

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION
Room No. 302, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gang Nath Marg,
Munirka, New Delhi-110067

Decision No. CIC/SBIND/A/2017/103744, dated 19.04.2018

**Ashok Pandit vs. CPIO, State Bank of India, Maheshkhunt, Khagaria,
Bihar**

Relevant dates emerging from the appeal:

RTI: 02.11.2016	FA: 02.12.2016	Appeal: 10.01.2017
CPIO: No reply	FAAO: No order	Hearing: 18.04.2018

ORDER

1. The appellant filed an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), State Bank of India, Maheshkhunt, Khagaria, Bihar seeking total number of KCC loans sanctioned from 05.08.2016 till date along with the certified copy of Land Possession Certificate (LPC) and land receipts.

2. The appellant filed a second appeal before the Commission on the grounds that no information has been provided to him by the CPIO/FAA. The appellant requested the Commission to direct the CPIO to provide the information sought for.

Hearing:

3. Both the appellant and the respondent were not present despite notice.

Decision:

4. The Commission, after perusing the records, observes that no reply in response to the RTI application was given to the appellant so far and since the respondent was not present in the hearing, the reason for the same could not be

ascertained. The Commission, thus, finds that information has not been provided by the respondent to the appellant. The Commission, therefore, directs the Registry of this Bench to issue a Show Cause Notice to the CPIO, State Bank of India, Maheshkhunt, Khagaria, Bihar for explaining as to why action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act should not be initiated against him.

5. The Commission further observes that the appellant vide RTI application dated 02.11.2016 has sought total number of KCC loans sanctioned from 05.08.2016 till date along with the certified copy of Land Possession Certificate (LPC) and land receipts. The copy of Land Possession Certificate (LPC) and land receipts of the borrowers is personal information of the third parties i.e. the borrowers, which is held by the Bank in a fiduciary capacity, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public interest and would cause an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the third parties. Hence, the disclosure of the information sought is exempted under Section 8(1) (e) and (j) of the RTI Act. However, the total number of KCC loans sanctioned from 05.08.2016 till date should be disclosed. The Commission, therefore, directs the CPIO to provide the total number of KCC loans sanctioned from 05.08.2016 till date, to the appellant within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.

7. Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

(Sudhir Bhargava)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy

(S.S. Rohilla)
Designated Officer

Addresses of the parties:

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