ORDER

Shri L.V. Raju, hereinafter called the appellant has filed the present appeal dated 8.3.2012 before the Commission against the respondent Northern Coalfields Ltd., Singrauli for not providing information in response to his RTI application dated 25.10.2011. The appellant was absent whereas the respondent were represented by Shri Sanjeev Kumar, GM (P)/FAA and Shri Sanjiv Kumar, Chief Manager/CPIO.

2. The appellant through his RTI application dated 10.12.2010 sought information on the following four queries: “(1) List of PSE/Organizations (other than the subsidiaries of CIL) for which Ms. Shantilata Sahu, Director (Personnel), NCL Singrauli has applied, mentioning the name of the post and the organization for which she has applied during the period from 1.1.2008 till date; (2) Out of above for which PSE/Organizations post she has actually attended interview as per the call letters issued by the PSEB furnishing the date of interview and the actual period of tour she has availed; (3) Complete details of expenditure incurred for attending interviews during the above period mentioning therein the details of expenditure incurred by NCL towards her traveling
arrangements, hotel/accommodation arrangements, taxi bill, DA and any other expenditure; and (4) Status of reimbursement claims submitted to different PSE for which she has attended interview for different posts during the above period i.e. in terms of DPE’s Personnel Policies vide ref. No. DPE/Guidelines/11/26”.

The CPIO vide letter NCL/SGR/RTI-333(10-11)/11-2690 dated 28.10.2011 informed the appellant that his application has been forwarded to the concerned department. The desired information would be supplied on receipt of the same. Thereafter, the CPIO vide letter No. 2801 dated 5.12.2011 informed the appellant as follows: “The information seeker comes under the purview of Section 4(i) of the RTI Act, hence any information related or available NCL is denied”.

3. However, before getting CPIO’s response, the appellant filed first appeal on 12.12.2011 before the FAA. The FAA vide letter No. NCL/SGR/AA/11/240 dated 12.12.2011 directed to dispose of the RTI application within two weeks.

4. Having considered the submissions of the parties and perused the relevant documents on file, the Commission is of the view that the information as sought for by the appellant at Point No. 3 and 4 is disclosable information. The CPIO is hereby directed to provide requisite information on Point No. 3 and 4 of the RTI application. In case the information on Point No. 4 is not available with the respondent then transfer it to the respective PSU. The CPIO will comply with the directions of the Commission within two weeks of receipt of this order.

The matter is disposed of on the part of the Commission with above directions/observations.

(Sushma Singh)
Information Commissioner

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