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Ref. No.L000145267/RTI/A-15/2019

January 23, 2019

APPEAL No.15/2018-19 BEFORE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT (RTI ACT), 2005

Background:

The Appellant, Shri Ramachandran Nair K, Erathu Veedu, Puthichal, Balaramapuram PO, Thiruvananthapuram-695501, Kerala, has preferred the present appeal dated December 26, 2018 under section 19(1) of RTI Act (received by office of First Appellate Authority (FAA) on January 04, 2019) against the letter no. 140235/RTI-5/2518 dated December 18, 2018 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 December 26, 2018, as also the letter no.140235/RTI-5/2518 dated December 18, 2018 passed by CPIO in the matter. It is observed that vide his RTI application dated November 21, 2018, the appellant had sought various information related to employees working in SIDBI i.e. (1) Total number of class wise employees in SIDBI as on 31/03/2018; (2) Out of the above, number of employees yet to be covered under Pension Scheme (PF Optees) appointed upto 31/12/2011; (3) Kindly provide a copy of the Pension Scheme of SIDBI; (4) No. of employees appointed after introduction of New Pension Scheme i.e. after 01/01/2012; and (5) Kindly provide the copies of recommendation letters sent to Ministry of Finance recommending final/one more option for pension and the reply by ministry thereof.

Not satisfied with the reply given by the CPIO, the Appellant has made this appeal on the grounds that the information asked at point no. 5 was denied by citing section 8(2) of RTI Act and it has no relevance to the issue involved. Further, the Appellant mentioned that correspondence exchanged between the institution and Govt. of India cannot be termed as protected document or information exempted under section 8(1) of RTI Act and informed that the same information is provided by NABARD and it is very much in the Public interest to know whether SIDBI has done anything for the nonpensioners of the organization to bring them back into the old Defined Pension Scheme.

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I found merit in the appeal and direct the CPIO to provide the information, if available. If not available, the same should also be communicated to Appellant.

Order:

I allow this appeal in respect of SI. No. (5) of his RTI application and direct the CPIO to provide the information if available or otherwise within 20 working days from the date of receipt of the order. The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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

(जी सम्पत कुमार / G. Sampath Kumar)

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