Central Information Commission, New Delhi
File No.CIC/SM/A/2010/000764
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : 6 December 2010
Date of decision : 6 December 2010

Name of the Appellant : Shri Veer Singh
DNA, Jaipur, Dainik Bhaskar Building,
10, JLN Marg, Jaipur – 302 015.

Name of the Public Authority : CPIO, Reserve Bank of India,
Secretary’s Department, Central Office,
Building, 16th Floor, Shahid Bhagat Singh
Marg, Mumbai.

The Appellant was present in person.

On behalf of the Respondent, Shri Unnikrishnan was present.

Information Commissioner : Shri Satyananda Mishra

Decision Notice

Appeal allowed

Elements of the decision:

Directed the CPIO to provide information

2. We heard this case through video conferencing. The Appellant was present in
the Jaipur studio of the NIC. The Respondent was present in the Mumbai studio. We
heard their submissions.

3. The Appellant had sought a large number of information relating to the expenditure incurred on board meetings, decision of the RBI to purchase 200 tons of gold, the policy of the RBI regarding disclosure of the minutes of the board meetings etc. In several instalments spread over three months, the CPIO provided some information although the Appellant submitted that much of the information desired by him had not been provided completely. After carefully considering the submissions of both the parties and the facts of the case, we think that, indeed, the CPIO has not provided any of the information sought with complete clarity. Therefore, we now direct the CPIO to provide to the Appellant within 10 working days from the receipt of this order the following additional information:

   i) details of the payments made to the board members for attending board meetings during the year preceding the date of the RTI application in a tabular form specifically stating the amount of sitting fee paid, expenditure on local hospitality such as accommodation and transport et cetera and any other expenditure incurred;

   ii) photocopy of the relevant order of the Governor of the RBI dated 18 November 2005 in which he had directed that the correspondence, agenda, minutes and other details of meetings of the board, committees, subcommittees of the board or committee consisting of any member of the board including advisory committees should be excluded in the light of the provisions of Section 8(1) (a) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act;

   iii) the list of professional forecasters hired by the RBI during the preceding two years along with the fees paid to those firms annually;
iv) the photocopy of the agenda notes and the minutes of the last staff subcommittee meeting.

4. With the above direction, the appeal is disposed off.

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

(Satyananda Mishra)
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)
Assistant Registrar