Date of Hearing : 07.03.2016
Date of Decision : 07.03.2016
Appellant/Complainant : Shri P. Muruesan
Tuticorin
Respondent : Tuticorin Port Trust
Tuticorin
Through:
Dr. Jay Kumar, CPIO
Information Commissioner : Shri Yashovardhan Azad

Relevant facts emerging from appeal:

RTI application filed on : 27.10.2014
First Appeal filed on : 04.12.2014
First Appellate Authority (FAA) order on : 03.01.2015
Second Appeal/complaint received on : 12.03.2015

Information sought:

The appellant sought information on 7 points in respect of Shri P.S. Sundaram, Sukkani Marine Dept. of V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust.

Background of the case:

Appellant filed an RTI application dated 27.10.2014 seeking the above information. PIO in his reply denied information u/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. The FAA in his order upheld the reply of the PIO.

Relevant facts emerging during hearing:

Both parties are present and heard through video conferencing. The appellant states that information sought was denied u/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. He requested for directions for furnishing the desired information. The respondent states that information sought was personal in nature, thus, it was denied by invoking exemption u/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. On query by
the Commission about the alleged forged certificate, the respondent states that everything has been found intact.

**Decision:**

After hearing parties and perusal of record, the Commission rejects the plea of the respondent authority and directs it to furnish the following information in respect of Shri P.S. Sundaram, to the appellant:

1. Details of post which he joined.
2. Date of joining
3. Testimonials which were required to be submitted
4. Education qualification for the said post.

While doing so, the copies of the certificates need not be furnished. The Commission further directs the respondent to certify on oath to the Commission that the certificates have been verified and were found intact. The above directions shall be complied within 2 weeks of receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

The appeal is disposed in the above terms.

(Yashovardhan Azad)
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.

(V.D. Naniwadekar)
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