Appellant /Complainant : Shri Madhav B. Karmakar, Puna(Maharashtra)

Public Authority : Department of Financial Services (MoF), N.Delhi
(Sh. Rajiv Sharma, CPIO, Sh. Amrik Singh, CPIO, Sh. M.M. Dawla, CPIO, Sh. K.P. Singh & Sh.S.K. Chauhan)

Date of Hearing : 08 October 2012
Date of Decision : 08 October 2012

Facts:-

1. Further to Commission’s order of even number dated 9 January 2012, Commission has received complaints dated 13 August 2012 from the appellant that the directions held therein are yet to be complied with by the CPIO, Under Secretary (BOA – Section). In his complaint the appellant has stated that as per the orders of the Commission he had visited the office of the respondent and was given opportunity of inspection of the documents but the photocopies of the identified documents which were to have been mailed to him by the CPIO were in fact never received by him.

2. Matter was heard today via videoconferencing from Pune where appellant was present. Respondent as above appeared in person and made submissions. CPIO Shri M Dawla submitted that the Department had received a copy of a PIL filed by the appellant in the High Court of Mumbai on 19 January 2012 and therefore he had doubts and was not sure whether this information was to be furnished to the appellant. Appellant submitted that he had spent a large sum of money in travelling from Pune to Delhi and he has since been waiting for over nine months for the CPIO to provide him the information as per the directions of the Commission.

Decision notice
3. After hearing both parties, Commission directs the CPIO to provide information as sought by him in his RTI application in compliance with the Commission’s order dated 9 January 2012, within two weeks of receipt of order.

4. Through this order, notice is issued to the CPIO, Shri MM Dawla to show cause why penalty should not be imposed upon him for not having complied with the directions of this Commission and for denying information to the appellant in contravention of the above mentioned order. He is provided opportunity of personal hearing and is directed to appear before the Commission on 17.12.2012 at 3.45 PM at Delhi.

(Smt. Deepak Sandhu)
Information Commissioner (DS)

Authenticated true copy:

(T. K. Mohapatra)
Dy. Secretary & Dy. Registrar
Tel. No. 011-26105027

Copy to:-

1. Shri Madhav Balwant Karmakar
   B-6, Panchratna Housing Society
   13, Sheela Vihar Colony
   Pune-411038 (Maharashtra)

2. The CPIO
   Under Secretary
   Department of Financial Services
   Ministry of Finance, Jeevan Vihar
   Parliament Street
   New Delhi-110001

3. The Appellate Authority
   Under Secretary
   Department of Financial Services
   Ministry of Finance, Jeevan Vihar
   Parliament Street
   New Delhi-110001

Appeal No. CIC/DS/C/2012/001064