

2012-13 and 2013-14 in respect of some villages of District Kupwara. This RTI application has been transferred by ADC Handwara to DFO Langate vide letter dated 27.08.2013 with the request to take necessary action under rules.

In reply to the notice of the Commission, Assistant Conservator of Forest Langate Forest Division vide letter 01.11.2013, has enclosed communication of Range Officer Rajwar dated 20.09.2013 addressed to DFO Langate Forest Division with copy to the information seeker requesting him to remit photostate charges of information of Rs. 18/- in Govt. treasury Handwara as copying charges. Also enclosed is a communication of Shri Bashir Ahmad Yattoo (Forest Guard) addressed to ACF Langate Forest Division dated 01.11.2013 titled "Handing over of RTI Information" wherein it is stated that he called the information seeker on his mobile on 20.09.2013 to take the information from Ranger Officer Rajwar but he refused to take the information with the reason that he will not remit the photostate charges in Govt. treasury Handwara. The information seeker, however, refused to have been approached by anybody in this regard.

During proceedings in the Commission on 09.12.2013 the Commission observed that PIO/DFO Langate has not disposed of the RTI application as required under section 7 of the Act and communication of Range Officer Rajwar cannot be treated as disposal. Accordingly on the request of the PIO 10 days time was granted to him to dispose of the RTI application.

This has been complied with by the PIO vide letter dated 10.12.2013 providing information free of cost to the information seeker. The information seeker admitted to have received the information and submitted that he is satisfied with it.

In view of above, the complaint filed before the Commission is disposed of.

Sd/-
(Nazir Ahmed)
State Information Commissioner

Copy to the:-

1. Divisional Forest Officer, Langate.
2. Sh. Mohammad Yousuf Ganaie S/o Gh. Mohammad Ganaie, Deputy Sarpanch Halqa Shilhall, Waripora Kupwara.

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