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F.No.KTM(R)/RTI(APPEAL-ORDER)/2013-14 Dated: 03/06/2013

APPELLATE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADDL. COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX & CPIAO,
KOTTAYAM U/S.19(6) OF THE RTI ACT, 2005

Appellant : Shri Anil Bairwal,
Association for Democratic Reforms
Table No.4,"Kiwanis Centre", 4th Floor,
B-35, Qutub Institutional Area,
New Delhi-110016

Central Public Information Officer(CPIO): Jojo.P.Kuriakose
Income Tax Officer, Ward-2, Kottayam

ORDER

Shri Anil Bairwal, National Coordinator, Association for Democratic Reforms, New Delhi filed an application dt.11/3/2013 u/s.6(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 before the Central Public Information Officer seeking information regarding returns of income of a political party, Kerala Congress(M) for the AYrs. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

The Central Public Information Officer, Income Tax Officer, Ward.2, Kottayam vide his order dt.09/04/2013 rejected the application on the ground that the details sought by the applicant comes within the provisions of Sec.8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The CPIO also noted the failure on the part of the appellant to establish the public interest involved.

Thereafter, the appellant filed the subject appeal before the undersigned on 26/4/2013 and the case was posted for hearing on 15/5/2013.

In response to the said hearing notice the appellant filed a letter dt.10/5/2013 wherein the appellant has stated that he would not be able to attend the hearing and a decision may be taken on the basis of the documents attached and arguments placed in the appeal.
On a perusal of the appeal and also the order of the CPIO it is apparent that the CPIO has duly considered the issue and decided to reject the application in the light of provisions of section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act and also Supreme Court's decision in the case of Girish Ramachandra Despande Vs Central Information Commissioner & Others.

The appellant has not advanced any fresh arguments or made any effort to strengthen his case.

In view of the above, the order of the CPIO is upheld and accordingly, the appeal is hereby dismissed.

KURUVILLA M. GEORGE  
Addl. Commissioner of Income Tax  
Kottayam Range, Kottayam

Copy to:  
i) The Appellant.  
ii) The Central Public Information Officer,  
Income Tax Officer, Ward-2, Kottayam.
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To

Shri Anil Bairwal
National Coordinator
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Sir,

Sub: Information u/s.6(3) of the RTI Act - Appeal filed on 26/4/2013 - reg.

Ref: Letter No.ADR04/Appeal/KC(M) dt.15/04/2013

With reference to the above, the appellant is hereby intimated that the case is posted for hearing on 15/05/2013 at 3.00 PM at the office in the address given above and he is requested to be present with relevant details of the case.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

KURUVILLA M. GEORGE
Addl.Commissioner of Income Tax
Kottayam Range, Kottayam