

# Central Information Commission

CIC/AD/A/2009/001164

Dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Name of the Applicant** : **MR. RAM SHANKAR**

**Name of the Public Authority** : **PRASAR BHARATI**

## **Background**

- 1 The Applicant filed an RTI application dated 20.02.09 with the CPIO/ Prasar Bharati, New Delhi, requesting for information against 18 points related Registered & Recognized Associations / Unions / Federations functioning in AIR & Doordarshan. The CPIO replied on 20.03.09 giving para wise information. Not satisfied with the reply, the Applicant filed his First Appeal before the Appellate Authority on 15.05.09 stating that the replies of the CPIO are false and evasive and not relevant to the information he sought. The First Appellate Authority replied on 11.06.09 stating that he had examined the matter and found that the CPIO has provided all available information, He invited the Applicant to inspect the records on na mutually agreed date . Being aggrieved with the reply, the Applicant filed a Second Appeal before the CIC on 14.08.09.
2. The Bench of Mrs. Annapurna Dixit, Information Commissioner, scheduled the hearing on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
3. Mr. S.S. Dalal, Dy. Dir (WL) and Mr. S.R. Pandey were present during the hearing.
4. The Applicant was present during the hearing.

## **Decision**

5. The Appellant's contention was that the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting had clarified that there is no Association/Union at present recognized by the Government in All India Radio & Doordarshan . However, even then the DG:AIR has been considering a few of them as recognized Associations and granting them the facilities of recognized Associations/Unions while refusing to deal with others, which is unlawful and discriminatory. He added that the CPIO's statement that the 9 Associations which held the status of recognized Associations in 1980 still hold the same status today is ridiculous and false since the old rules have been replaced by new rules in 1993 and none of the 9 Associations has sought fresh recognition as required by the new rules. The Respondent explained that although the

Associations were asked to submit their applications for fresh recognition, none of them has bothered to apply for the same and hence the old status continued. The Appellant refused to accept this explanation and sought complete information against the points he had raised in his RTI application.

6. The Commission reviewed the information provided and noted that information provided is indeed evasive and not to the point. The Commission accordingly directs the CPIO to provide point wise information as per queries raised. Information to be provided by 25 October, 2009,
7. The appeal is accordingly disposed off.

(Annapurna Dixit)  
Information Commissioner

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