

OFFICE OF THE ADM (SOUTH)/ FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY (RTI)  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT : GNCTD : DISTRICT - SOUTH  
M.B. ROAD : SAKET : NEW DELHI

Appellant : Naresh Dabas  
Respondent : SPIO/SDM (HQ.)  
Under Section : 19(1) RTI, Act, 2005

No. 1040/FAA/South/2016/ 527-29

Dated: 25/04/16

ORDER

This order shall dispose-off the present appeal by Shri Naresh Dabas R/o 183, Sultanpur Dabas, Delhi – 110 039, received in this office on 29.03.2016, through the O/o Deputy Commissioner (HQ.), GNCTD, under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Notice for hearing was issued to the concerned. The matter was taken up for hearing on 12.04.2016, wherein, there was no representation on behalf of both the parties. However, a written reply to the present proceedings was filed on behalf of the respondent SPIO. The documents placed on record were perused. The appeal in the present case has been filed due to non-furnishing of any reply to the RTI Application dated 24.08.2015. It has been contended by the respondent SPIO that application in the present case has not been filed in the capacity of a natural citizen and besides, the appeal is heavily time-barred.

I, have considered the contentions of both the parties & records placed before me. In the present case, an RTI Application was filed by Shri Naresh Dabas as Chairman, Kissan Cell, Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee on 24.08.2015, which was subsequently forwarded by the Revenue Department (HQ.) to all District Authorities. Due to non-receipt of any reply, present appeal was filed on 15.02.2016, again to the Revenue Department (HQ.) and subsequently forwarded to the District Appellate Authorities (RTI).

It would be relevant to quote here that the Hon'ble CIC in catena of Judgements/Orders have clarified that the right to information is a right conferred on the citizens of India only that too to the individuals. The expression used in the Act, thus, a company, firm, association or persons or trusts etc., are not treated as

citizens and only a natural born citizen is entitled to information under the RTI Act, 2005. Besides, the present appeal is found to be heavily time-barred in terms of the provisions of section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the above discussed, the appeal is hereby dismissed.

The Appellant shall be at liberty to approach the Central Information Commission, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066, if he is not satisfied with the present order.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016.

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ADM(South)/FAA



To,

- 1). Shri Naresh Dabas R/o 183, Sultanpur Dabas, Delhi – 110 039
- 2). The SPIO/SDM (HQ.), GNCTD.
- ✓ 3). The Programmer (NIC) O/o DM (South), with the direction to upload this order on the website of District – South.