

**Ref. No.:**

**Date:**

To,

**Dr. Ghanshyam N. Singh,**

A/14, Noba Nagar, Phase-I,

Near Khoja Emali, Phulwasharif,

Patna-801505, Bihar.

**Reply to the RTI First Appeal of 28/07/2015, received by this Office on 30/07/2015**

This office found no ambiguity in the manner in which the referred RTI application has been replied to by the PIO of the Indian Economic Association, due to the following reasons as provided under the RTI Act, 2005:

1. The information already in the public domain need not be provided again.
2. The information is not to be collated and compiled if it is not so available as has been asked in the RTI Application.
3. It is not a question of “as if not knowing” with the PIO. H/she is to specifically respond to the questions asked and not correct or assume for any typing/spelling errors made by the applicant.
4. Any third party information is not to be revealed.
5. Any proceeding/ report of the ongoing inquiry against an individual is exempted by the CIC from disclosure under the RTI ACT (CIC decision “Information can not be disclosed till the investigations are over” in Shri Vinod Kumar Jain V/s

Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence, New Delhi Appeal  
No.CIC/AT/A/2010/000969/SS)

Pending these clauses, other information sought in the referred RTI Application has been clearly provided by the PIO.

There is no apparent case of ambiguous reply, misgiving information or unawareness of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 in the reply provided by the PIO to the said RTI Application. There is no specific need to provide any further (point-wise) reply to the same.

However, there is an oversight by the PIO in not mentioning about the name and address of the First Appellate Authority in the reply. She has been directed by this office to provide for the same in her future RTI replies. Having said this, however, this office would also like to point out that there was no apparent need for you to have “applied mind” about the details of the first appellant authority as the information about the earlier Appellate Officer as well as the change that has been notified is provided on the website of the IEA ([www.indianeconomicassociation.com](http://www.indianeconomicassociation.com)). The information about the Appellate Officer was also prominently mentioned in the Annual Newsletter, of which you have made extensive references to in your various past correspondences. The change that has been notified, after the printing of the newsletter would also be duly notified in the next Newsletter of IEA.

Since this office is not convinced of any misconduct or misreporting on part of the PIO in case of the said RTI Application, there arises no question of this office writing to the institution she belongs to for taking any action.

**Anil Kumar Thakur**

First Appellate Authority

Indian Economic Association.