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Central Information Commission
बाबा गंगनाथ मार्ग, मुनिरका
Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka
नई दिल्ली, New Delhi – 110067

File No: CIC/MOPNG/C/2025/655075

MANOJ K SHARMA

....शिकायतकर्ता /COMPLAINANT

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**CPIO: MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS**

....प्रतिवादीगण /RESPONDENT

Date of Hearing : 07-09-2026
Date of Decision : 07-09-2026

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER : Khushwant Singh Sethi

Relevant facts emerging from complaint:

RTI application filed on : 11-08-2025
CPIO replied on :
First appeal filed on : 11-09-2025
First Appellate Authority's order : 23-10-2025
Complaint dated : 08-12-2025

Information sought:

1. The Complainant filed an RTI application dated 11-08-2025 seeking the following information:

“Kindly provide legible, certified copies of following documents available in your office records:

1. Since When your petrol companies have stated mixing Ethanol in Petrol in India and Rajasthan

2. Please share quantity of mixing Ethanol in Petrol in % and Volume per litre.

3. Is the volume of mixing Ethanol in Petrol is same for all Petrol pumps and cities across India? If no, criterias and policy set by government / Petrol companies on mixing of variable % or Volume of Ethanol Petrol.

4. Details of steps has been taken by your ministry and all petrol company to educate Petrol Pump delivery staff so that they may reply to customers about % and Volume of mixing Ethanol in Petrol.

5. Your policy on display of quantity of mixing Ethanol in Petrol in % and Volume per litre at each Petrol Pump.

6. Share details/documents/relevant web link, to show that a common man who comes to fill Petrol, at your Petrol Pumps knows how much Ethanol quantity he is buying or filling in his vehicles Fuel Tank?

7. Scientific, independent credible evidence documents, web link, based on which this policy of mixing Ethanol in Petrol is made and to prove that this mixing Ethanol in Petrol is compatible with all models of cars manufactured from 2010 to 2025 and not harming their engines.”

2. Having not received any response from the CPIO, the Complainant filed a First Appeal dated 11-09-2025. The FAA vide its order dated 23-10-2025, held as under:

“3. Examination of Records

I have carefully gone through the RTI application, the reply furnished by the CPIO, and the appeal petition. It is observed that Point No. 1 to 6 of the RTI Application were duly transferred to the concerned Oil Marketing Companies (i.e. IOCL, BPCL & HPCL) under section 693) of the RTI Act, 2005. For Point No. 7, the applicant was provided with the relevant web link containing the Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India 2020-25.

On perusal of the records available on the RTI portal, it is further noted that the RTI application was filed on 11.08.2025 and the reply from the CPIO was furnished on 27.08.2025, which falls well within the prescribed 30 day time limit as stipulated under RTI Act, 2005.

4. Decision

In light of the above, the appellant is advised to refer to the said response available on the RTI portal for necessary information. A print out copy of the CPIO's, MoPNG response dated 27.08.2025 is also enclosed.

Accordingly, the RTI Appeal stands disposed of.”

3. Feeling aggrieved and dissatisfied, Complainant approached the Commission with the instant Complaint.

Relevant Facts emerged during Hearing:

The following were present:-

Complainant: Attended the hearing through video conference.

Respondent: Mr. Ravindra Kumar, Under Secretary & CPIO, attended the hearing in person.

4. The Complainant submitted, that he sought information regarding ethanol blending from the respondent. The complainant also submitted, that the respondent has not transferred his RTI application to oil marketing companies within the stipulated 05 days from the date of receipt of his RTI application. The complainant further submitted, that the transfer of his RTI application is illegal.

5. The Respondent submitted, that they are not the custodian of the sought information for point nos. 1 to 6. Hence, the said points were transferred to the oil marketing companies U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent also submitted, that they have provided the website link to the appellant to access the sought information for point no.7, vide reply dated 27.08.2025.

6. The Commission queried the respondent, regarding the delay in transferring the complainant's RTI application. To this, the respondent submitted, that at the time of the receipt of the RTI application, their office was being shifted from Shastri Bhavan to Karthavya Bhavan, and hence, there was technical issues involved in shifting of computers and hence, there was a delay in transferring the complainant's RTI application. The respondent further submitted, that Parliament Session was also in progress at the same time. Hence, there was delay.

Decision

7. The Commission, after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case, hearing both the parties and perusal of the records, observes that an appeal case pertaining to the instant RTI application was heard and adjudicated by the Commission vide decision dated 31.08.2026 in case no. CIC/BPCLD/A/2025/653165.

8. The Commission also finds, that the then incumbent CPIO had not transferred the complainant's RTI application to the concerned public authority within the stipulated time limit, as per the RTI Act, 2005. In view of the above, the concerned CPIO is directed to submit detailed written explanation to the Commission for not transferring the complainant's RTI application within stipulated time limit - both through post and via uploading on <http://dssic.nic.in/online-link-paper-compliance/add>, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. Accordingly, the complaint is disposed of.

Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

(Khushwant Singh Sethi) (खुशवन्त सिंह सेठी)
Information Commissioner (सूचना आयुक्त)

दिनांक/Date: 07.09.2026

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S. K. Chitkara (एस. के. चिटकारा)

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