Central Information Commission
File No. CIC/SM/A/2009/001687 & 1803
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Dated: 21 July 2010

Name of the Appellant : Shri S. Satyanarayana
Technician, G, Plant Health Physics Unit, Nuclear Fuel Complex, (DAE), ECIL Post, Hyderabad.

Name of the Public Authority : CPIO, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre,
Central Complex, 3rd Floor,
BARC, Trombay,
Mumbai - 400 085.

The Appellant was present in person.

On behalf of the Respondent, Shri Goverdan Rao, PIO was present.

2. In this case, the Appellant had, in his application dated 20 April 2009, requested the CPIO for some information regarding the actions taken to stop the misrule by Dr Srivastava as well as the photocopies of the entire official correspondence/ file noting in connection with the complaint. In his reply dated 29 April 2009, the CPIO informed him that since his allegations were found to be baseless no action could be taken on the said complaint. Not satisfied with the response of the CPIO, the Appellant preferred an appeal on 23 May 2009. The Appellate Authority disposed of the appeal in his order dated 1 July 2009 by upholding the decision of the CPIO. Consequently, the Appellant has come before the CIC in second appeal. The CIC Registry has registered two separate appeal cases based on the same appeal memo, presumably received at different times.

3. We heard this case through videoconferencing. The Appellant was present in the Hyderabad studio of the NIC. The Respondent/CPIO was present in the Mumbai studio. We heard their submissions. The CPIO clarified that no action had been taken on the Appellant's complaint nor any
correspondence or file noting existed in this regard.

4. We, therefore, direct the CPIO to write to the Appellant within 10 working days from the receipt of this order and provide him with the photocopy of the file/record in which the complaint was processed. If, however, no action had been taken on his complaint nor any file noting or correspondence was made in this regard, the CPIO shall state so in his reply.

5. With the above direction, both the cases are disposed off.

6. Copies of this order be given free of cost to the parties.

(Satyananda Mishra)
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)
Assistant Registrar