

## **Central Information Commission**

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### **Appeal: No. CIC/DS/A/2013/001506**

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Appellant /Complainant : Shi V.K. Pandey, Kolkata  
Public Authority : LIC of India, Kolkata  
(Shri S.K. das, CPIO, Sh. Aurobindo  
Swargiary &  
Sh. Dipankar Bhattacharya – through  
video conferencing)  
**Date of Hearing : 23 October 2013**  
**Date of Decision : 23 October 2013**

#### **Facts:-**

1. Appellant submitted RTI application dated 20 March 2013 before the CPIO, LIC of India, Kolkata seeking details regarding Appellant's eligibility for the benefit of Rule 27 and other related information for said denial through multiple points.
2. Vide Order dated 10 April 2013, CPIO informed the Appellant that the information sought by him does not qualify u/s 2 (f) of the RTI Act, 2005.
3. Appellant preferred first Appeal dated to the First Appellate Authority.
4. Vide Order dated 28 May 2013, FAA upheld the CPIO's Order.
5. Being aggrieved and not being satisfied by the above response of the public authority, the appellant preferred second appeal before the Commission.
6. Matter was heard today. Both parties as above were heard via videoconferencing from Kolkata.

#### **Decision notice**

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7. After hearing the averments of both the parties and on perusing the facts on record, Commission cannot accept the ruling of the CPIO that the information sought does not fall under the definition of information as per section 2 (f) of the Act. It is not denied that the appellant has submitted representation to the management in respect of getting benefits under rule 27 of LIC of India (Employees) Pension Rules, 1995 and that this representation would have been examined on file before arriving at the conclusion that the appellant is not entitled to this benefit as they did not fulfil the required criteria. Therefore the natural course should have been to provide attested photocopy of the file notings to the appellant in the very first instance. However a very narrow approach has been taken by the CPIO to deny the requested information. Such an approach is not in harmony with the letter and spirit of the transparency Act and must be eschewed in future.

8. Now, Commission directs the CPIO to provide to the appellant, attested photocopy of all the file notings and correspondence made while examining his representation (s).

9. Information to be provided within one week of receipt of the order.

(Smt. Deepak Sandhu)  
Chief Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:

(T. K. Mohapatra)  
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