

Central Information Commission

Shri.Yogesh Mahajan vs Punjab National Bank on 17 August, 2011

Central Information Commission, New Delhi

File No.CIC/SM/A/2010/001131

Right to Information Act-2005-Under Section (19)

Date of hearing : 17 August

Date of decision : 17 August

Name of the Appellant : Shri Yogesh Mahajan
C-1-117, Lajpat Nagar,
New Delhi - 110 024.

Name of the Public Authority : CPIO, Punjab National Bank,
South Delhi Circle, 4th Floor,
Rajendra Bhawan, Rajendra Place,
New Delhi.

On behalf of the Respondent, Shri Arun Sharma, Manager (Law) was present.

Chief Information Commissioner : Shri Satyananda Mishra

2. In our order dated 28 June 2011, we had directed the then CPIO not only to provide the information but also to appear before us today to explain the reasons for having denied the information so very casually. Today, during the hearing, the then CPIO Sri JK Agrawal did not turn up; in his place, the Manager, Law appeared. He submitted that the desired information had since been provided to the Appellant as per the direction of the CIC. Although he had certain submissions to make in regard to the response of the then CPIO in this matter, in our opinion, it would be appropriate to hear the explanation of the C I C / S M / A / 2 0 1 0 / 0 0 1 1 3 1 officer concerned before we can decide on the question of penalty. Therefore, we again direct the present CPIO to forward a copy of this order to the officer who was the CPIO at the relevant time with the further direction that that officer should appear before the Commission (Room No. 306, 2nd Floor, B Wing, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi - 110 066) on 28 September 2011 at 10.45 a.m. either in person or through his authorised representative to explain if he had

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information in such a casual manner. It may be noted that this would be the last
opportunity for him to present his case. If he fails to appear either in person or through his
authorised representative on the next date or to offer any
satisfactory explanation, we will proceed to decide on the penalty in terms of
Section 20(1) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

3. 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) C h i e f 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) Deputy Registrar CIC/SM/A/2010/001131