsion complex
Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District
Tamilnadu - 627133

1. **Shri. D.R. Selvanayagam** had submitted a RTI application on 25/08/2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Based on the information received from custodian of records, CPIO had replied to the applicant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/482/2023 dated 18/10/2023. Not satisfied by the reply provided, the appellant has submitted an appeal dated 30/10/2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA).

DECISION

- 2. It is observed; that the appellant had sought various details regarding recovery of fraudulent LTC claims. *CPIO had provided the sought information to the applicant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/482/2023 dated 18/10/2023 and uploaded in RTI-MIS. On receipt of the reply, the applicant had filed an appeal stating that the CPIO had provided incomplete, misleading and false information on SI.No. 3, 8, 14(2), 14(3), 14(4), 14(5) & 14(6).
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. The appellant's contention on each of the queries (3, 8, 14(2), 14(3), 14(4), 14(5) & 14(6)) and FAA's observation is detailed below:

Query No.3 & 8:

For SI.No.3, the appellant had sought details regarding the discrepancies noted in the LTC claims. Even though the query was in the nature of clarification the PIO had replied that the actual amount paid to Air India is less than the amount settled to the employee. As for SI.No.8, the appellant had sought the name details of the employees whose LTC tickets were sent for verification on 20.10.2021. The PIO had provided the sought details to the query. However, it is observed that, the appellant is relying on assumption and seeking newer information through the appeal which cannot be provided at this juncture.

Query No. 14(2), 14(3), 14(4), 14(5) & 14(6)

The queries are pertaining to the recovery made from retired employees based on the discrepancies found in their LTC claims. On perusal of the reply provided, it is observed that PIO had provided the point wise information as sought by the appellant and the same is found to be satisfactory. For SI.No.14(2), PIO had already provided the information regarding the employees who had agreed to refund the amount in installments and the number of installments they have

remitted. For SI.No.14(3), 14(4) &14(5), it is understood that instruction to withhold CHSS claims in respect of certain employees were communicated to Accounts division during October, 2023. Further, the appellant shall note that, withholding can only be effected once the claims are submitted by the retired employee. On examination of the SI.No.14(6), it is found that, the appellant had sought names of retired employees from whom IPRC is unable to make CHSS recovery since they are not availing the facility. On perusal, the reply provided for the same is also found to be in order.

Further, attention of the appellant is invited to the decision of Appeal No.44/2023 dated 13.04.2023 made by the undersigned against his appeal dated 28.02.2023 and it is reiterated that the appellant shall understand that, the verification of LTC claims was a complex procedure and is voluminous in nature. As such, to sort out any related details on the same, the custodian of records has to compile over a large amount of data which would disproportionately divert the manpower and resources of the public authority. In this regard, it is suggested that, if the appellant is having any further queries regarding the recovery of LTC claims he shall examine the scope for inspection of the available records subject to severance (u/s 10) and exemptions (u/s 8) under the RTI, ACT. Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.

- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 5. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 29th of November, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन / R.Raveendran) प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र. / Head, P&GA प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी / First Appellate Authority

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सचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 . 1 Appeal No.57/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamilnadu - 627133

1. Shri. D.R. Selvanayagam had submitted a RTI application on 20/08/2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. CPIO, IPRC had transferred the application to URSC, Bengaluru on 25.08.2023 for providing information to the applicant. However, the appellant has submitted an appeal dated 29/10/2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC on the grounds of providing misleading or false information.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought details regarding the 7th CPC pension revision done by URSC, Bengaluru for Scientist/Engineer-'H' grade which was discussed during the pension Adalat held in IPRC. As the information sought was closely related to URSC, Bengaluru, the RTI application was transferred to the Centre under section 6(3) of the RTI, Act for providing the information directly to the applicant.
- 3. Since the RTI had been transferred to URSC, the authority for issuing decision on the appeal lies with URSC only. As such, the appellant is advised to submit the appeal to First Appellate Authority, URSC for decision. The appeal is decided accordingly.
- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 5. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 29th of November, 2023.

