केन्द्रीय सूचना आयोग Central Information Commission बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग,मुनिरका Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka नई दिल्ली, New Delhi – 110067

शिकायत संख्या / Complaint No. CIC/AWBIC/C/2022/601668

In the matter of:

Naresh Kadyan

... शिकायतकर्ता/Complainant

VERSUS बनाम

CPIO, Animal Welfare Board of India, 42 KM Stone, Delhi- Agra Highway, (NH-2), Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004 ...प्रतिवादीगण /Respondent

Relevant dates emerging from the Complaint:

RTI Application filed on	:	21.10.2021
CPIO replied on	:	Not on Record
First Appeal filed on	11.75	Undated
First Appellate Authority order	:19	Not on Record
Complaint received on	:	09.01.2022
Date of Hearing	:	02.02.2023

The following were present:

Complainant: Shri Naresh Kadyan, participated in the hearing through video conferencing from NIC Ahmedabad.

**Respondent**: Ms. Prachi Jain, CPIO & Assistant Secretary/AWBI, participated in the hearing in person.

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## ORDER

## **Information Sought:**

The Complainant filed an online RTI application dated 21.10.2021 seeking information on the following three points:

- 1. Community Policing as man of many achievements and distinctions: Voice for voice-less: Fighter by spirit: Jat by birth: Philanthropist by profession: Activist by mission: Humanitarian by choice, Gandhian by vision and action, being habitual khadi wearers and scout warrior, speaking truth as passion: Naresh Kadyan, Convener, Animal Welfare Party, which is a 1st Political Party for animals, in India, restoring their 5 freedoms. Mobile App: Scouts & Guides for Animals & Birds, wants to know that the supply to Animal Welfare Party, complete list and details, about S.O. 2005 Animal Welfare Board (Administration) Rules, 1962 and all amendments till date with fair and visible copies, link on AWBI official websites as well.
- 2. Copies of declaration as per RTI Act, 2005 along with link on AWBI official websites as well.
- 3. Copies of AWBI official emails, along with all establishments under Ministry as per policy of the Ministry as attached.

Having not received any information from the CPIO, the Complainant filed a **First Appeal** dated Undated, which has not been adjudicated by the First Appellate Authority as per available records.

# **Grounds for Complaint:**

The Complainant filed a Complaint u/s 18 of the RTI Act on the ground of non-receipt of information from the Respondent.

# Submissions made by Complainant and Respondent during Hearing:

The Complainant submitted that he has not received any response qua the instant RTI Application from the Respondent.

The respondent submitted that adequate reply qua the instant RTI Application has been given to the Appellant on 17.11.2021 through speed post. The contents of the same are as under:

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, the following information is furnished hereunder:

Ans.1 & 2; The Board has uploaded all the Act and Rules in the website: www.awbi.in.

Ans.3: As per the available records, the official email of the Board is given in the website: www.awbi.in. Further, the information related to all establishments under Ministry is not available with the Board.

At the instance of the Commission whether the First Appeal has been adjudicated or not to which the Respondent submitted that First Appeal has been adjudicated on 01.01.2022. The contents of the same are as under: Sir,

This appeal has been presented by Shri Naresh Kadyan for not furnishing information by Central Public Information Officer of Animal Welfare Board of India. The CPIO of AWBI has furnished the information to the Appellant vide letter no.5-198/2021-22/RTIMIS dated 17.11.2021.

I have read the contents of the Appeal; RTI original application of the Appellant; and also the records of the matter presented before the undersigned. The Central Public Information officer of the Board has furnished relevant information to Appellant in time. Since the requisite information has been furnished without delay the Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

A written submission has been received by the Commission from Shri S.K Dutta, Secretary & Appellate Authority vide letter dated 01.02.2023, wherein the Commission has been apprised as under:

#### Madam,

With reference to the above cited subject, it is stated that as per the directions of the CIC, the following information is furnished hereunder:

The Board has replied to the Online RTI application AWBIC/R/T/21/00133 dated 21-10-2021 and DOAHD/R/E/21/00356 on 17.11.2021. The RTI Appeal No.AWBIC/A/E/21/00066 dated 21.11.2021 was replied on 01.01.2022. The reply given to KTI Appellant is forwarded to the CIC for information.

The Complainant interjected and apprised the bench that he has not received any response qua the instant RTI Application from the Respondent.

In response the Respondent informed the Complainant that she will resend the above-said replies to the Complainant through email during the course of the day.

### Decision:

Upon perusal of the facts on record as well as on the basis of the proceedings during the hearing, the Commission observes that the instant matter is a complaint filed under Section 18 of the RTI Act. Hence, the only adjudication required to be made by the Commission is to determine if the information has been denied with a *mala fide* intention or unreasonable cause to the information seeker. Since the Respondent has provided adequate reply to the Complainant within the stipulated time-frame, no *mala-fide* can be attributed against the Respondent. Hence, the Commission finds no further scope of intervention in the instant matter.

With the above observations, the complaint is disposed of.

Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

The complaint, hereby, stands disposed of.

Amita Pandove (अमिता पांडव)

Information Commissioner (सूचना आयुक्त)

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दिनांक / Date: 06.02.2023



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B. S. Kasana (बी. एस) कसाना)

Dy. Registrar (उप-पंजीयक) 011-26105027

## Addresses of the parties:

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