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File No. MSEZH/A/E/26/00002

Dated: 25.05.2026

SUB: First Appeal under Section 19 (1) of the right to Information Act, 2005

Applicant: Rajan Madhav

No.6/58, Ganapathy Nagar Extension,
Cart Track Road, Ekkatuthangal,
Chennai- 600 032.

Date of filling RTI Application:	08.04.2026
Date of CPIO Reply:	22.04.2026
Date of filling First Appeal:	24.04.2026

ORDER OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

An application dated 08.04.2026 under the RTI Act 2005 seeking certain information was received by CPIO, Office of Development Commissioner, MEPZ SEZ, Chennai, Rajan Madhav No.6/58, Ganapathy Nagar Extension, Cart Track Road, Ekkatuthangal Chennai- 600 032 hereinafter referred to as the "Appellant".

2. The CPIO vide letter No.RTI/MSEZH/R/E/26/00003 dated 22.04.2026 had sent a reply to the Appellant furnishing the information sought by the Appellant. However, not satisfied with the reply given by the CPIO, the Appellant has now filed a First Appeal before me under Section 19 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, through vide letter dated 24.04.2026

3. I have gone through the contents of the Appeal in detail. The information sought by the Appellant from the CPIO, the information provided by the CPIO, the contention of the Appellant in the appeal and my decision in the capacity of First Appellate Authority for the point raised by the Appellant in his Appeal, is detailed below:

S. No	Information Requested	Information Furnished
1	For Questionare-1 as Per Section 7(9) does not Permit denial of information so it is requested to provide information in the available form.	The information sought by the Applicant in Question No.1 pertain to the list of List of Establishment/Factory inside MEPZ, its address, no. of workers working, Nature of work and its turnover. While examining the information sought by the applicant and the information available, I'm of the opinion that the information available is of different name or in other form. Hence, it is ordered that CPIO may give the list of Units for whom the LOA has been issued and the address and their Authorized operation mentioned in lieu of the nature of work mentioned in their LOA, w.r.t the turnover the exports the Unit have declared as per the last APR submitted by these units may be provided. However, the no of workers working in these establishment, in not available records this information can be found, this require, CPIO to require collection and compilation of data from individual companies functioning inside MEPZ, involving creation and collation of third-party data which is not available as an existing record with this office which does not fall under the purview of RTI.

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2	For Questionare-3 as per Rule_17 of SEZ rule 2006, Inspectorate of factory approval is mandatory document, As section 2(f) of the RTI Act this is fall under the Definition so it's requested to provide information in available form or kindly allow for inspection	The second information sought by the applicant in this appeal is the list of factory obtained approval from the inspectorate of factory running inside mepz. It is not found that in no available mechanism or it's a pre-requisit for this Office to main the information of Units which have obtained approval from the inspector of factory. And, CPIO replied that this does not form a part of records available and the information sought does not fall under the section 2 (f) & (i). In the present case, the information sought by the applicant is not maintained by this office in the form requested. Furnishing the information would require collection and compilation of data from individual companies functioning inside MEPZ, involving creation and collation of third-party data which is not available as an existing record with this office. Further, Section 2(f) of the RTI Act defines "information" as any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force. Section 2(i) defines "record" to include any document, manuscript, file, microfilm, facsimile copy, reproduction of image or material produced by a computer or any other device. The Hon'ble Central Information Commission and various Courts have consistently held that the RTI Act provides access only to information which is available and existing with the public authority and does not cast an obligation upon the public authority to create, collect, collate, compile, interpret, or generate information which is not maintained in the normal course of its functioning. Therefore, the information sought does not fall within the scope of "information" as defined under Sections 2(f) and 2(i) of the RTI Act, 2005.
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Accordingly, the First Appeal filed by the Appellant 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 90 days from the date of receipt of this Order:

Central Information Commission,
CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg,
Munirka,
New Delhi- 110 067.

Yours Sincerely,



(PRABU KUMAR K)

FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY &
DEPUTY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER

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