MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY MEPZ SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE N.H.45, G.S.T. ROAD, TAMBARAM, CHENNAI-600 045.

F.No.RTI/MSEZH/A/E/20/00001 /1882

Dated:24.07.2020

Sub: First Appeal under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 for alleged non-receipt of response from CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone, Chennai by the Appellant for his RTI Application transferred from Department of Commerce vide reference No.MSEZH/R/T/20/00002 dated 30.05.2020

Ref: RTI Appeal Registration No.MSEZH/A/E/20/00001 dated 08.07.2020

## **DECISION OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY**

An application under RTI Act, 2005 from Shri Himanshu Bhusan, resident of E-177, LGF, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110 065, hereinafter referred as the Appellant, was transferred by CPIO, Department of Commerce to CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone, Chennai vide Registration No.MSEZH/R/T/20/00002 on 30.05.2020.

The information sought by the Appellant relevant to MEPZ Special Economic Zone is as follows:

"Question No.4. Please provide copy of the (i) Annual Report, (ii) Statement of Assets & Liabilities, (iii) Statement of Income & Expenditure, for the year ended 31st March 2019 (i.e., Financial Year 2018-19) submitted to Ministry of Commerce by MEPZ Special Economic Zone."

Since the Appellant had earlier sought the same information from CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone vide RTI Application No.MSEZH/R/E/20/00003 dated 20.05.2020, the CPIO, MEPZ Special Fronomic Zone, vide letter No.MSEZH/R/E/20/00002/1655 dated 29.06.2020 had informed the Appellant that the information sought by him from Department of Commerce and transferred to CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone has already been sent to the Appellant vide letter dated 19.06.2020 by Speed Post.

The Appellant has now filed an Appeal vide Registration No.MSEZH/A/E/20/00001 dated 08.07.2020 before me under Rule 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 stating that the CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone had not reverted with the information sought by him and that the information sought by him should be furnished to him.

I have gone through the submissions of the Appellant. It is seen that the CPIO vide letter No.MSEZH/R/E/20/00002/1655 dated 29.06.2020 had already informed the Appellant that the information sought by him has already been furnished to him by letter dated 19.06.2020 through Speed Post in response to his earlier RTI Application No.MSEZH/R/E/20/00003 dated 20.05.2020. Therefore, the claim of the Appellant that he has not received any response from the CPIO to his request for information transferred to CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone on 30.05.2020 is factually incorrect.

Further, in another appeal filed by the same Appellant vide Registration No.MSEZH/A/E/20/00002 dated 09.07.2020, it was decided that in the interest of transparency as enshrined in the RTI Act, the CPIO may once again furnish the information already sent to the Appellant by Speed Post, now through email at the email ID of the Appellant as given in his application and Appeal.

Therefore, I do not find any grounds for directing the CPIO to provide any further information in this matter. Accordingly, the Appeal filed by Shri Himanshu Bhusan is hereby disposed of.

If the Appellant is not satisfied with this Order, he may prefer an appeal with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appellate Authority whose address is given below, within 30 days of the date of this Order.

Central Information Commissioner, II Floor, C Wing, August Kranti Bhavan, Bikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110 006.

(D. ANANDAN)

FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY &
JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER

To Shri Himanshu Bhusan, E-177, LGF, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110 065.

Copy to: The Specified Officer/CPIO, MEPZ Special Economic Zone,—
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