Appellant /Complainant : Shri Anand Prakash, Lucknow
Public Authority : Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, N.Delhi (Dr. D.S.Bedi, Scientist-G, & Head, CPIO – through Video conferencing)

Date of Hearing : 23 /08/2010
Date of Decision : 23 /08/2010

Facts:–

1. The appellant Shri Anand Prakash sought information from CPIO, CSIR, New Delhi in respect of his grading / marks awarded in respect of his Annual Confidential Reports for the years 2000-01 to 2007-08.
2. The CPIO vide his order dated 12.6.2009 informed him that the information sought was exempted from disclosure under clause 8(1)(e) of the Act.
3. Not being satisfied, the appellant preferred appeal before the FAA dated 11.7.2009 which was disposed of vide FAA order dated 3.8.2009 wherein he upheld the order of the CPIO.
4. Being aggrieved by the above order, the appellant preferred second appeal before the Commission.
5. The matter was heard today – appellant through video conferencing, respondents in person.
6. The respondents averred that the CSIR policy terms the said information has confidential and also that by disclosing
the same the inter personal relations in the Organization may get vitiated. He also cited exemption from disclosure of information under clause 8(1)(e) of the Act.

7. The appellant stated that he could not improve his performance if the said information was not disclosed to him.

**Decision**

8. Respondent is directed to provide overall grading / marks awarded to the appellant in each of his ACRs for the period 2000-01 to 2007-08 within 2 weeks of receipt of this order. This decision is in keeping with established law governing disclosure of ACRs and supported by several previous decisions of the Commission.

(Smt. Deepak Sandhu)
Information Commissioner (DS)

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