

Central Information Commission

Mr.V D Johnson vs Ministry Of External Affairs on 6 July, 2011

In the Central Information Commission

at  
New Delhi

Date of Hearing : July 6, 2011

Date of Decision : July 6, 2011

Parties:

Applicant

Shri V D Johnson  
s/o Cheria Devassy  
Vembil House  
Pudukad,  
Trissur Distt. (Kerala) - 680301.

Representative Shri P K Ashokan was heard through Audio Conferenci

Respondent(s)

Ministry of External Affairs  
Regional Passport Office  
Shastri Bhawan,  
26, Haddows Road  
Chennai - 600006.

Represented by : Shri P Roy Choudhary, Advocate.

Information Commissioner : Mrs. Annapurna Dixit

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## Background

1. The RTI Application dated 2.12.2009 was filed by the Applicant with the PIO, M/o External Affairs, Regional Passport Office, Chennai seeking the name and address of person who submitted the application for the passport no. A □ 1453206 dated 29.8.1996, and the name and address of the person or agent post who received the passport, as also the name and address of the person or agent who is entitled/authorized to submit application for passport during the period of January 1 9 9 6 t o December 1996. On not receiving reply from the PIO the Applicant filed his first appeal on 13.7.2010.

The Appellate Authority replied on 21.7.2010 in response to the first appeal. Being aggrieved with this reply the Appellant filed his second appeal with the Commission requesting the Commission to direct the PIO to provide the information to him.

## Decision

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During the hearing the Respondent submitted that while information against point 3 has already been provided, information against point 1 is not available on this distant date and as for point 2, such information is not maintained by the Passport Office. The Appellant's representative who was heard over the phone insisted that this information be intimated to him formally by the PIO, in writing.

Accordingly, the PIO is directed to inform the Appellant once again the reasons for non □ a v a i l a b i l i t y o f the missing information, point wise. This letter containing the reasons may reach the Appellant by 8 August, 2011. .

3. The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

(Annapurna Dixit) Information Commissioner  
Authenticated true copy (G.Subramanian)  
Deputy Registrar Cc

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2. The Public Information Officer Ministry of External Affairs Regional Passport Office Shastri Bhawan, 26, Haddows Road Chennai - 600006.

3. The Appellate Authority  
M/o External Affairs  
Passport Office

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Tilak Marg  
New Delhi.

4. Officer incharge NIC.