

Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Office of the Zonal Additional Director General of Foreign Trade
4, Esplanade East:: Kolkata - 700 069.

No. Addl. DGFT/Kol/RTI-AA/ 11/ AM2019

Dated: 16th July, 2018

ORDER-IN-APPEAL

Subject: Supply of information under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

WHEREAS Mr. N. Venkatesan of 68/1, Third Street, Abhirampuram, Chennai, Pin Code - 600 018 (hereinafter referred to as the applicant) had applied for information under the RTI Act, 2005 vide application Registration No. DGOFT/R/2018/50130/1, dated 29/05/2018 seeking details of information relating to EPCG Authorizations issued zone-wise and year-wise since the year 2000;

2. AND WHEREAS the CPIO Authority, DGFT, Kolkata had denied the information vide letter No. Addl. DGFT/RTIA/KOL/AM2019/08/122, dated 03/07/2018 under Sec. 8 of the RTI Act, 2005 as the same involved Third Party information;

3. AND WHEREAS the applicant filed First Appeal against the said decision of the CPIO dated 3rd July, 2018;

4. AND WHEREAS the information sought for by the applicant and the reply thereto denying the said information by the CPIO has been examined by the Appellate Authority undersigned and it is seen that in the RTI application the appellant has sought details pertaining to - 1) Number of EPCG applications rejected year-wise, zone-wise since 2000 on various grounds, 2) To furnish details thereof on nexus grounds, 3) To furnish details on such cases of adjudication since the year 2000; 4) To furnish the total amount of fines collected as penalty on such adjudicated cases since year 2000 - which are very indefinite and mostly out of purview of the concerned CPIO as well as involving Third Party information. However, it is observed that the decision of the CPIO was very cryptic while denying the information under the relevant provision of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The CPIO is, therefore, directed to convey a reasoned decision to the Applicant in the manner of a Speaking Order.

The Appeal is hereby disposed of.



(Abhijit Bakshi)

Jt. Director General of Foreign Trade
(First Appellate Authority)

To

1. Mr. N. Venkatesan, 68/1, Third Street, Abhirampuram, Chennai, PIN 600018
2. CPIO, Regional Authority, DGFT, Kolkata
3. Computer Cell with a request to upload the Order on the RTI/Office Website.
4. Office file.