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File No.CIC/DS/A/2011/004135/RM

Appellant: Shri Rishipal Singh, District Haridwar,  
Uttarakhand

Public Authority: ITO(Inv.)(HQ) & Addl. Director of IT(Inv.),  
Lucknow

Date of Hearing: 19.02.2013

Date of decision: 19.02.2013

Heard today, dated 19.02.2013 through video conferencing.

Appellant is present.

The Public Authority is represented by Ms Nidhi Verma Singh, Jt Director (Inv)/AA along with Shri Rajesh Tewari, ITO HQ/CPIO.

FACTS

Vide RTI dt 31.5.11, the appellant had sought information on two points relating to his TEP complaint against Shri Jaipal Singh, SDE, BSNL, Bareilly.

2. CPIO vide letter dt 10.6.11, informed appellant that their Directorate was exempt from the provisions of the RTI.
3. An appeal was filed on 28.7.11.
4. AA vide order dt 30.9.11, disposed of the appeal.

5. Submissions made by the appellant and public authority were heard.

## DECISION

6. The Commission in file no.CIC/LS/A/2009/01014 dt 1.1.10 had opined that some feedback to the person who had filed a TEP should be provided. The operative portion of the order is reproduced below:

“Besides, it is also to be noted that blank ban on disclosure of information regarding the action taken on tax evasion complaints may not always be in the best interest of the state revenues. In fact, it may dis-enthuse the information givers as information givers are generally keen to know whether the information provided by them has been of some value to the authorities or not. Feed back in this regard would motivate the information givers to provide further informations to the authorities and thereby enable them to curb tax evasion and enhance the state revenues. Viewed thus, despite the office of DGIT(Inv) being an exempted organisation, it may not always be the best policy to deny some kind of feed back to the information givers.”

7. The ratio of the above decision applies to the present case also. Once the investigation is completed, the CPIO is directed to apprise the appellant whether the TEP filed by him was true or false, without disclosing any details of investigations.

The appeal is disposed of.

Sd/-

(Rajiv Mathur)

Central Information Commissioner

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