

**BEFORE THE APPELLATE AUTHORITY CONSTITUTED BY THE BOARD
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.**

PERSONAL HEARING ON 12/3/2008

Shivanand R. Ankolekar
A-8, MIDC, Flatted Factory,
LBS Marg, Wagle Estate,
Thane (West) – 400 604

... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Sion, Mumbai-400 022.

... Respondent

ORDER

The appeal is mainly filed by the appellant for not receiving any order against his application filed before the Public Information Officer under Right to Information Act, 2005. The appellant wants to make available the copies of specific correspondence made by and between the MPCB and M/s Master Batteries Pvt. Ltd., Thane as mentioned in the application during the period from 1998 to 2003.

The appellant was given an opportunity of personal hearing before the Appellate Authority under RTI 2005, on 12/3/2008 at 2.30 p.m., but due to some urgent meeting called by the Chairman of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, the Appellate Authority could not hear the appellant. The Appellant was present and he met our Public Information Officer at HQ and informed that since, he is a handicapped person, he will not be able to come for hearing again on another date. He also informed that his grievance is only to make available the copies of correspondence between MPCB & M/s Master Batteries, Thane, as mentioned in his application within specific period of time.

Accordingly, the Public Information Officer of the Board at HQ communicated our concerned Regional Officer (HQ), MPCB, for making available above documents.

The Regional Officer (HQ), MPCB informed that since, the required correspondence is old i.e. for the period from 1998 to 2003, it will take time at least 15 to 20 days to make available copies of the same.

In view of above facts and circumstances, the appellate authority hereby passes following order:

“The Regional Officer (HQ) of the Board is hereby directed to make available the copies of the correspondence required by the appellant within 20 days period of time from the date of issuance of this order, under intimation to the Appellate Authority under RTI, 2005. The information should be sent by R.P.A.D.”

The appeal is therefore disposed off.

Dated this 15th March, 2008

Sd/-
(D.T. Devale)
Appellate Authority