

:: OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR-CUM-APPELLATE AUTHORITY ::

:: HIGH COURT OF M.P.: BENCH AT INDORE ::

R.T.I. APPEAL NO. 06/25

(ORDER DATED 07-10-2025)

MR. RISHI SHARMA S/O. MR. RAJESH SHARMA

- APPELLANT.

- VERSUS

MRS. NIRUPAMA SHRIVASTAVA,

-JOINT REGISTRAR/STATE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

This appeal has been filed by appellant Mr. Rishi Sharma being aggrieved by the Order dated 22-09-2025 passed by the State Public Information Officer, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Bench at Indore (M.P.) (Mrs. Nirupama Shrivastava, Joint Registrar) in I.D. No. 58/2025 whereby the appellant's application under section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 has been rejected.

Facts giving rise to filing of this First Appeal No. 06/2025 are that the appellant sought Information, **"Copy Letter: letter, number /Administration /Establishment/2022/1022, dated 10-10-2022 sent by Registrar, Vikram University, Ujjain to the Registrar, Hon'ble High Court Division Bench, Indore. Subject : Regarding compliance of the Order dated 03-08-2022 passed in the Petition Number 14200/2013."**

The State Public Information Officer by the impugned order refused to give the information sought by the appellant with the following reasons :-

- “(1) You are neither petitioner nor Respondent in W.P. No.14200/2013, and you are stranger/third party.
- (2) Section 8(1) of the R.T.I. Act excludes disclosure of personal information, the disclosure of which (i) has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or (ii) would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual.”

The Rule No. 7(2) Charging of Fee: of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh (Right to Information) Rules,2006 reads as under:-

7(2) “The Appellate Authority shall charge a Fee of Rs.50/- per appeal to be paid in the form of Non-Judicial Stamp or by Treasury Challan payable under the Treasury Head “0070 Other Administrative Services.”

In this R.T.I. First Appeal, the Appellant has submitted an Indian Postal Order No.95G 7746037 amounting to Rs.50/- **instead of submitting Non-Judicial Stamp or Treasury Challan, hence the appeal is liable to be dismissed on this ground itself.**

The Section 2(f) of the Right to Information Act,2005 is reproduced as below:-

2(f) “information” means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force;

Perused the record of the SPIO and the Written Submission dated 07-10-2025 of the appellant.

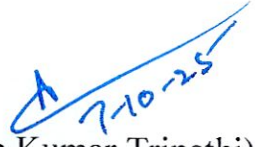
In this regard upon going through the record of W.P.No.14200/13 (Pavnendra Nath Tiwari Vs. Vikram University, Ujjain through its Registrar, & one another) it reveals that vide Hon'ble Court's Order dated 03-08-2022 passed in the said case the case was disposed of with a liberty to the petitioner to prefer a fresh representation within a period of **two weeks** before the Vice Chancellor, Vikram University, Ujjain (R.No.2); and if such a representation is filed within the stipulated period, then R.No.2 was directed to decide the same within a period of **three months**, in accordance with law, by passing a reasoned and speaking order, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner (if required) from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

Further, upon going through Memo No. प्रशासन/संस्थापन/2022/1022 दिनांक 10-10-2022 of the Registrar, Vikram University, Ujjain sent to the Registrar of this Bench Registry, it reveals that the same was the compliance report of Hon'ble Court's Order dated 03-08-2022 passed in W.P. No.14200/2023, and although the applicant Mr. Rishi Sharma S/o. Shri Rajesh Sharma was a stranger in the said case, but the above referred Memo is a public documents which can be provided to any Indian Citizen as per R.T.I. Act,2005.

Thus, in view of the aforesaid, I come to the conclusion that the information sought by the appellant is qualified to be information as defined in Section 2(f) of the R.T.I. Act & there is infirmity in the order passed by the Learned SPIO.

Therefore, the First Appeal is allowed and the impugned order is set aside. The SPIO is directed to furnish the demanded information to the appellant **"Free of Cost" on or before 10-10-2025.**

A copy each of the order be provided **Free of Cost** to the appellant and also to the SPIO for information and necessary action.


(Anoop Kumar Tripathi),
Appellate Authority/ Principal Registrar.