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द्वितोय अपोल सख्या / Second Appeal No. **CIC/IGCAR/A/2021/108636**

Shri P Shankar ... अपोलकता/Appellant

VERSUS/बनाम

PIO, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research Administrative Office-III (R &V), Tamil Nadu
Through: Shri P T Mani – CPIO/Admnv. Officer - III ...प्रतिवादोगण /Respondent

Date of Hearing	:	17.08.2022
Date of Decision	:	18.08.2022
Chief Information Commissioner	**:**	**Shri Y. K. Sinha**

Relevant facts emerging from appeal:

RTI application filed on	:	16.10.2020
PIO replied on	:	17.11.2020
First Appeal filed on	:	25.11.2020
First Appellate Order on	:	29.12.2020
2nd Appeal/complaint received on	:	24.02.2021

Information sought and background of the case:

The Appellant filed an RTI application dated 16.10.2020 seeking information on the following 02 points:-

1. Provide certified extract of relevant phot copies of Log Book of the Private Vehicle allotted to then Group Director G. Srinivasan showing the officials travelled, kilometres uses, places visited etc for the period 01.05.2014 to 30.06.2014
2. Provide certified Bio Metric Attendance and Identity Card Attendance of the staff in the Group where G.Srinivasan was Group Director from 01.0.2014 to 30.06.2014 in CD format or hard copies.

The PIO/Administrative Officer-III(R&V), Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research vide letter date 17.11.2020 replied as under:-

SL.NO	INFORMATION SOUGHT	INFORMATION PROVIDED
1.	Provide certified extract of relevant photo copies Log Book of the Private vehicle allotted to then Group Director G. Srinivasan showing the officials travelled, kilometres uses, places visited etc for the period 01.05.2014 to 30.06.2014.	Copies of the relevant photo copies Log Book of the Private vehicle allotted to then Group Director G. Srinivasan showing the officials travelled, kilometres uses, places visited etc for the period 01.05.2014 to 30.06.2014 will be provided on receipt of the documentation charges of Rs. 82/- (Rs. 2 /-per page x 41 pages) in the form of Indian Postal Order or demand draft or cash receipt in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer, IGCAR.
2.	Provide Certified Bio Metric Attendance and Identity Card Attendance of the staff in the Group where G. Srinivasan was Group Director from 01.05.2014 to 30.06.2014 in CD format or hardcopies.	The information sought by you regarding Bio Metric Attendance and Identity Card Attendance of the staff in the Group where Shri G. Srinivasan was then Group Director, Reactor, Operation and Maintenance Group (ROMG) from 01.05.2014 to 30.06.2014, the data is not available in single hard disk, but in various hard disks and in old format/software and huge database and hence it would take enormous efforts to retrieve and collate the attendance data and information disclosure of which would disproportionately divert the resources of the Public Authority under section 7(9) of RTI Act.

Dissatisfied with the response received from the CPIO, the Appellant filed a First Appeal dated 25.11.2020. The FAA/Director(P&A), Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research vide order dated 29.12.2020 held as under:-

> 2. I have gone through your appeal dated 25.11.2020 stating that reply for query no. 2 in your RTI application dated 16.10.2020 was not provided. It is seen that your RTI application dated 16.10.2020 was received by the CPIO on 20.10.2020. I observe that CPIO, IGCAR vide letter no. IGCAR/2(68)/2020-21/Admn(Vig)/858 dated 17.11.2020 had sought documentation charge of Rs. 82/- to provide documents for Query no. 1 and on receipt of documentation charge, the requisite information has been furnished to you vide letter no. IGCAR/2(68)/2020-21/Admn(Vig)/884 dated 10.12.2020. As regards Query no. 2, CPIO has replied that the data is not available in single hard disk, but in various hard disks and in old format/software and huge database and hence it would take enormous effort to retrieve and collate the attendance data and information disclosure of which would disproportionately divert the resources of the Public Authority under Section 7(9) of RTI Act 2005. I tend to agree with the reply furnished by CPIO, IGCAR.
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> 3. With the above, the first Appeal of the Applicant stands disposed of.

Aggrieved and dissatisfied, the Appellant approached the Commission with the instant Second Appeal.

Hearing was scheduled through video conference after giving prior notice to both the parties. Respondent attended the hearing through video conference, while the Appellant remained absent and has not communicated the cause of his absence to the Commission.

Facts emerging in Course of Hearing:

A written submission has been received from CPIO, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research vide letter dated 05.08.2022 reiterating the aforementioned facts and adding that it would take enormous efforts to retrieve and collate attendance data sought by the Appellant. He averred that disclosure of such information would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority under Section 7(9) of the RTI Act. The following contention was also put forth by the respondent.

07) It is further stated that Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam is involved in multidisciplinary programme of scientific research directed towards Indian Atomic Energy Programme and other related advanced engineering. The details of Biometric and Identity card details with respect to Group Director and staff of Reactor Operations and Maintenance Group may lead to breach of security as it would disclose the details of functioning/operation of Reactor Operations and Maintenance Group of IGCAR and this would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific and economic interests of the state.

Decision

Upon perusal of records of the case it is noted that the Respondent has furnished adequate and succinct information from available official records as defined under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, to the Appellant. The written submission dated 05.08.2022 provides a comprehensive reply and appears to have been sent to the Appellant. The Appellant has chosen not to contest the case despite service of hearing notice.

In the given circumstances, wherein information has already been sent to the Appellant, no further cause of action remains to be adjudicated under the RTI Act.

Hence the appeal is disposed off as such.

Y. K. Sinha (वाई. क. सिन्हा)
Chief Information Commissioner **(मख्य सचना आयक्त)**

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