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Case No. CIC/SS/A/2012/002651

Dated: 14.06.2013

Name of Appellant : Shri Shyam Sunder Singh
Name of Respondent : National Human Rights Commission
Date of Hearing : 08.05.2013

ORDER

Shri Shyam Sunder Singh, hereinafter called the appellant has filed the present appeal dated 13.7.2012 before the Commission against the respondent National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), New Delhi for not providing satisfactory information in response to his RTI application dated 2.3.2012. The appellant was absent whereas the respondent were represented by Shri Jaimini Kumar Srivastava, CPIO and Shri Srinivasa, Kamath, Deputy Registrar.

2. The appellant through his RTI application dated 2.3.2012 sought information on eight queries in respect of the name, telephone number of CPIO and FAA, the purpose of establishing NHRC, State Human Rights Commission (SHRC), address of International Human Rights Commission and other related issues concerning NHRC. The CPIO vide his letter No. 16(1)/PIO/2005(RTI)/1695 dated 20.4.2012 replied to the appellant.

3. Not satisfied with the reply of the CPIO, the appellant filed his first appeal before FAA. The FAA vide his order No. 16(1)/PIO/2005(RTI)/1695 dated

28.5.2012 has provided information as per available records as received from the concerned units. The FAA further held that some of the queries could not be replied in terms of Rule 4 to Government Guidelines to the RTI Act.

4. During the hearing the respondent CPIO submits that some of appellant's queries involved interpretation of law, drawing inferences and opinions, hypothetical and speculative questions such as definition of the NHRC, definition of pain, mental and economic sufferings losses etc. some of the queries question the actions of the NHRC and SHRC. The CPIO submits that such questions do not fall within the ambit of the definition of 'information' as defined u/s 2(f) of the RTI Act. Regarding request for copies of recommendations made by the NHRC, the appellant was informed that the NHRC has made recommendations in 5,20,444 cases and the information being voluminous, the compilation thereof may disproportionately divert the resources of NHRC to the extent that it would disrupt its routine functioning, hence it was bound to be denied u/s 7(9) of the RTI Act.

5. Having considered the submissions of the parties and perused the relevant documents on file, the Commission agrees with the stand of the respondent that the information sought by the appellant cannot be provided to the appellant for the reasons given by them. The matter is disposed of on the part of the Commission.

(Sushma Singh)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:

(K.K. Sharma)
OSD & Deputy Registrar

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