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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 3553/2026**

PREM PRAKASH SHOKEEN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr Puneet Singh Bindra with Mr.
Vivek Kadyan, Ms. Charu Modi, Mr.
Devang Gupta, Ms. Nidhi & Mr. Ikjot
Gaba, Advocates.

versus

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Shiven Verma, Advocate for
GNCTD.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

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20.03.2026

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1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.

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3. On oral request of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, he is permitted to place on record amended memo of parties during the course of the day.
4. It appears that there are repeated directions by the Central Information Commission [CIC] to furnish certain information to the petitioner. Paragraph Nos.7 to 9 of the order dated 18.11.2025 are extracted as under:

“7. The Commission after adverting to the facts and circumstances of the case and perusal of the records, observes that till date the Respondent has not provided the relevant information to the Appellant. It is pertinent to mention that the Appellant vide letter dated 22.08.2024, has informed the FAA that he only wants a copy of Registration Certificate along with aims and objectives of the averred



society and does not want any inspection of the records but till date no information has been provided by the Respondent.

8. It is further observed that the Respondent has neither appeared before the Commission nor has informed the Commission regarding the reason for his/her absence. Thus, the Commission takes grave exception to the absence of the PIO during the hearing despite service of the hearing notice, and he/she is admonished for the same.

9. Hence, the Commission deems it fit to direct the PIO concerned to furnish revised reply in respect of the RTI Applications under question, by supplying the relevant information based on available records, to the Appellant, free of cost, within three weeks of receipt of this order, failing which proceedings under Section 20 of the RTI Act may be initiated against the erring PIO. If the Respondent requires assistance from any other office/officer for compliance with the above directions, the same shall be sought by invoking Section 5 (4) of RTI Act.”

5. A perusal of the provisions under Sections 18 and 20 would indicate that the CIC is fully empowered to ensure that its directions are fully complied with. It appears that the CIC's directions are not being adhered to by the respondents. Let CIC to take the issue to its logical conclusion with due expedition in accordance with law not beyond four months from the date of receipt of the copy of the order passed today.

6. The statement of the counsel appearing for the respondent – GNCTD is placed on record who contends that the directed information shall be furnished to the petitioner without any further delay.

7. With these directions, the petition stands disposed of.

8. All rights and contentions of the parties are left open.

9. If the petitioner's grievance is not fully mitigated, he shall be at liberty to take appropriate recourse in accordance with law.

PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV, J

MARCH 20, 2026

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