ORDER

Shri Hardeep Singh Sawhney, the appellant, has filed the present appeal dated 13.6.2013 before the Commission against the respondent Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi for not providing correct information in response to his RTI application dated 19.12.2012. The appellant was absent whereas the respondent were represented by Shri Sanjeev Chandra, Joint Director, Shri Satish Mesra, Asstt. Director, Ms. Chanderlekha Sharma, Asstt. Director, Shri Prabhakar Singh, Sr. Assistant and Shri Amit Kumar Dutta, Sr. Assistant.

2. The appellant through his RTI application dated 19.12.2012 sought information on the three following points – “How Mr. Gurdeep Singh Sappal was serving on two posts as OSD to the Chairman of Rajya Sabha and simultaneously as C.E.O. of Rajya Sabha Television (a) Any circular or order of the Government or any other authority under which a person can serve two posts at the same time and (b) The salaries as: (i) OSD to the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, (ii) CEO of the Rajya Sabha Television, (iii) How a Government official/employee can get two salaries at the same time.” The CPIO vide letter No. RS/2(680)/2012-RTI dated 17.1.2013 replied to the appellant as follows: “(1) There is no bar in a
person holding a post and performing additional charge of other post; (a) Information is not available; b(i and ii) A copy of noting regarding salary and perks payable on which CEO (RSTV) had been appointed can be provided on payment basis; and (iii) Mr. Sappal is not getting two salaries at the same time.”

3. However, not satisfied with the response of the CPIO, the appellant preferred first appeal on 15.2.2013 before the FAA. The FAA vide order No. RS/2(680)/2012-RTI dated 18.3.2013 concurred with the reply of the CPIO. The FAA held that information sought for by the appellant in his first appeal were not asked in the original RTI application, which cannot be considered at appellate stage.

4. In his second appeal filed before the Commission, the appellant states that information sought was not correctly provided, hence clarifications were requested from the FAA. However, the response received in the form of OM does not make any clarifications on the requested information.

5. Additional information cannot be sought at appeal stage. The respondent have provided clear categorical reply to appellant's RTI request. The appellant does not state what incorrect information has been provided to him by the CPIO, therefore no action is called for on the part of the Commission. The matter is disposed of accordingly.

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