

Central Information Commission

.Sh. Umeshwar Singh vs Punjab National Bank on 22 June, 2010

Central Information Commission Complaint No. CIC/SM/C/2008/00075  
Right to Information Act 2005 Under Section (18) Dated: 22 June 2010 Name of the Complainant  
: Shri Umeshwar Singh, Social Worker, Gram Rampur, Post Aaiyara, Dist Arwal, Bihar.

Name of the Public Authority : CPIO, Punjab National Bank, R Block, Chanakya Place, Patna 800 001.

The Branch Manager, Punjab National Bank, Imamganj Branch, Patna.

2. In our notice dated 24 May 2010, we had specifically directed the CPIO to appear before us in person or through a representative to explain the reasons for delay. The copy of the order had been sent to him well in advance. Nevertheless, neither the CPIO nor anyone on his behalf turned up today during the hearing. We viewed this very seriously. We could have taken a decision to impose the penalty in terms of Section 20(1) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act since he did not think it necessary to present his views or explanation before us.

3. However, we want to give him another opportunity to present his case before us in the matter of delay in responding to the application. We are fixing the next date of hearing on 30 July 2010. The CPIO is directed to appear before us (at Room No. 8, Club Building, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi) on that date at 11.45 a.m. failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to explain in the matter and the penalty in terms of the above provision would be imposed on the CPIO. Please note that no separate notice shall be issued in this regard and this order be treated as the notice for hearing.

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

( S a t y a n a n d a M i s h r a ) I n f o r m a t i o n C o m m i s s i o n e r  
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 CIC/SM/C/2008/00075