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File No: SIC/J/A/74/2015  
Decision No: SIC/J/A/74/2015/180

Sh. Mohd Younis,	Appellant	Present
Director, CA&PD, Jammu.	F.A.A.	Absent
Sh.Sayeed Mohd, Asstt.Director, CA& PD,Doda.	PIO	Absent
Sh.GhanshamSingh T.S.O.,CA&PD,Doda City on behalf of PIO/A.D.,CA&PD,Doda.		Present

**Jammu**  
**09.09.2015**

Briefly the facts in this appeal are that Sh. Mohd Younis, S/O Sh. Ghulam Mustafa Mattoo, R/O Soti Dudwar, P.O. Kilhotran, Tehsil Gandoh, District Doda moved an application dated 19.04.2015 before the PIO/Assistant Director, CA&PD, Doda under the Jammu & Kashmir Right to Information Act, 2009 whereunder he sought certain information inter-alia about the ration cards of District Doda, categorywise APL, BPL, AAY and distribution of ration, etc.

The appellant feeling aggrieved of inaction on the part of the PIO, filed first appeal dated 19.05.2015 before the First Appellate Authority/Director, CA&PD, Jammu and after that the appellant filed second appeal dated 18.06.2015 before the Commission. The perusal of the first appeal as well as the second appeal shows that no grounds have been taken by the appellant. The Commission after receiving the second appeal listed the matter for hearing on 12.06.2015 and 09.09.2015. On 12.06.2015, the matter was adjourned due to the fact that the parties did not attend the hearing before the Commission. The matter was again listed for hearing on 09.09.2015. The appellant and TSO, CA&PD, Doda City were present whereas, the Assistant Director, CA&PD, Doda could not cause his appearance before the Commission due to the direction from the CA&PD Department, J&K to remain present in the Video Conferencing to discuss among other certain issues pertaining to CA&PD and Tribal Affairs Department on 09.09.2015 at 11.00 a.m. in order to assist the Deputy Commissioner who has to apprise the Hon'ble Minister for CAPD & Tribal Affairs.

The PIO vide his counterstatement No.830/31/CAPD/D/2015 dated 27.08.2015 submitted before the Commission that the information was provided to the appellant vide office endorsement No.195/CAPD/D/15 dated 05.05.2015 at his home address under registered post. The PIO also submitted that the applicant had also sought the list of of ration card holders, whom free ration has been distributed from 2010 to date(i.e. for a period of 6 years) and in this connection submitted that the ration free of cost has been provided to the 94,335 families, affected families of heavy rains of September,2014 and the total affected families to whom the ration free of cost has been provided during the last six years are about 2,70,000. The PIO in his counterstatement also submitted that since the work of providing of copies of list of 2,70,000 families to the information seeker was very much voluminous, and as such the applicant was asked to examine all these lists in the office of the Assistant Director, CA&PD, Doda during the working hours, on any working day. But instead of examining these lists, the information

seeker has preferred to file the appeal in this regard. The perusal of the RTI application of the information seeker shows that the information sought by him is voluminous in nature and any compilation/consolidation of such information is likely to affect the routine matter and working of the department adversely. The PIO also took the plea in the counterstatement that due to non-availability of supporting staff and machinery in the District Office as well as in the office of T.S.O. which is insufficient rather nominal and in such circumstances it becomes very difficult for the PIO to provide voluminous information to the information seeker within the stipulated period under the Provisions of J&K Right to Information Act, 2009 and requested the Commission that the appeal filed by the information seeker be dismissed. However, during the course of proceedings, the TSO, CA&PD, Doda City, who represented the PIO/Assistant Director, CA&PD, Doda assured the Commission that in case the appellant wants to inspect the record in their office, he is at liberty to do the same on a working day during office hours and the facility for accessing the record will be provided to him.

In view of the aforesaid facts and observations, the PIO/Assistant Director, CA&PD, Doda and TSO, CA&PD, Doda City are hereby directed to allow the appellant an opportunity to inspect the record in their office on a working day during office hours and provide him certified copies of the relevant documents, if any, requested by the information seeker.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Notice of this decision be given free of cost to the parties.

Sd/-

**Dr. S.K. Sharma**

State Information Commissioner

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4. Sh. Ghansham Singh, T.S.O., CA&PD, Doda City.

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