

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

Appellant : Laik Ahmed  
Respondent : SPIO/SDM (HQ.)

No. 1065/FAA/South/2016/ 653-55

Dated: 6/6/16

**ORDER**

This order shall dispose-off the present appeal filed by Shri Laik Ahmed, Chairman, Social Welfare Empower Council (regd.), C/o Shri R K Bhardwaj, Advocate, Chamber No. 371, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi - 110 054, on 27.04.2016, u/s 19 (1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Notices were issued to the concerned. The matter was taken up for hearing on 31.05.2016, wherein, there was no representation on behalf of the appellant and Shri Adeep Sethia, Tehsildar/APIO (Hauz Khas) was present in person. The documents placed on record were perused. The present appeal has been filed on the ground of non-furnishing of any reply in compliance of the earlier appeal order dated 23.03.2016. The APIO (Hauz Khas) could not place anything on record w.r.t. to the application.

I, have considered the contentions & records placed before me. At this stage, it is noticed that application was filed by Shri Laik Ahmed as Chairman, Social Welfare Empower Council (regd.). **It would be relevant to quote here that the CIC in its decision CIC/AT/2006/00443 dated 12.12.2006 and CIC/OK/A/200600121 dated 27.06.2006 has held 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.** As the applicant in the present case had applied as Chairman of Social Welfare Empower Council (regd.), the appeal is hereby dismissed with no further orders.

However, the SPIO/SDM (Hauz Khas) is hereby advised for personal monitoring of the RTI applications & Orders of the Appellate Authorities under the RTI Act, 2005, to ensure that reply is provided to the concerned invariably in all cases within the stipulated time period.

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 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016.

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ADM(South)/FAA

To,

- 1). Shri Laik Ahmed, Chairman, Social Welfare Empower Council (regd.), C/o Shri R K Bhardwaj, Advocate, Chamber No. 371, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi - 110 054.
- 2). The SPIO/SDM (Hauz Khas), GNCTD.
- 3). The Programmer (NIC) O/o DM (South), with the direction to upload this order on the website of District - South.