

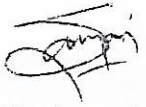
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**ORDER**

1. WHEREAS, an RTI Request bearing Registration No. OI/DBD/R/E/22/00008 dated 13.09.2022 was received from Sh. Sandeep Singh seeking information from CPIO, OI/DB in digital form on email ID: thsandeepsinghsarlabagh@gmail.com.
2. WHEREAS, a reply on the RTI application was given to the applicant by the CPIO wherein certain information was provided and certain information was not provided to the applicant.
3. WHEREAS, the applicant has filed First Appeal bearing registration No. OI/DBD/A/E/22/00005 dated 20.10.2022 and stated that '*OI/DB has amended section 31 of OI(D) Act, 1974, whereby private scheduled commercial banks are also allowed for investments. In S.No 6, CPIO has not provided me files where approval for investment in private bank has been obtained. Sections 8(1)(g) and 8(1)(d) does not seems too applied to the information seek by me in S.no 2, 8 and 9 of RTI reply. It is again requested to please see the relevant RTI sections once again before denial of information*'.
4. WHEREAS, the First Appeal of the applicant has been examined and the following is found:-
  - (i) In respect of Point No.2 of your RTI Request it is found that the noting of file wherein a vigilance complaint has been dealt is exempted under section 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act. However, the Action Taken Report on the same is not exempted under that section of the Act. It is also found that in the present case no action taken report is available.
  - (ii) In respect of Point No.6 of your RTI Request it is found that the reply given in to this point if not relevant to the information sought. Therefore, Accounts Section, is directed to provide to the CPIO, OI/DB, a copy of the noting of file where approval for investment in private commercial banks has been obtained. CPIO, OI/DB is directed to provide to the RTI applicant, in digital form on the email given by the RTI applicant, the information received from Accounts Section, i.e. noting of file where approval for investment in private commercial banks has been obtained.
  - (iii) In respect of Point No.8 and 9 of your RTI Request it is found that the Section 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act exempts "*information including commercial confidence, trade secrets or intellectual property, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of a third party, unless the competent authority is*

*satisfied that larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information".* Accounts Division is therefore, directed to certify that the information sought at Points Nos. 8 and 9 of the RTI Request is such that the disclosure of the same would "*harm the competitive position of a third party*". Otherwise, Accounts Section is directed to provide the information at these points to CPIO for providing the same to the RTI Applicant. CPIO is directed to provide to the RTI Applicant, the information provided by Accounts Section against these points, in digital form on the email given by the RTI applicant.

5. The First Appeal mentioned above, is hereby disposed of.



(Sanjay Kashyap)  
DCF&AO(Additional Charge)/  
First Appellate Authority

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1. Senior Accounts Officer (along-with a copy of RTI application) – In respect of point No.6 of RTI Request, Accounts Section is directed to provide to the CPIO, OADB, a copy of the noting of file where approval for investment in private commercial banks has been obtained. In respect of Points Nos. 8 and 9 of the RTI Request, Accounts Section is directed to certify that the information sought at these Points of the RTI Request is such that the disclosure of the same would "harm the competitive position of a third party". Otherwise, Accounts Section is directed to provide the information at these points to CPIO for providing the same to the RTI Applicant.

2. CPIO, OADB is directed to provide to the RTI applicant, in digital form on the email given by the RTI applicant, the information received from Accounts Section in respect of Points No.6, 8 and 9 of the RTI Request.

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