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Appeal No. CIC/BS/A/2016/000031

Appellant: Mrs. Gunmala Jain,
W/o. Late Sh. Jai Kumar Jain,
Najhai Bazar, Lalitpur,
Uttar Pradesh

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer
Sr. Supdt., Deptt. of Posts,
O/o. Sr. Supdt. of Posts Offices,
Jhansi Division, Jhansi-284001, U.P.

Date of Hearing: 06.04.2017
Dated of Decision: 06.04.2017

ORDER

Facts:

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 08.06.2015 seeking information on 17 points regarding the PPF account of her husband Sh. Jay Kumar Jain viz. passbook of his PPF account; details of amount from opening date to 07.10.2013; copy of account opening form SB-3 and other related issues.
2. The CPIO responded on 28.10.2015. The appellant filed first appeal dated 07.10.2015 with First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 17.11.2015. The appellant filed second appeal on 02.12.2015 before the Commission on the ground that information should be provided to him.

Hearing:

3. The appellant and the respondent both participated in the hearing through VC.
4. The appellant stated that she has not been provided complete information. The appellant stated that she has not been provided a copy of account opening Form. The appellant stated that the account opening form contains the details of nominee. The appellant stated that she has not been

shown the record. The appellant alleged that the respondent did not try to search the account opening form viz SB-3. The appellant stated that search should be conducted in her presence. The appellant stated that the account opening form is kept for 5 years after closing of the account.

5. The respondent stated that they have searched their records but account opening form viz SB-3 is not traceable. The respondent stated that two officer's report regarding search of this form is in the file. The respondent stated that there is no record of nominee in the pass book. The respondent stated that they have checked the Ledger Guard before, in which the nomination details are recorded, but appellant's husband's nominee details were not found.

Discussion/ observation:

6. The respondent should search the record afresh and give a copy of search report to the appellant free of cost, and if feasible, the search should be carried out in the presence of appellant or her authorised representative. Further, the appellant shall be allowed to inspect the record on mutually agreed date and time within 30 days of receipt of this order.

Decision:

7. The respondent is directed to take action as stated in para 6 above within 30 days of this order.

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