

provided by the victims/applicants in support of their complaints/cases of the Commission.

- c) Applicant further needs the information about the judgments or orders passed by this Commission from time to time regarding the Pellet Gun fire and Pepper Gas cases.
- d) Information and copies of the orders or judgments passed by this Commission regarding the use of Pellet Guns and Pepper Gas on civilians by the Police, CRPF and other Law Enforcing agencies.
- e) Information and the copies of expert opinions of doctors and ballistic experts etc. and other relevant documents regarding the lethality/hazardous effects prepared, received/filed or available in the commission vis-à-vis the use of Pellet Guns and Pepper Gas by Police and CRPF on civilians”.

This RTI application has been responded to by the PIO vide letter No. SHRC/Estt/2013/RTI/632 dated 28.11.2013.

Not satisfied with the response of the PIO, the appellant filed First Appeal before FAA SHRC on 04.12.2013 stating that information provided to him by the PIO is vague.

Thereafter Second Appeal has been filed before the Commission on 03.03.2014 stating that despite being called by the FAA/Secretary SHRC in order to discuss the things regarding First Appeal, information has not been provided to him. The appellant has prayed the Commission to deal with FAA/PIO SHRC seriously and PIO be directed to supply the requisite information, as sought by him.

In reply to the notice of the Commission, PIO/FAA vide letter No. SHRC/2013/RTI/31/181 dated 14.03.2014 submitted that 'the information sought by the complainant (Mr. Abdul Manan Bukhari) vide his RTI application No. HC/LC/RTI/08/2013 dated 02.11.2014 stands already submitted vide this Commission's letter No. SHRC/Estt/2013/RTI/632 dated 28.11.2013(copy enclosed) through ordinary post; the receipt of the same is admitted by the complainant in his 1st Appeal. Subsequently, the reply/information sought in the 1st Appeal dated 04.12.2013 has also been sent to the complainant in the same mode & manner (ordinary post) vide Commission's letter No. SHRC/2013/RTI/31/691 dated 23.12.2013 annexed with 11 leaves'.

During proceedings in the Commission on 26.03.2014, the appellant submitted that information under letter dated 23.12.2013 was received on 18.03.2014 through Registered Post alongwith 11 leaves. PIO submitted that RTI application of the applicant was initially responded/disposed on 28.11.2013 and later on after filing of the First Appeal; information was again sent to him on 23.12.2013 as per the directions of the FAA as submitted herein above. The appellant pointed out that documents provided to him are not certified copies. As per Section 2 (i) of the J&K RTI Act, 2009, the appellant has a right to access certified copies of the documents. PIO SHRC is accordingly directed to certify documents provided to the information seeker and submit a compliance report. The PIO shall ensure that in future, response to RTI applications are sent through prescribed mode of service so that delivery is ensured.

With the above directions, the appeal filed before the Commission is disposed of.

**Sd/
(Nazir Ahmed)
State Information Commissioner**

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2. PIO Human Rights Commisison, J&K, Srinagar.
3. Sh. Abdul Manan Bukhari r/o Baghati Kanipora, Chadoora.

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