

Ref.No. L000147966 /RTI/A-16/2019

APPEAL NO. 16/2018-19 BEFORE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT (RTI ACT), 2005

Background:

The Appellant, Shri Girish Mittal, 1305, Dhruv, Ashok Van, Borivali East, Mumbai-400066 has preferred the present appeal dated January 24, 2019 under section 19(1) of RTI Act (received by office of First Appellate Authority (FAA) on January 28, 2019) against the letter number L144444/RTI-5/2537 dated January 16, 2019 passed by CPIO requesting intervention of FAA in providing information sought by him in the RTI application.

Observations:

I have gone through the contents of his appeal dated January 24, 2019 as also the letter no. number L144444/RTI-5/2537 dated January 16, 2019 passed by CPIO in the matter. It is observed that vide his RTI application dated November 12, 2018, the appellant has sought various information related to PSBloanin59minutes i.e. (1) Kindly provide information on the process to select vendor for launching web portal www.psbloansin59minutes.com managed by online PSB Loans Ltd.; (2) Kindly select information tenders floated to vendor provide www.psbloansin59minutes.com; (3) Kindly provide details regarding ownership www.psbloansin59minutes.com domain and amount paid to purchase the domain; provide details of budget spent for www.psbloanin59minutes.com including development, marketing etc. with supporting invoices/vouchers etc.: (5) Kindly provide amount of fees collected till date for the approval of loan on the web portal www.psbloansin59minutes.com; (6) Kindly provide the details on which the loans which have been actually sanctioned and disbursed, which have originated at www.psbloansin59minutes.com; and (7) Kindly provide due diligence report for approval of SIDBI to acquire shares of Capita World Platform Private Limited and amount paid to acquire the shares. Also, kindly provide the details on which the amount was transferred and the dates on which Registrar of Companies were informed of the change in the ownership.

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Not satisfied with the reply given by the CPIO, the Appellant has made his appeal on the grounds that the response of CPIO is delayed way beyond the time mandated under RTI Act, 2005. Further, the CPIO has not provided any information for point 3-5 saying that pertains to Online PSB Loans Ltd, which is majority, owned by SIDBI, hence a public authority. The CPIO should be directed to provide the information. Further, point 7, the CPIO has not provided any information claiming exemption u/s 8(1) (d), without justifying how the section is applicable. The transaction has already been consummated any payment made to earlier shareholders, hence there is no trade secret which will be impacted of any third party. The CPIO should be directed to provide the information. As required u/s 4(1)(b) the website of SIDBI does not contain any information on directory of employees and remuneration being paid to them. The CPIO be directed to make this information available on the website of SIDBI.

I observe that for point nos. 3-5, the CPIO has rightly indicated that the query pertains to Online PSB Loans Ltd. Further I observe that for point no. 7, the CPIO has rightly claimed the exemption under section 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act as the requested information i.e. due diligence report for approval of SIDBI to acquire shares of Capita World Platform Private Limited, amount paid to acquire the shares and investment note pertains to commercial confidence/ trade secrets or intellectual property, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of a third party and larger public interest does not warrant the disclosure of such information. Further the requested information is held by Public Authority in fiduciary capacity and therefore exempted under section 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act.

With respect to the website does not contain any information of employees and remuneration being paid to them, the CPIO is directed to furnish the information within 20 working days. The RTI application dated November 12, 2018 from the appellant has been received by CPIO on December 18, 2018. The application was disposed of on January 16, 2019, which is within 30 days of receipt of application by him.

Order:

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Copy of this order be sent to the appellant and CPIO.

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