

Central Information Commission
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Case No. CIC/MP/A/2015/000950

Appellant : **Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh, Patna.**

Public Authority : **Indian Economic Association, Patna/
New Delhi.**

Date of Hearing : **02nd March, 2016.**
Date of Decision : **17th March, 2016**

Present Appellant : **Present through VC.**

Respondent : **Dr. Anil Kumar, FAA & Dr. Deepti
Taneja, CPIO at CIC.**

ORDER

1. The appellant, Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh, submitted two RTI applications dated 15.4.2014 and 07.05.2014 before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Indian Economic Association, Patna seeking details of the life membership, subscription and the number of members enrolled as life members since 2005 till date; the year-wise collection of life membership fees and the bank in which it was deposited since 2005; corpus fund so created by life membership subscription etc. through three points.

2. Aggrieved with non receipt of any response from the CPIO, the appellant filed an appeal on 13.06.2014 before the first appellate authority (FAA). The FAA vide order dated 15.07.2014 informed the appellant that the two RTI applications against which the appeal had been submitted were neither addressed nor sent to the CPIO, which was the designated authority under the RTI Act, 2005 to provide information. Once the CPIO had been duly appointed and notified to all through IEA Newsletter and also through IEA's website, the Secretary and Treasurer, or any other office bearer of the IEA was not required to reply to RTI queries. The FAA requested the

appellant to submit RTI application to the CPIO as duly notified in IEA's newsletter 2014 as also on its website www.indianeconomicassociation.com.

3. Thereafter, dissatisfied with the response of the FAA, the appellant filed the instant appeal before the Commission on 20.04.2015 stating that the functionaries of IEA be asked to explain the cause of delay/ denial of information and initiate penalty proceedings against the CPIO.

4. The matter was heard by the Commission. The appellant stated that when he did not receive information from the CPIO, he filed an appeal on 13.06.2014 before the FAA and the FAA intimated that the appellant had not addressed the RTI application to the designated CPIO, the name and address of the CPIO was also available on their website as well as IEA's newsletter. He stated that the CPIO's address was not given on their website. The respondents stated that the appellant's RTI applications were not addressed to the CPIO designated in IEA. The information about the CPIO was clearly stated on page 26 of the IEA Newsletter of 96th Annual Conference. They confirmed that the name and address of the CPIO was available on their website also. However, the CPIO vide letter dated 21.09.2014 replied to the appellant.

5. Having considered the submissions of the respondents, the Commission observes that the appellant's RTI application was not received by the CPIO, as he had not addressed RTI application to the designated CPIO. The CPIO vide letter dated 21.09.2014 replied to the appellant on the directions of the FAA. The Commission directs the CPIO to refund the RTI fee to the appellant **within one week** of receipt of this order. The appeal is disposed of.

(Manjula Prasher)
Information Commissioner

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