

OFFICE OF THE FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN AYURVEDIC SCIENCES
(MINISTRY OF AYUSH)

No.1-1/2026-CCRAS/RTI/3130/1486 dated : 05 JUN 2026

ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

**Shri Kousthubha Upadhyaya,
No.C-261, Gail Apartments, Noida, Sector -
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Appellant

Vs.

CPIO, CCRAS HQrs., New Delhi.

Respondent

BRIEF FACTS OF THE CASE:

1.1 The Appellant had submitted an Online RTI Application registration No.CCRAS/R/E/26/00051 dated 02.04.2026 seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 on six points.

1.2 The reply to the said RTI Application was provided by the Respondent, vide letter No.1-1/2025/CCRAS/RTI/3130/576 dated 29.04.2026.

1.3 The Appellant has preferred the present Appeal registration No.CCRAS/A/E/26/00020 dated 06.05.2026 stating that the CPIO refused access to information requested.

1.4 Also, the Appellant visited the O/o the CPIO on 21.05.2026 and was allowed inspection of the relevant files and thereafter, the copies of the documents, desired by him, have been provided to him vide this Council's letter No.1-1/2026-CCRAS/RTI/3130 dated 03.06.2026.

OBSERVATIONS:

2. The undersigned being the prescribed Appellate Authority has gone through the relevant records, including the RTI Application No.CCRAS/R/E/26/00051 dated 02.04.2026, reply given by the Respondent, vide letters No.1-1/2025/CCRAS/RTI/3130/576 dated 29.04.2026 and No.1-1/2026-CCRAS/RTI/3130 dated 03.06.2026 and submissions made by the Appellant in the Appeal registration No.CCRAS/A/E/26/00020 dated 06.05.2026.

3. In his Appeal, the Appellant, has contended that the CPIO has --

- i) Refused disclosure of information, w.r.t. point 1 of the RTI Application pertaining to qualification/ experience of the incumbent under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. In this regard, the Appellant has highlighted that the CIC in its decision in second appeal No.CIC/GNCTD/A/2017/172386 dated 17.09.2019 has stated that – “It may be noted that providing just the educational qualification of an employee/representation of a Public Authority cannot be debarred from disclosure under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.”
- ii) Failed to transfer the RTI application to the concerned authority under section 6(3) of the Act for providing information on point No.3 of the Application.

FINDINGS

4.1 W.r.t points at para 3(i), the undersigned is of the view that just the educational qualification of an employee of the Public Authority may be disclosed to the Appellant.

4.2 As regards the point at para 3(ii) above, it is noted that the Appellant, in the RTI application dated 02.04.2026, had requested to provide information on the point as follows –

“The details of creation/approval of the posts from the competent authority including date of initiation of proposal, date of approval from Head of the Department, concerned wing head in the Ministry of Ayush and IFD”.

4.3 W.r.t. the above point, the CPIO informed the Appellant that the information regarding the concerned Wing Head in the M/o Ayush and IFD might be obtained direct from the concerned Ministry/Department.

4.4 In this regard, it is noted that this point seeks information which exclusively pertains to the CCRAS and may be provided to the Appellant by the Council itself.

DECISION

5. On careful examination of the matter in the light of the points indicated in the RTI application, information already provided by the CPIO, submissions made in the Appeal, as also the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, the Appellant is informed, w.r.t. the point at --

a) Para 3.(i) above, that the concerned incumbent possesses the qualification/experience as follows:

i)	Qualification	BA, MA
ii)	Experience	Receptionist/Supervisor in the M/o Ayush from 2009 to 2025

b) Para 3(ii) above that the proposal for engagement of a contractual position at the level of Senior Supervisor/Consultant in CCRAS, an autonomous body, was approved by the Secretary (Ayush), in the capacity of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the CCRAS subject to the condition that the proposal would be put up to the Executive Committee for ratification in its next meeting, as indicated in the M/o Ayush’s letter No.L-19013/9/2025-AS (179687) dated 18.12.2025. All the relevant documents related to the issue,

desired by the Appellant, on inspection of the concerned files, have already been provided to him. The matter is now being placed before the Executive Committee for ratification. The above position meets the requirement of point 1 indicated in the RTI application dated 02.04.2026 and thus, need to refer the matter to the MoA is not warranted.

6. In view of the above, the Appeal registration No.CCRAS/A/E/26/00020 dated 06.05.2026, preferred by the Appellant, referred to above, stands disposed of.

7. If the Appellant is not satisfied, he may file an appeal before Central Information Commission, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi - 110066 within the stipulated time.


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1. CPIO, CCRAS HQrs., New Delhi - For necessary action as the directions given above.
2. IT Section, CCRAS - With the request to upload a copy of this order on the website of the CCRAS.