



BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
O/o the Chief General Manager Telecom, Karnataka Circle,
No.1, Swamy Vivekananda Road, Halasuru, Bangalore 560 008.

No. RTI/CIC/2018- 2019/15 dtd@ bg the 21.01.2020

To,
Sri. Babasaheb Akade,
Flat no. 101, 1st floor, Vastu-Manas building,
Near Rajwada, Chikkali Gouthan,
Chikhali, PUNE-411 062.

Dear Sir,

Sub:- 122 no. RTI Applications during one year – Misuse of RTI act- Reg.

A total of 122 RTI applications have been filed by you during 2018-19. Further this year already 25 applications have been filed by you only to CPIO of BSNL Karnataka Circle Office.

All these RTI applications filed are specifically aimed to obtain information of personal nature for the following officers namely CGMT Karnataka Circle, Ex-CGMT's Karnataka Circle, Sr.GM(HR) , Sr.CE(E)'s, GM(Vigilance), GM(HR), SE(Electrical), Other officers in the grade of all Sr.GM/GM/DGM/AGM/DE etc. in all discipline having no public interest.

Nature of information being sought by you are mainly in respect of vehicle use, Travelling Allowance bills, service book , caste verification , logbook and many other personal information specifically about officers who do not fall in line with your demanded wish list.

All these RTI applications only contains your imaginary assumptions drawing inferences and interfering with the administrative procedure followed by lengthy stories together with complaint against officers without any proof , causing CPIO/FAA and its subordinates to spend a lot of time to understand these vindictive lengthy RTI applications ,which contain several references having no relevance .

In one such instance (RTI application number BSNKN/R/2019/80054) where First Appellate Authority in his order dated 06.11.2019 has permitted you to visit this office on 06.12.2019 during office hours for accessing the files to obtain the information required as per your original RTI application. You have not availed the opportunity extended by FAA fearing exposure of your actual identity and thereby it can be construed that you have no interest in getting the information rather made RTI a tool to intimidate the officers who do not fall in line with your demanded wish list and to settle your personal vengeance. Further from your RTI applications, it clearly shows that you have privy to all the day to day insider information of BSNL Karnataka Circle and in many of your RTI applications there is a mention of CBI / CVC where you intend to complaint, is nothing but trying to intimidate and threaten the officers of BSNL Karnataka.

Honorable Supreme Court and CIC and in a catena of cases has clearly stated that the personal information is primarily a matter between employee and employer and those aspects are governed by service rules and disclosure of which cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of that individual which has also been ratified by DOPT of GOI.

CVC vide its circular has stated that repeated RTI application on the similar issues will be an obstruction to the flow of information and defeats the very purpose of the RTI act and CIC in its judgment stated that citizen has no right to repeat and repetition shall be the ground for refusal.

The very purpose of RTI Act is to secure access to information having public interest but your RTI applications and appeals are only to target specific Officers. Please be aware that a lot of money, time and energy have to be spent to process all your RTI applications, which if calculated will be more than Rs. 10 lakhs of public money being wasted every year.

CIC in its judgment stated that multiple RTI applications have a serious impact on the functioning of public authority. It reflects criminal wastage of time and if unchecked will choke the functioning of the public authority. If this is allowed the whole time will be devoted to such frivolous /vexatious /useless/repeated/multiple/obnoxious RTI questions.

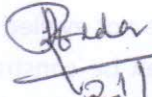
Honorable High Court of Punjab & Haryana has observed that the provisions of RTI act would not be available to a person seeking information as regards to public officials which is otherwise personal in nature on account of furtherance of a personal vendetta.

By looking at the total number of RTI cases filed by you in last one year, CIC in a similar case stated in their judgment that the RTI act is misused & abused and to destroy peace and tranquility among citizens. It has become a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest official striving to do their duty.

Further as per RTI act under section 8(j) "Information which relates to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the CPIO or SPIO or the Appellate authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information"

Therefore considering 122 number of RTI applications filed during the financial year 2018-19 its voluminous content mentioning ill conceived inferences, stories about administrative procedures etc., money, time and energy need to be spent by BSNL in disposing your applications and therefore in accordance with the CIC's judgment, your RTI applications are nothing but "misuse of RTI" and henceforth all your RTI applications shall be rejected without any reply. As per directions of CIC, this letter is also being put up on the website of BSNL, Karnataka Circle.

This issues with the approval of the First Appellate Authority and CGM.


 21/01/2020
 Chief Public Information Officer and GM (HR/A),
 BSNL, Karnataka Circle.

Copy to:

1. CIC, New Delhi.
2. BSNL Corporate office
3. CGMT Maharashtra Circle, the applicant is from Pune, Maharashtra and prone to misuse of RTI act. Same may be verified at your end.
4. Police commissioner, Pune.
5. All CPIOs of Karnataka Circle.
6. Sr.CE(Elec), KTK circle with reference to letter dated 18.11.2019.
7. GM(Vigilance), KTK Circle