(आर रवींद्रन / R.Raveendran) प्रधान, का. व सा. प्र. / Head, P&GA

प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी / First Appellate Authority

सेवा में/То

2. Smt. Varde Hiranben B Central Public Information Officer ISRO Propulsion Complex Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli District Tamilnadu - 627133

सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत प्रथम अपीलीय प्राधिकारी की कार्यवाही

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.59/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B
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1. **Shri. Boby Wilson** had submitted a RTI application on 29/11/2023 and received by CPIO IPRC, seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Based on the information received from custodian of records, CPIO had replied to the applicant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/521/2023 dated 14/12/2023. Not satisfied by the reply provided, the appellant has submitted an appeal dated 15/12/2023 to First Appellate Authority (FAA), IPRC.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought the details regarding the written test conducted by IPRC for recruitment to various posts. CPIO had provided the sought information to the applicant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/521/2023 dated 14/12/2023 and uploaded in RTI-MIS. On receipt of the reply, the applicant had filed an appeal stating that the CPIO had refused access to information requested.
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. It is understood that, the appellant's contention is on the reply provided by CPIO to SI No. 3, 4 & 5. It is observed that for SI No. 3, 4 & 5, CPIO had not denied any information but had informed to the applicant that the details sought will be published in Centre's website after completion of Skill Test.
- 4. The appellant shall understand that, the recruitment process is a procedure which requires utmost attention right from the beginning of publishing the advertisement till the publishing of the final selection list. Moreover, the recruitment for Technician B (Plumber, Electrician) & Light Vehicle Driver consists of written test as well as skill test and providing the marks of each candidate for the above post before the completion of skill test doesn't seem to be ideal. Further, as informed by CPIO, the final selection list for the recruitment was published in the Centre's website (www.iprc.gov.in → careers → results) which is accessible for the public. As such, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order and hence the appeal stands disposed of.

4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.

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5. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 12th of January, 2024.

(आर रवींद्रन / R.Raveendran)

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005 Appeal No.63/2023

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B
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1. **Shri. J. Suresh Jeevan** had submitted a RTI application on 01/11/2023 and received by CPIO, IPRC seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Not satisfied with the reply provided by CPIO, appellant has submitted an appeal dated 12/01/2024 to furnish the information sought by him.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought details related to the LTC recovery process carried by IPRC as per the instruction from Department. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO replied to the appellant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/504/2023 dated 04/01/2024.
- 3. The appeal and the reply provided by CPIO have been examined. It is observed that the appellant is not satisfied with reply provided by CPIO on SI No.4. However, on perusal of the query, it is seen that the same is in the nature of clarification at the first place. The appellant may note that, as far as RTI Act is concerned, the PIO is bound to furnish information as defined under section 2(f) and doesn't requires to draw any inferences or make any assumptions. As, such I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order.
- 4. Further, the appellant shall understand that, the verification of fraudulent LTC claims was a complex procedure and is voluminous in nature. As such, to sort out any related details on the same, the custodian of records has to compile over a large amount of data which would disproportionately divert the manpower and resources of the public authority. In this regard, it is suggested that, if the appellant is having any further queries regarding the recovery of LTC claims he shall examine the scope for inspection of the available records subject to severance (u/s 10) and exemptions (u/s 8) under the RTI, Act. Hence, the appeal is decided accordingly.

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- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 4. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 09th of February, 2024.

(आर रवींद्रन / R.Raveendran)

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Appeal No.65/2024

अपीलकर्ता का नाम/Name of Appellant

प्रतिवादी का नाम/Name of Respondent

Smt. Varde Hiranben B
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Tamilnadu - 627133

1. **Shri. M. N. Subramanian** had submitted a RTI application on 06/01/2024 and received by CPIO, IPRC seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005. Due to non-receipt of information from CPIO, appellant has submitted an appeal dated 12/02/2024 to furnish the information sought by him.

DECISION

- 2. It is observed that the appellant had sought the list of non-administrative staff (S&T and other categories) both serving & retired as on 01/01/2024, who had opted to remain under Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) terms. Based on the inputs received from the custodian of records, the CPIO replied to the appellant vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/537/2024 dated 04/03/2024.
- 3. As the reply had already been furnished by CPIO vide letter No.IPRC/CPIO/RTI/537/2024 dated 04/03/2024, the appeal stands disposed of. Further, I am of the opinion that the reply furnished by CPIO is in order. The appeal is decided accordingly.
- 4. A second appeal against this decision lies with the **Central Information Commission**, **CIC Bhawan**, **Baba Gangnath Marg**, **Munirka**, **New Delhi-110067**, within ninety days from the date on which this decision is received.
- 4. This Appeal is disposed of at Mahendragiri on the 13th of February, 2024.

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