



Ref. No: F. 22-35/2023-RTI

November 29, 2023

**APPEAL NO. ICSSR/R/E/23/00035 BEFORE  
FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER  
RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT (RTI ACT), 2005**

**Background:**

The Appellant, Prof. Himat Chand, email - himat\_2006@rediffmail.com, H. No. 463 E, Fauji Colony, Sector-15, Dashmesh Nagar, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali has preferred the present appeal dated November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, under section 19(1) of RTI Act and received by the office of First Appellate Authority (FAA) on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, requesting, the intervention of FAA in providing information sought by him in the RTI application.

**Observations:**

I have gone through the contents of his appeal dated November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the appeal dated 19.07.2023, as you may be well aware that section 5(4) of the RTI Act provide that the CPIO may seek the assistance of any other officer as he or she considers it necessary for the proper discharge of his or her duties. In the instant case, the CPIO, ICSSR had sought the assistance of the divisional Head of the RIC Division, who deals with the matters related to CRRID, Chandigarh. The information relating to your RTI application dated 19.07.2023, whatever, was made available by the concerned officer, and also the same was provided to you by the CPIO, ICSSR.

I have also observed from your RTI appeals that you have been raising number of questions and alleging the ICSSR on number of accounts. It is also observed that you have been seeking information from CPIO, ICSSR which is related directly to CRRID. It may be noted that the act requires the supply of such information only which already exists and is held by the public authority or held under the control of the public authority. It is beyond the scope of the Act for a public authority to create information. Collection of information, parts of which are available with different public authorities, would amount to creation of information which is public authority under the Act is not required to do.

It is therefore, advisable to restrain yourself from asking questions/making allegations in RTI applications/appeals:

In view of the above, I uphold that the information provided by the CPIO, ICSSR as was made available in hold good. The RTI mechanism is meant for providing available information which is not exempted under the provisions of the RTI Act.

**Order:**

The appeal is accordingly disposed of. Copy of this order be sent to the appellant and CPIO.

  
(Ramesh Yernagula)

Director and First Appellate Authority.

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