No.CIC/SM/C/2012/000989
Dated: 28 September 2012

Name of the Complainant : Shri Shiv Shankar Tiwari,
H.No. 598, Sector 21 A,
Faridabad – 121 001.

Name of the Public Authority : The Appellate Authority
Ministry of Personnel, Public
Grievances and Pensions, Department
of Personnel & Training,
North Block, New Delhi.

ORDER

Shri Shiv Shankar Tiwari of Faridabad 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 31 October 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