GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1479 ANSWERED ON:29.10.2008 CASES UNDER RTI ACT Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai;Reddy Shri Suravaram Sudhakar;Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a)the total number of applications/cases received by the Central Information Commission (CIC) under RTI Act, since its inception;

(b) the total number of cases received from rural areas;

(c) the number of cases which are pending for reply and the reasons therefor;

(d) the total number of cases in which reviews have been filed;

(e) the number of cases in which non-compliance of CIC orders has been reported;

(f) the number of cases in which delay in providing information has been reported;

(g) the number of cases where show cause notice for imposition of penalty were issued and financial penalties were finally imposed;

(h) the number of cases in which financial penalty was withdrawn after having been imposed;

(i) the number of cases that have been disposed of without holding any hearing;and

(j) the effective steps taken by the Government to bring down the backlog of pending cases and for effective implementation of RTI Act?

Answer

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(a): Since its inception, the Central Information Commission has received 24145 complaints and appeals up to 30.09.2008.

(b): The information is not maintained.

(c): 8670 cases were pending for disposal as on 30.09.2008 for reasons like shortage of Information Commissioners vis-a-vis the workload.

(d) & (e): The information is not maintained.

(f): All cases of appeals and complaints to the Commission involve delay or denial of information. Information about number of cases of delay and denial is not maintained separately.

(g): Information about number of show cause notices issued for imposition of penalties is not maintained. Penalties have, however, been imposed in 211 cases.

(h): Seven.

(i): The information is not maintained.

(j): Government has recently appointed four more Information Commissioners in the Commission with a view to step up the disposal of cases as well as for effective implementation of RTI Act.