

To

1.07. 2010

Shri Wajahat Habibullah,
Chief Information Commissioner of India,
Central Information Commission,
306, 2nd Floor, August Kranti Bhavan,
Bhikaji Cama Place,
New Delhi-110066

Sir,

1. Please refer to your decision announced on 08.6.10 in respect of Complaint No CIC/PA/C/2009/000004 dated 31.12.2009. Complaints related to issues in question have been filed before you on February 16, 2009, August 4, 2009, February 8, 2010 (Complaint No RC/UG/10/1373oz1x) and the latest one on May 31, 2010 by the undersigned. Copies of all these complaints are being sent again as Annexures for your information.
2. Your kind attention is again sought to be drawn to the difficulties faced by an applicant in accessing information from the various High Courts in the country due to procedural complexities and high cost involved in compliance of rules prescribed by them. The fact is that some of the High Courts, e.g. Bombay, Jabalpur, Patna, Allahabad, Bangalore, Jaipur, etc have used the provisions of the RTI rules framed by their respective High Courts to discourage seekers of information. **The core issue in my complaint is that the rules and procedures prescribed by various High Courts for accessing information under RTI need to be made as user friendly as those laid down by Central Information Commission.**
3. The Hon'ble Commission is therefore requested to re-examine the rules framed by various High Courts with a view to rectifying the deviations from the letter and spirit of the RTI Act, 2005 and pass appropriate directions to them in this regard. It is also requested that all the complaints filed before the Commission in this matter, details of which are mentioned in para 1. may kindly be taken into consideration before passing a final order on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

(Sarvesh Sharma)

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