

केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग
Central Information Commission
बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग, मुनिरका
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द्वितीय अपील संख्या / Second Appeal No. CIC/UBKOI/A/2020/138101/PNBNK
Sura Prasad Pati ... अपीलकर्ता/Appellant

VERSUS

बनाम

CPIO: Punjab National Bank
(Erstwhile United bank of
India)
Bhubaneswar

...प्रतिवादीगण/Respondents

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

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| RTI : 02.03.2020 | FA : 11.08.2020 | SA : 09.11.2020 |
| CPIO : 19.03.2020 | FAO : 01.09.2020 | Hearing : 11.10.2022 |

CORAM:

Hon'ble Commissioner
SHRI SURESH CHANDRA

ORDER

(01.11.2022)

1. The issue under consideration arising out of the **second appeal dated 09.11.2020** include non-receipt of the following information sought by the appellant through the RTI application dated 02.03.2020 and first appeal dated 11.08.2020:-

➤ *Particulars of family pension credited and drawn from United Bank of India, Jagatsinghpur Branch through SB A/c No. *****6434 of Rabati Pati from January 2015 to December 2017.*

(i) *The details of family pension credited and cash drawn from the A/c No. *****6434 of Rebati Pati month wise from January 2015 to December 2017.*

2. Succinctly facts of the case are that the appellant filed an application dated 02.03.2020 under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), United bank of India, Bhubaneswar, seeking aforesaid information. The CPIO vide letter dated 19.03.2020 replied to the appellant. Aggrieved by the same, the appellant filed first appeal dated 11.08.2020. The First Appellate Authority (FAA) vide order dated 01.09.2020 disposed of the first appeal. Aggrieved by that, the appellant filed second appeal dated 09.11.2020 before the Commission which is under consideration.

3. The appellant has filed the instant appeal dated 09.11.2020 *inter alia* on the grounds that reply given by the CPIO was not satisfactory. The appellant requested the Commission to direct the CPIO to provide the complete information and take necessary action as per Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act.

4. The CPIO replied vide letter dated 19.03.2020 and the same is reproduced as under:-

“It cannot be disclosed as the information held with the bank relates to the disclosure of personal information, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual. As such the information sought for cannot be furnished under Section 8 (1) (e) and (j) of the RTI Act, 2005.”

The FAA vide order dated 01.09.2020 upheld the reply of the CPIO.

5. The appellant remained absent and on behalf of the respondent Mr Rajnikant Behera, CPIO, Punjab National Bank, Bhubaneswar attended the hearing through video conference.

5.1. The respondent while defending their case *inter alia* submitted that the appellant had not provided the death certificate of the pension account holder Late Smt. Rebati Pati. Therefore, in absence of the supporting documents, they could not furnish the requisite information to the appellant.

6. The Commission after advertng to the facts and circumstances of the case, hearing the respondent and perusal of records, observed that the appellant was son of family pension holder Smt. Rebati Pati, hence, was entitled to the information sought by him. However, in compliance of the FAA's order, the appellant had not provided the death certificate of account holder. In case he completes the formalities, the information may be provided to him within 04 weeks from date of receipt of requisite documents. With these observations and directions, 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: 01.11.2022

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