

Central Information Commission, New Delhi
File No.CIC/SM/C/2011/000069
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : **17 February 2012**

Date of decision : **21 February 2012**

Name of the Complainant : **Shri R D Batra,
Secretary, Citizen Rights Association II
F/53-54, Nehru Nagar,
Ghaziabad, UP.**

Name of the Public Authority : **CPIO, Allahabad High Court,
Allahabad, UP.**

The Appellant was not present in spite of notice.

On behalf of the Respondent, the following were present:-

- (i) Shri Shashikant Tripathi, CPIO
- (ii) Shri Parvinder Kumar, APIO

Chief Information Commissioner : **Shri Satyananda Mishra**

2. The Appellant did not turn up for the hearing in spite of notice. The Respondents were present in the Allahabad studio of the NIC. We heard their submissions.

3. The Appellant had wanted to get some information regarding the indictment of two former judges of the High Court, presently appointed to 2

different public bodies. He had deposited Rs 10 by way of application fee. The CPIO had refused to disclose any information since the prescribed application fee of Rs 500 had not been deposited and had cited the relevant rules from the Allahabad High Court (Right to Information) Rules, 2006.

4. We find nothing wrong in the decision of the CPIO. He has abided by the rules framed by the High Court for carrying out the provisions of the Right to Information (RTI) Act. We would only like to observe that the application fee prescribed by the Allahabad High Court is far too high in comparison to such fee prescribed by the Supreme Court of India. We hope the High Court would revisit its rules soon and bring it at par with the Supreme Court of India so that the ordinary citizens can access information from the High Court easily and without incurring such high costs.

5. The appeal is disposed of accordingly.

6. Copies of this order be given free of cost to the parties.

(Satyananda Mishra)
Chief Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy. Additional copies of orders shall be supplied against application and payment of the charges prescribed under the Act to the CPIO of this Commission.

(Vijay Bhalla)
Deputy Registrar