

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

(Room No.315, B-Wing, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi 110 066)

Prof. M. Sridhar Acharyulu (Madabhushi Sridhar)

Information Commissioner

CIC/SA/A/2016/000100

Gaurav Sethi v. PIO, University Grant Commission

Important Dates and time taken:

RTI: 07.10.2015	Reply: 06.11.2015	Time: 30 days
FAA: 04.12.2015	FAO: 30.12.2015	Time: 26 days
SA: 11.01.2016	Hearing: 29.03.2016	Decision:
Result: Show cause.		

Parties Present:

1. Appellant is present. Ms. Nirmal Kaur, CPIO and Ms. Rachna Verma represented Public authority.

FACTS:

2. Appellant by his RTI application had sought to know the action taken on his grievance application mentioned in the application along with copy of all the documents, detail of the exam date/result etc of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya for the year 2012/2012/2014 etc. PIO replied on 06.11.2015 providing para wise reply. Being unsatisfied, appellant filed First

Appeal. FAA by his Order dated 30.12.2015 disposed of the appeal after detailed disposal on each points of the RTI application. Being unsatisfied, appellant approached Commission.

Proceedings Before the Commission:

3. The appellant complained that Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya being a distance education institution had not given him books and simply asked him to attend examination. Officers from the UGC clarified that Mahatma Gandhi University; Meghalaya does not have recognition as university status. On the complaint of the appellant they have collected information from some of the concerned universities. The university responded by saying that all its centres beyond territory of Meghalaya were closed down and for the awareness of general public a Public Notice has been published in newspaper. The university also claimed that the complaint made by the appellant is false and baseless. Representative of UGC stated that they had reminded the university to provide information sought in point No. 3 of the application. UGC has also called documents from the State Government and advised them to close the university.

Decision :

4. Having heard the submission and perused the record, The Commission directs respondent authority to furnish action taken report on the complaint of the appellant within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order. Appellant claimed that his result was stopped by the university, due to which he is losing his increment. The Commission directs PIO of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya considering him as deemed PIO to show cause why information was not provided to the appellant and why maximum penalty should not be imposed against them for non-furnishing of information, within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order.

(M. Sridhar Acharyulu)
Information Commissioner

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(Babu Lal)
Deputy Registrar

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