

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

Appeal Order No. 0-80-82 /UT/RTI/SSP, dated: 23 | 02 | 23 ,

Name of Appellant : Sh. Rajinder Kumar S/o Lakhi Ram

R/o H. No. 1175, Phase I,

Ram Darbar Colony, Chandigarh

Concerned CPIO : CPIO/East

Date of RTI application : 25.11.2022

Reply of CPIO : 22.12.2022

Date of 1st Appeal : 27.01.2023

ORDER

The appellant has preferred 1st appeal dated 27.01.2023 against the disposal of his RTI application dated 25.11.2022 by CPIO/East with the contentions that requisite information was not provided to him.

Information sought vide RTI application :-

The appellant vide his RTI application dated 25.11.2022 had sought information on 06 (a to f) points pertaining to a fire incident at Liquor Brewery & Distillery Unit in Industrial Area on 27.10.2022 i.e. Certified copy of FIR or DDR, investigation made by I/O, Zimni Orders/proceedings, any action taken against culprits, list of workers injured during accident, status of complaints regarding fire incident and complete details of owners of the factory etc.

COMMENTS OF CPIO/East :-

CPIO/South vide his comments submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received in his office through registered post on dated 28.11.2022. Accordingly report of SHO PS Industrial Area was obtained and as per his report, information sought vide point no. (a) copy of DDR No. 31 dated 27.10.2022 PS Industrial Area lodged regarding fire incident, was supplied to the applicant and information sought vide point nos. (b) & (c) i.e. action taken etc. was denied u/s 8(1)(h) of RTI Act as the matter was under enquiry. So far as information sought vide point nos. (d) & (f) is concerned, the same was denied u/s 8(1)(g & j) of RTI Act being third party and personal information, after taking consent of the Director of the Distillery. Information with respect to point no. (e) i.e. status of complaints if any, could not be supplied as no such complaint was found received regarding the above said fire incident.

DECISION:-

I have gone through the contents of RTI application, appeal of the appellant, comments of CPIO/East vis-à-vis material available on record and found that CPIO/East after obtaining requisite information from SHO PS Industrial Area supplied the available information with regard to point No. (a) of RTI application i.e. copy of DDR related to fire

incident, whereas information sought as per point Nos. (b) & (c) i.e. action taken etc. was denied u/s 8(1)(h) of RTI Act as the matter was under enquiry. So far as information sought ride point nos. (d) & (f) is concerned, the same was denied u/s 8(1)(g & j) of RTI Act being third party and personal information, after taking consent of the Director of the Distillery. Information with respect to point no. (e) i.e. status of complaints if any, could not be supplied as no such complaint was found received regarding the above said fire incident.

It is worthwhile to mention here that, as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP (C) No. 27734 of 2012 (Girish R Deshpande Vs CIC & others), requisite information could be disclosed only if it would serve a larger public interest. The petitioner in the instant case has not made a bona fide public interest in seeking information, so, the information sought by him was rightly denied by CPIO/East u/s 8(1)(j) of RTI act, 2005.

As the available information has already been supplied by CPIO/East to the appellant so, the RTI application was rightly disposed of by him. Hence, no more action is required to be taken on the instant appeal. With these observation the 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.

(Manisha Choudhary, IPS)
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