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Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/900652

Appellant: Prashant Katela
Katela Bhawan, Nr. Circuit House, Civil Lines,
Raipur-492001, Chhatisgarh (9300330093)

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
RTI Cell, Room No. 5, Rly Board, Rail Bhawan, Rafi
Marg, New Delhi-110001

Date of Hearing: 05.12.2016
Dated of Decision: 05.12.2016

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 09.08.2014 seeking certified copy of travel certificate or TT report or any evidence that shows that whether waitlist passenger 1)Pratibha Berdia 2) Vidhi Berdia travelled or not on e ticket PNR No. 8723893697 (CSTM to Raipur Train no. 12809).
2. The CPIO response is not on record. The appellant filed first appeal on 05.11.2014 with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA response is not on record. The appellant filed appeal on 23.02.2015 before the Commission with the plea that the sought for information has not been provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The respondent participated in the hearing. The appellant did not participate in the hearing.
4. The respondent stated that the appellant was asked to deposit copying fee Rs. 750/ for reservation chart as per Railway Rules but the appellant did not respond to that letter.

Discussion/ observation:

6. The respondent should have replied to the queries of the appellant as per RTI Act.

7. It is observed that the copying fee Rules of the Railway Board is not consistent with the RTI Rules.

Decision:

8. The respondent is directed to reply RTI application as per RTI Act within 15 days of this order.

9. The Railway Board is directed to take steps to amend the rules regarding copying charges suitably to bring them in conformity with the letter and spirit of the RTI Act and Rules.

The appeal is disposed of. Copy of the order be given to the parties free of cost.

(Radha Krishna Mathur)
Chief Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(S.C. Sharma)

Dy. Registrar

CC to: The Chairman, Railway Board