No.CIC/SM/C/2012/900843

Dated: 14 August 2012

Name of the Complainant  :  Shri Syed Ikramudin
                           10-12-174, Quilla X Road,
                           Nizamabad – 503 001.

Name of the Public Authority  :  The Appellate Authority
                               Regional Passport Office,
                               Kumaraguda,
                               Secunderabad – 500 003.

ORDER

Shri Syed Ikramudin of Nizamabad has complained to the Central Information Commission that he received no reply/information from the Central Public Information Officer although he had filed his RTI-application on 10 May 2012. A copy each of the RTI-application and the complaint are enclosed for ready reference.

2. It is noted that the Complainant did not have an opportunity to go to the Appellate Authority and has directly approached the Commission with his complaint. In exercise of powers vested under Section 18(1) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, we direct the Appellate Authority to enquire into the
allegations made by the Complainant and after giving him an opportunity of hearing, to pass an appropriate order with a view to ensuring that the desired information is provided to the Complainant without any further loss of time.

3. We also direct the Appellate Authority to obtain the explanation of the CPIO in writing for not providing the information in time and to forward the same to us along with his comments before 18 September 2012. We will decide on the imposition of penalty on the CPIO in terms of Section 20(1) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act thereafter.

4. In case the Complainant is not satisfied with the orders of the Appellate Authority, he is free to approach this Commission again in second appeal.

5. The Commission ordered accordingly.

(Satyananda Mishra)
Chief 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)
Deputy Registrar