

CHANDIGARH POLICE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE-CUM-1st APPELLATE AUTHORITY (UNDER RTI ACT 2005), UT, CHANDIGARH.

Appeal Order No. D - 150 - 152

/UT/RTI/SSP, dated: 22.05.2023

Name of Appellant

Concerned CPIO

Sh. Pradeep Singh, R/o H. No. 676, Sector 02, Panchkula, Haryana

CPIO/Central, East, South, North-East &

South-West.

Date of RTI application

23.01.2023, received on 30.01.2023

Reply of CPIO :

18.02.23, 15.02.23, 21.02.23, 31.01.23,

22.02.23 & 15.03.2023

Date of 1st Appeal

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09.03.2023 and subsequent references dated 10.03.23, 28.03.23 & 31.03.23

ORDER

The appellant has preferred 1st appeal dated 09.03.2023 against the disposal of his RTI application dated 23.01.2023, received on 30.01.2023 by CPIO/Central, East, South, North-East & South-West with the contentions that requisite information was not supplied to him.

Information sought vide RTI application :-

The appellant vide his RTI application had sought information on 08 points pertaining to Flag Code of India, 2002 (Amended) i.e. copy of office order as issued by MHA for illegally allowing non-dignitaries to affix & use the Indian National Flag atop their vehicles, list of all dignitaries as entitled to affix & use the Indian National Flag atop their vehicles, whether these dignitaries entitled to affix & the Indian National Flag atop their private vehicles, copy of video footage (round the clock) of all CCTV cameras from 11.08.2022 to 17.08.2022 as installed by Chandigarh Administration via project undertaken by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), whether CCTV footage was preserved or not, copy of specific details of the record retention capacity of CCTV cameras, copy of Action Taken Report (ATR) & FIRs lodged against offenders on the basis of CCTV cameras & copy of list of all the office orders issued by MHA in the months of July and August 2022 for purchasing the Indian National Flag etc.

COMMENTS OF CPIO/Central, East, South, North-East & South-West :-

Comments of CPIO/Central, East, South, North-East & South-West have been obtained in this regard who submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received in their office from CAPIO/PHQ vide No. 78/RTI/CAPIO/PHQ/UT/PWS dated 30.01.2023. Thereafter, requisite information was obtained from all SHO of their respective Sub Divisions who reported that only point no. 7 i.e. copy of Action Taken Report (ATR) & FIRs lodged against offenders on the basis of CCTV camera's footage w.r.t. my email (pradeepsingh.herc@gmail.com) complaint dated 14.08.2022 vide Chandigarh Administration/Home Department (Protocol Branch) letter (Memo) No. 12734-HIII(4)-2022/14164 dated 14.09.2022, was found related with them and in this connection appellant

has been informed by all the CPIOs that no FIR has been found registered in their respective Sub Divisions regarding violation/contempt of Flag Code of India. As far as the instant appeal is concerned, available information has already been supplied to appellant by all CPIOs.

Comments of CPIO/Hqrs :-

CPIO/Hqrs submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received in his office from CAPIO/PHQ vide No. 78/RTI/CAPIO/PHQ/UT/PWS dated 30.01.2023 for seeking information on 08 points. Perusal of the contents of the RTI application it has been found that only point no. 7 is related with his office. Accordingly, I/C HAC, I/C ICMS, I/C Dak Window and I/C Diary Dispatch was directed to supply the relevant information. In response, I/C Diary Dispatch replied that the requisite letter bearing No. 12734-HIII(4)-2022/14164 dated 14.09.2022 was received at Ad. O. Diary Branch on dated 15.09.2022 and further sent to W/IGP, UT Chandigarh vide No. 11735 dated 19.09.2022. Thereafter, R/W/IGP/UT was requested to supply the relevant information who replied that above said reference was sent to the Office of SSP/Security & Traffic vide No. R-2849 dated 19.09.2022. Accordingly, RTI application was also transferred to DSP-cum-CPIO/Traffic (Admn.) and DSP-cum-CPIO/Security vide letter No. 46/CPIO/Hqrs/RTI-23/D-88 & 89 dated 09.02.2023 under intimation to the appellant.

