

Letter No. ADR/IT/02/08/2012

Designated Appellate Authority: Shri. Dheeraj Gupta, Director, Prime Minister's Office

Postal Address: South Block, New Delhi-110011

Date: 02-08-2012

Name and Address of the appellant : Anil Bairwal,
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Name and address of the CPIO: K.Salil Kumnar
Under Secretary and CPIO
New Delhi

Date of submission of RTI request : 29-05-2012

Date of payment of Additional fee (if any) : None

Brief facts of the case: Applicant had sought information on the following points:

1. Whether there are any pensions benefits claimed by Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh or any present or past MP under the scheme of United Nations, World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) or any other international agency.
2. If yes, kindly provide us with the following information held with RBI for PM and other MPs.
 - a) Rules and guidelines framed under such pension schemes, if any.
 - b) List of MPs claiming such pension benefits.
 - c) Amount of money received by each MP as pension every month.
 - d) Amount of money received by each MP as pension for the year 2011.
 - e) Agency from which such pension is being received.
 - f) Separate date and year on which such benefits were started given to such MPs.
 - g) Any other benefits and privileges given to these MPs under the pension schemes of any international agency.

About the Appellant:

Anil Bairwal is part of Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) which works for improving governance, democratic, political and electoral process in the country. Earlier also, ADR had filed a Public Interest Litigations (PIL) in Delhi High Court which resulted in the landmark and historic

judgment of Supreme Court (March 13, 2003) making it mandatory for candidates contesting elections of State Assemblies and Parliament to disclose their criminal and financial antecedents, by way of a sworn affidavit to be filed as an essential part of the nomination form.

Also, based on an RTI application filed by it to get Income Tax details of the Political Parties, the Information Commission vide its order number *CIC/AT/A/2007/01029 & 1263-1270*; *Date of Decision: 29.04.2008* directed the public authorities (Income Tax Departments) holding Income Tax returns of the political parties to make them available to the appellant.

Particulars of the order appealed against :

- The information sought by the appellant was not provided by the Public Information Officer.
- The RTI application was filed on 29-05-2012 to seek information directly from the Prime Minister Office but contrarily the department has passed it to different agencies to furnish that information to the application.

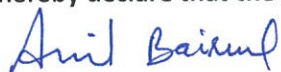
Grounds for appeal:

1. The application was sent to the PRIME Minister's office on 29-05-2012. The concerned PIO further transferred the letter 06-06-2012 to the Lok Sabha as well as the Rajya Sabha Secretariat and also to the Department of Economics affairs. All the departments declined to provide us the information stating that they don't have that information with their office.
2. Also a separate RTI application dated 22-06-2012 was filed with the Planning commission in this regard which again transferred the letter dated 06-07-2012 to the Prime Minister office. The PIO had again transferred the application to the Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat and department of Financial Services.
3. We believe that the information should be with the Prime Minister's Office and therefore, should be provided to us as soon as possible without transferring or delaying it any further.

Prayer for relief:

I appeal to you to kindly direct the concerned CPIO to provide us the information to the undersigned at the earliest.

I hereby declare that the aforementioned facts are true to the best of my knowledge.



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