ORDER

Shri Santosh Kumar, the appellant has filed this appeal dated 22.2.2010 before the Commission against Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Ltd. (HVOCL), for providing incomplete, vague and misleading information to his RTI-request dated 7.11.2009, which came up for hearing on 15.3.2011. The appellant sought exemption for appearance vide his letter dated 10.3.2011, which was granted, whereas the respondents were represented by Shri S. Mohanty, AA and Shri P.N. Jha, CPIO.

2. The appellant filed RTI-request dated 7.11.2009, seeking information on seven RTI-queries pertaining to cases/suits filed by HVOC in High Court. The CPIO vide letter dated 3.12.2009 has replied to the appellant on Point (a) & (b) and requested the appellant to deposit Rs. 140/- for information consisting of 70 pages. For rest of the items the information was denied u/s 8(1) (e) & (j) of the RTI Act.

3. Aggrieved by the decision of CPIO, the appellant filed first-appeal on 23.12.2009 before AA, HVOCL. The AA, HVOCL vide order No. HVOC/37/2010 dated 28.1.2010 has decided appellant’s first-appeal stating that information on Points (c) (d) and (e) requires interpretation of the documents by the CPIO. Moreover compiling the required information in a tabular form would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority. Therefore, the appellant may obtain the photocopies of documents after making payment as mentioned by CPIO. The AA denied information on Point (g) stating that legal expenses are not being incurred and maintained case-wise.
4. After hearing the respondents and on perusal of the relevant documents on file, the Commission observed that as far as providing of information in a tabular format is concerned, the same cannot be provided, as it would divert the resources of the public authority disproportionately. The appellant is advised to inspect the documents on a mutually agreed date and time, **within four weeks** of the receipt of this order, and identify the documents and collect the same after making payment, as laid down u/s 7(3) of the RTI Act.

The matter is disposed of with the above directions.

Sd/-

(Sushma Singh)
Information Commissioner
28.03.2011

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