Comments of CPIO/PCR :-

CPIO/PCR vide his comments submitted that RTI application was received in his office from CPIO/Hqrs vide letter No. 124/CPIO/Hqrs/RTI-23/D-167-189 dated 10.03.2023 for supplying requisite information. On perusal of RTI application, only point no. 8 i.e. copy of list of all the office orders as issued by the competent authority i.e. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Govt. of India/UT Chandigarh Administration in the months of July & August, 2022 respectively directing its officers & officials to purchase the Indian National Flag from their respective departments, was found related with PCR Unit. Accordingly, copy of orders issued by senior officers regarding "Har Ĝhar Tiranga" campaign was provided to the appellant vide letter No. RTI-05/DSP/PCR/UT dated 15.03.2023.

DECISION:-

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I have gone through the contents of RTI application, appeal of the appellant, comments of CPIO/Central, East, South, North-East, South-West, Hqrs and PCR vis-à-vis material available on record which revealed that the appellant had sought information on 08 points pertaining to Flag Code of India, 2002 (Amended) i.e. copy of office order as issued by MHA for illegally allowing non-dignitaries to affix & use the Indian National Flag atop their vehicles, list of all dignitaries as entitled to affix & use the Indian National Flag atop their vehicles, whether these dignitaries entitled to affix & the Indian National Flag atop their private vehicles, copy of video footage (round the clock) of all CCTV cameras from 11.08.2022 to 17.08.2022 as installed by Chandigarh Administration via project undertaken by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), whether CCTV footage was preserved or not, copy of specific details of the record retention capacity of CCTV cameras, copy of Action Taken Report (ATR) & FIRs lodged against offenders on the basis of CCTV cameras & copy of list of all the office orders

issued by MHA in the months of July and August 2022 for purchasing the Indian National Flag etc.

In reply, CPIO/Central, East, South, North-East & South-West submitted that out of 08 points, only point no. 07 was found related to them, accordingly, appellant was apprised that no FIR has been found registered in their respective Sub Divisions regarding violation/contempt of Flag Code of India.

CPIO/Hqrs submitted that letter bearing No. No. 12734-HIII(4)-2022/14164 dated 14.09.2022 issued by Chandigarh Administration/Home Department (Protocol Branch) was sent to the office of SSP/Traffic and Security vide No. R-2849 dated 19.09.2022. Accordingly, RTI application was also transferred to DSP-cum-CPIO/Traffic (Admn.) and DSP-cum-CPIO/Security vide letter No. 46/CPIO/Hqrs/RTI-23/D-88 & 89 dated 09.02.2023.

Moreover, CPIO/PCR has supplied the available information pertaining to point no. 8 to the appellant i.e. copy of orders issued by senior officers regarding "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign.

In view of above, it is clear that available information concerning to their respective units with regard to points related to them, was provided to the appellant by all the CPIOs. Moreover, most of the requisite information primarily concerned to Security and Traffic Units as all the CCTV cameras installed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) are also working under the Integrated Police Command Control Centre (IPCCC) which is further monitored by Traffic Wing of Chandigarh Police and all other information concerning to affixing and using of National Flag atop the govt. vehicles used by various dignitaries/VVIPs etc. is also related to Security Wing.

Hence, no more action is required to be taken in the matter on the part of the undersigned. With these observations, instant appeal stands disposed off accordingly.

In case, the appellant is not satisfied with the disposal of his appeal, he can file second appeal before the Hon'ble CIC, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067 under the RTI Act within 90 days.

(Kanwardeep Kaur, IPS) Senior Superintendent of Police Union Territory, Chandigarh-cum-1st Appellate Authority.

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Copies to :-

1 CPIO/Central, East, South, North-East, South-West, Hqrs and PCR Computer Section.