Case No. CIC/SM/A/2013/000916-SS
March 24, 2014

Appellant : Shri M.G. Pednekar
Respondents : Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Date of Hearing : 24.03.2014

ORDER

The present appeal, filed by Shri M.G. Pednekar against Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, was taken up for hearing via videoconferencing (VC) on 24.03.2014 when the Respondents were present at VC studio of BARC, Mumbai through Shri V. Govindankutty, CPIO. The Appellant was present at NIC VC facility at Mumbai.

2. The Appellant through an RTI application dated 10.10.2012 sought information against 14 points regarding a complaint filed against him by the commuters of Kharegaon/Airoli (1st Gen) Bus.

3. The CPIO vide his letter dated 12.11.2012 furnished point-wise reply to the Appellant. He however denied the names and signature of complainants and copies of statement obtained from other commuters under section 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act.

4. Aggrieved by the CPIO's reply, the Appellant filed an appeal dated 27.11.2012 before the Appellate Authority which the Appellate
Authority decided vide order dated 13.12.2012 wherein he, while observing that the appeal filed by the Appellant is specific to point Nos. 1 & 11 of his RTI application only, held that information sought in said points is exempt under section 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act.

5. The Appellant thereafter filed the instant appeal before the Commission challenging the denial of information by the Respondents.

6. Having heard the submissions and perused the records, the Commission agrees with the Respondents that the information in question here i.e. point No. 1 & 11 where the Appellant wanted to obtain copy of complaint filed against him along with names and signatures of complainants and statement of witnesses respectively attracts exemption under section 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act. Therefore, no disclosure can be allowed with regard to the same.

7. Appeal is rejected.

(Sushma Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner

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