

Central Information Commission

Mr.Umakant Prasad vs Er, Jamalpur on 17 June, 2009

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CIC/OK/A/2009/000045-AD

Dated June 17, 2009

Name of the Applicant : Mr.Umakant Prasad

Name of the Public Authority : ER, Jamalpur

Background

1. The Applicant filed an RTI application dt.10.5.08 with the CPIO, ER, Jamalpur.

He requested for certified copy of Roster register for the period 1990 to 1997 and Post Based Roster register from 1997 to 2002. The CPIO replied on 3.6.08 stating that cadre of SS/Erector at that time was centralized and controlled by HQ. Hence the question to provide the certified copy of Roster at this end does not arise. He also added that the preservation period for all other types of Registers and Books is three years as per CME's office Memorandum dt.1.8.02. Not satisfied with the reply, the Applicant filed an appeal dt.27.6.08 with the Appellate Authority. On not receiving any reply, he filed a second appeal dt.6.10.08 before the CIC.

2. The Bench of Mrs. Annapurna Dixit, Information Commissioner, scheduled the hearing for June 17, 2009.

3. Mr. U. Halder, Dy. CME cum CPIO, Mr. A Datta, CWM cum Appellate Authority and Mr. Y.N. Manna, APO represented the Public Authority.

4. The Applicant was not present during the hearing.

Decision

5. The Respondent submitted that as per the appeal dated 19.7.08 sent to the first Appellate Authority, the Appellant admitted to having received the 20 year old Roster Register. With regard to the PBR register, the Respondent submitted that the PBR registers for the period 1997 to 2002 are not available since as per the O.M. issued by the Chief Mechanical Engineer, ER dated 1.8.02, the period of preservation for all types of registers is only 3 years. According to the Respondent as per the O.M., the PBRR sought by the Appellant have been destroyed and therefore are not available. The Commission noted that that there is no information to be provided with regard to the PBR and accordingly dismisses the appeal.

(Annapurna Dixit) Information Commissioner Authenticated true copy:

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