Relevant Facts emerging from the Appeal

Appellant: Mr. Akash M Saraf
SO/c, Centre for Design and Manufacture,
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay,
Mumbai – 400085, Maharashtra.

Respondent: Mr. S. Goverdhan Rao
PIO & Head (Personnel)
Central Complex, IIIrd Floor,
Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC),
Trombay, Mumbai – 400085.

RTI application filed on: 24/08/2011
PIO replied: 19/10/2011
First appeal filed on: 02/11/2011
First Appellate Authority order: 07/12/2011
Second Appeal received on: 29/12/2011

Information Sought:
1. Provide name of the candidates those who were considered for promotion to Scientific Officer ‘C’ in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 on acquiring additional qualification during the service.
2. Certified copies of the certificates of AQ submitted by all the above candidates along with date of submission to the department.
3. Date of permission given to all the above candidates for acquiring additional qualification by the competent authority.

Reply of the Public Information Officer (PIO):
1. A list of officials who were considered for promotion to grade SO/c with additional qualifications is enclosed.
2. The information cannot be disclosed under section 8 (1)(j) of the RTI Act. However, date of submission of AQ certificate and date of permission for acquiring AQ wherever available in record is enclosed.
3. Same as (2) above.

Grounds for the First Appeal:
Unsatisfactory reply was provided to the appellant by the PIO for the query no. 2 & 3.

Order of the First Appellate Authority (FAA):
"FAA is satisfied with the reply provided by PIO."
Grounds for the Second Appeal:
"Information sought under point 2 and 3 is denied under sec. 8(1)(f) by the CPIO."

Relevant Facts emerging during Hearing:
The following were present:
Appellant: Absent;
Respondent: Mr. S. Govardhan Rao, PIO & Head (Personnel Division) on video conference from BARC.

The Respondent states information on query 2 & 3 has been provided to the Appellant consequent to the Commission's decision no. CIC/SGI/A/2011/002150/15693 of 16/11/2011. The PIO states that the information has been provided to the appellant on 09/01/2012.

Decision:
The Appeal is disposed.
The information appears to have been provided.

This decision is announced in open chamber.
Notice of this decision be given free of cost to the parties.
Any information in compliance with this Order will be provided free of cost as per Section 7(6) of RTI Act.

Shailesh Gandhi
Information Commissioner
01 March 2012

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