

Central Information Commission

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**Decision No.1407/IC(A)/2007
F. Nos.CIC/OK/A/2007/00673
CIC/OK/A/2007/00650**

Dated, the 31st October, 2007

Name of the Appellant: Shri. G. Lakshminarayanan

Name of the Public Authority: Southern Railway

Facts:

1. The appellant was heard on 31/10/2007.
2. Through separate applications, the appellant had asked for the following information:
 - (i) *“Full text of the Confidential Report (CRs) prepared and maintained on Shri. G. Lakshminarayanan, Loco Pilot/Passenger, Staff No.5222, under the control of Crew Controller/Chennai Egmore and Chief Crew Controller/Tambaram for the year 2004-2005 including the Assessment made by the Reporting Officer and the review made by the Reviewing Authority.*
 - (ii) *The order passed by the competent authority requiring a passenger Loco Pilot to work minimum of 231 hours or 3000 kms in AC hauled goods Trains, before working AC hauled passenger carrying trains, after getting TR 11 Certificate.”*
3. The CPIO has duly responded. While the CRs and related information have been denied to him, the documents relating to the norms and guidelines for allotment of duty hours have been furnished to him. The appellant is, however, not satisfied.
4. During the hearing, the appellant stated that he is unduly harassed at his work place and therefore, the information asked for are important. He also stated that the respondent do not have guidelines for regulating duty hours. He, therefore, pleaded that the guidelines for regulating duty hours of Loco Pilot in AC hauled goods train should be provided to him.

Decision:

5. In a number of appeals, this Commission has held that the disclosure of Confidential Reports (CRs) is barred u/s 8(1)(j) of the Act, as there is no public interest in disclosure of information which contain remarks of superior officers about the professional competence and conduct of the officials.

6. However, the CPIO is directed to provide the copy of the guidelines which requires a Passenger Loco Pilot to work for a minimum of 231 hours or 300 Kms. in AC hauled goods trains, as asked for by the appellant in his application dated 13/9/2006. The information should be furnished within 15 working days from the date of issue of this decision.

7. Both the appeals are accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-
(Prof. M.M. Ansari)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:

(L.C. Singhi)
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Name & address of Parties:

1. Shri. G. Lakshminarayanan, 23B Sundar Nagar, Rajeswari Nagar Extension, Selaiyur, Chennai – 600 073.
2. The Public Information Officer & the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Electrical (Operations) Branch, Divl. Rly. Manager's Office, Southern Railway, Chennai Division, Chennai – 3
3. Shri. N. Swaminathan, Additional Divisional Railway Manager II, Chennai Division and Appellate Authority, Southern Railway, Divl. Rly. Manager's Office, General Branch, Chennai – 600 003.