

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

No. CIC/OK/A/2006/00156

Dated, the 20th September, 2006

Name of the Appellant : Dr. Satish Chand
Assistant Professor
Division of Computer Engg.
NSIT, Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi.

Name of the Public Authority : Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology
New Delhi.

DECISION

Shri Satish Chand of Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology (NSIT), Dwarka applied to the SPIO on 25th Jan., 2006 seeking information about an inquiry conducted against the applicant and others for purchase of computers for the Institute. He was denied information u/s 8(1)(h) of the Act by the SPIO. The First Appellate Authority also endorsed the decision of the SPIO. Dissatisfied with the reply, Dr. Satish Chand filed the second appeal with the Commission on 30th May, 2006. The Commission fixed the hearing for 23rd August, 2006.

2. The Bench of Dr. O.P. Kejariwal, Information Commissioner heard the appeal while Dr. Ranjit Singh, Director of Institute and Mr. Anil Arora, SPIO represented the Institute. Shri V.P. Singh Malhotra represented Dr. Satish Chand who could not attend the hearing.

3. The Commission heard both the parties. The SPIO was asked to explain how sec. 8(1)(h) was attracted when the Inquiry was already complete. The Commission was informed that the Board of Governors was the disciplinary authority in this case and the matter was placed before them for a final decision. The Governing Body formed a fact - finding Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gulshan Rai on 21st March, 2006 to go through the charges framed against the officers involved in the purchase of computers and submit its report in the next meeting of the Board. The Committee has already held a number of meetings and its report is likely to be submitted shortly. The

Commission accepted the view point of the public authority and directed the Appellant to wait for the submission of the report of the fact-finding Committee to the governing body. Thereafter, he could bring the matter before the Commission in the light of the latest developments.

5. The Commission ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
(O.P. Kejariwal)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:

Sd/-

(L.C. Singhi)
Additional Registrar

Cc:

1. Dr. Satish Chand, Assistant Professor, Division of Computer Engg., NSIT, Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.
2. Shri Anil Arora, PIO, Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology, Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi.
3. Dr. Ranjit Singh, Director & First Appellate Authority, Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology, Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi.
4. Officer Incharge, NIC.
5. Press E Group, CIC.