

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
MEPZ SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE
N.H.45, G.S.T. ROAD,
TAMBARAM,
CHENNAI-600 045.

F.No.RTI/MSEZH/A/E/20/00002

1879.

Dated:24.07.2020

Sub: First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 for alleged non-receipt of response from CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone, Chennai by the Appellant for his RTI Application having reference No.MSEZH/R/E/20/00003 dated 20.05.2020.

Ref: RTI Appeal Registration No.MSEZH/A/E/20/00002 dated 09.07.2020

DECISION OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

An application dated 20.05.2020 under RTI Act, 2005 seeking certain information was received by the CPIO, Office of Development Commissioner, MEPZ SEZ from Shri Himanshu Bhushan, resident of E-177, LGF, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110 065, hereinafter referred to as the Appellant.

The information sought by the Appellant are as follows:-

“QUESTION 1 -Please provide the (i) Annual Report (ii) Statement of Assets and Liabilities, (iii) Statement of Income & Expenditure (not available on the website), for the year ended 31st March 2019 (i.e., Financial Year 2018-19), of the MEPZ Special Economic Zone.

QUESTION 2 – Please provide the details of trade representatives, who are the members of the SEZ authority for administration of SEZ, nominated by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry from among entrepreneurs of the MEPZ Special Economic Zone.”

It is seen from the records of this office that the CPIO vide letter No.MSEZH/R/E/20/00003/516 dated 19.06.2020 had furnished the aforesaid information as sought by the Appellant. It is also seen that reply of the CPIO was sent to the Appellant through Speed Post vide reference No.ET370404033IN. On tracking the delivery status of the Speed Post from the India Post website, it is seen that while the Speed Post was despatched from Tambaram BPC on 23.06.2020, the same had reached Srinivaspuri SO on 29.06.2020 and the delivery of the Speed Post has been confirmed on 29.06.2020. From the above records, it can be inferred that the information

sought by the Appellant vide his RTI application dated 20.05.2020 was furnished by the CPIO vide letter dated 19.06.2020 and the same has been delivered to the Appellant on 29.06.2020.

The Appellant has now filed an Appeal vide Registration No.MSEZH/A/E/20/00002 dated 09.07.2020 before me under Rule 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 stating that he has not received any response from the CPIO with regard to the information sought under the RTI Act vide his application reference No.MSEZH/R/E/20/00003 dated 20.05.2020, that the refusal to furnish the information is contrary to the provisions of the RTI Act and that the information sought by him in his RTI application should be furnished to him.

I have gone through the submissions of the Appellant. As stated above, it is seen that the CPIO vide letter No.MSEZH/R/E/20/00003/516 dated 19.06.2020 has already furnished the information as sought by the Appellant in his Application dated 20.05.2020 and the same has been despatched through Speed Post and delivered to him on 29.06.2020. Therefore, the claim of the Appellant that he has not received any response from the CPIO to his Application dated 20.05.2020 is factually incorrect.

Nevertheless, in the interest of transparency as enshrined in the RTI Act, the CPIO may once again furnish the information already sent to him by Speed Post, now through email at the email ID of the Appellant as given in his Application and Appeal, within 15 days from the date of this Order.

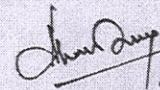
Accordingly, the Appeal filed by Shri Himanshu Bhusan is hereby disposed of.

If the Appellant is not satisfied with this Order, he may prefer an appeal with the 2nd Appellate Authority whose address is given below, within 30 days of the date of this Order.

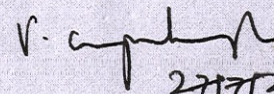
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To
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E-177, LGF, East of Kailash,
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Copy to: The Specified Officer/CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone,
Tambaram, Chennai-45.


26/7/2020

(D. ANANDAN)
FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY &
JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER


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