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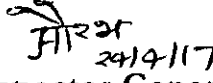
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**CIRCULAR**

Please find enclosed a copy of CVC's Circular No. CVC/RTI/Misc/16/006 (No.03/03/2017) dated 10.03.2017 regarding decision on seeking similar information through repeated RTI applications, for your kind information and taking into notice while deciding about the RTI applications seeking similar information through repeated RTI Applications.

  
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To

- (1) The Inspectors General- Pers & Trg., Prov., Ops. & Admn, SSB FHQ.
- (2) The Inspectors General/ First Appellate Authorities (FAAs) of Frontier Hqrs. Lucknow, Patna, Guwahati, Ranikhet, Siliguri, Tezpur & SSB Academy Srinagar.
- (3) The Dy. Inspectors General- Pers., Trg., DIG(CC), Vety. & Admn, SSB FHQ
- (4) The Dy. Inspectors General/ CPIOs Of Frontier Hqrs. Lucknow, Patna, Guwahati, Ranikhet, Siliguri, Tezpur, SSB Academy Srinagar & CI&JW Gwaldam.
- (5) The Dy. Inspectors General/ CPIOs of Sector Hqrs. Gorakhpur, Lakhimpur- Kheri, Muzaffarpur, Purnea, Bettiah, Bongaigaon, Bezpara, Bomdila, Rangia, Almora, Pilibhit, Ranidanga, Gangtok, Panga/New Jalpaigauri, Srinagar(J&K), Jammu(J&K) Bhillai & Gaya.
- (6) The Dy. Inspectors General/CPIOs of CTC Solonibari, CTC Sapri, RTC Gorakhpur, RTC Bhopal RTC Alwar, Composite Hospital (CH) Gorakhpur, CH. Salonibari and CH.Bathnaha.
- (7) The Commandant (Communication), SSB FHQ for uploading these guidelines in SSB website under Head "RTI" please.
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**Subject: Seeking similar information through repeated RTI Applications-Central Information Commission's decision- regarding.**

The attention of the CVOs concerned is drawn to the Central Information Commission's decision dated 25.06.2014 in case No. CIC/AD/A/2013/001326-SA in the case of Shri Ramesh Chand Jain Vs. Delhi Transport Corporation, GNCTD, Delhi, in which the issue of seeking information by the RTI Applicants through repetitive Applications on similar issues/subject has been considered and decided by the Central Information Commission.

2. The Central Information Commission, in its decision, had observed that:-

*"The Commission noticed that several applicants seek some information from one wing of the public authority, and based on the responses file a bunch of RTI questions from the same or other wings of same public authority, or from other authority. This will have a continuous harassing effect on the public authority. As the PIOs go on answering, more and more questions are generated out of the same and in the same proportion the number of repeated first appeals and second appeals will be growing."*

3. The Commission after considering various aspects of the issue and the provisions of acts of similar nature in other countries, and also the decisions of earlier Information Commissioners has concluded that:-

*"(i) Even a single repetition of RTI application would demand the valuable time of the public authority, first appellate authority and if it also reaches second appeal, that of the Commission, which time could have been spent to hear another appeal or answer another application or perform other public duty."*

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(ii) *Every repetition of RTI application which was earlier responded will be an obstruction to flow of information and defeats the purpose of the RTI Act.*

4. The Central Information Commission, vide its decision No. CIC/AD/A/2013/001326-SA dated 25.06.2014 has thus, decided that:-

- (i) No scope of repeating under RTI Act.*
- (ii) Citizen has no Right to Repeat.*
- (iii) Repetition shall be ground of refusal.*
- (iv) Appeals can be rejected.*

5. The CVOs may bring the above quoted decision of Central Information Commission to the notice of all the CPIOs/Appellate Authorities of their organizations, who may consider the Central Information Commission's decision, while deciding about the RTI Applications seeking similar information through repeated RTI Applications. The complete decision of Central Information Commission, in case No. CIC/AD/A/2013/001326-SA, in the case of Shri Ramesh Chand Jain Vs. Delhi Transport Corporation, GNCTD, Delhi is available on its website, [www.cic.gov.in](http://www.cic.gov.in), in downloadable form and can be access from there.



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**All Chief Vigilance Officers**

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