Central Information Commission, New Delhi
File No. CIC/SM/A/2010/001080
Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : 6 April 2011
Date of decision : 6 April 2011

Name of the Appellant : Shri Akash Munnalal Saraf
SO/C, CDM, BARC,
Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085.

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

The Appellant was present in person.

No one was present on behalf of the Respondent.

Chief Information Commissioner : Shri Satyananda Mishra

2. The Appellant was present in the Mumbai studio the NIC. The Respondent was not present in spite of notice. We heard the submission of the Appellant.

3. A Cooperative Housing Society, it seems, had made a complaint against the Appellant, an employee of the BARC. He had sought a large number of information relating to that complaint, mainly the copy of the enquiry report. The CPIO had not provided the information on one ground or the other. The Appellate Authority had also endorsed the decision of the CPIO.

4. After carefully hearing the submissions of the Appellant, we find no reason why the details of the complaint made against him and the consequent action taken by the public authority should not be disclosed. Since the public authority had taken cognizance of the complaint and had initiated some enquiry, the Appellant has the right to know about the entire
matter. It cannot be argued that the Complainant has to be consulted for disclosing any information regarding the complaint.

5. In the light of the above, we now direct the CPIO to provide to the Appellant the desired information within 10 working days from the receipt of this order. He may also like to request the Appellant if he would like to inspect the relevant file on any mutually convenient date during this period and, if he so desires, show him the file for inspection.

6. The appeal is disposed off accordingly.

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

(Satyananda Mishra)
Chief 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)
Deputy Registrar