CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION  
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F.No.CIC/CC/A/2014/000994-YA

Date of Hearing : 10.12.2015
Date of Decision : 28.12.2015

Complainant/Appellant : Shri S.B.Ghodke
Mumbai

Respondent : Dr. Sapra, PIO
Radiology Department
BARC

Information Commissioner : Shri Yashovardhan Azad

Relevant facts emerging from complaint/appeal:

RTI application filed on : 08.05.2014
PIO replied on : 30.05.2014
First Appeal filed on : 20.06.2014
First Appellate Authority (FAA) order on : 21.07.2014
Complaint/ Second Appeal received on : 18.09.2014

Information sought:

The appellant sought information against 11 points regarding exposure to radiation dose, whether structural damage to DNA of father can affect his son, symptoms of down syndrome and genetic disorder in children, Bio dosimetry reports and scientific calculation for radioactive dose etc.

Relevant facts emerging during hearing:

Both the parties are present and heard through video conferencing. The appellant filed RTI application on 08.05.2014 seeking the above information. CPIO vide his letter dated 30th May, 2014 provided point-wise information to the appellant. Not satisfied with the response of CPIO on points No.4, 6 and 11, the appellant filed a First appeal on 20.06.2014 which was disposed of vide order dated 21.07.2014 wherein the reply of the PIO was affirmed by the FAA.

The appellant has stated that out of 11 points, responses to 3 points viz. points No. 4, 6 and 11 were unsatisfactory which involve queries about the name of the isotope used for CT scan and the dose voltage exposed to patient in mSv, his Bio-dosimetry reports and the exact scientific calculation as to how much seconds minutes of radiation dose was received by him in whole body and the assessed copy of scientific calculation worksheet of radioactive dose respectively.
The PIO in the written submissions dated 10.12.2015 has clearly stated that Co-60 is not used in CT scan, hence exposure of Co-60 to brain is out of question. and for Bio-dosimetry, these are sent to Station Health Physicist. With regard to point: No. 6, she stated that reports pertaining to the year 1999 and 2008 in respect of the appellant were furnished to the appellant’s work unit, as per mandatory practices. The appellant stated that he has not received the reply. In reply to point No. 11, the respondent stated that they have already explained the appellant that dose/Dose rate value depends on many factors such as source configuration, distance from source, shielding (partial or full), type and thickness of shielding material etc. and information about exact scientific calculation does not exist in material form. On a query from the Commission as to what exactly happened and what he is facing, the appellant stated that he got the exposure in October, 1999 and his chromosomal aberration was noted. He further told that he has doubt that his son’s symptoms of genetic disorder is also linked to the radiation exposure and chromosomal aberration noted in the appellant.

Decision:-

After hearing both the parties and on perusal of record, the Commission directs the PIO to provide a copy of the Bio-dosimetry report and revised reply to point No. 11 to the appellant within two weeks of receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

The appeal is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-
(Yashovardhan Azad)
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

(B.D. Harit)
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