

## Central Information Commission

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No.CIC/OK/A/2007/01248

Dated: 29 February 2008

Name of the Appellant : Shri Patel Vipul R.  
C-7 Shuntipark Society  
Near Tribhovam Park  
Iskcon Temple Road, Suiyadvasna Road  
Vadodara-390 015 (Gujarat)

Name of the Public Authority : Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

### Background:

Shri Patel Vipul of Vadodara filed an RTI-application with the Public Information Officer, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, on 7 July 2007, seeking information relating to the allotment of a staff quarter of the Appellant's sister who worked in the Institution as TGT (Gujarati). The Appellant also wanted to know the rules governing the allotment of staff quarters in the Organization.

2. The PIO vide his letter dated 9 July 2007 replied to his RTI-application. Not satisfied with the reply of the PIO, the Appellant filed an appeal with the first Appellate Authority on 9 July 2007 and then approached the Central Information Commission with a second appeal on 12 September 2007.

3. The bench of Dr. O.P. Kejariwal, Information Commissioner, heard the matter on 28 February 2008.

4. Dr. Chob Singh, Assistant Commissioner & CPIO, Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner & Appellate Authority and Shri H.K. Khandwal, Principal, JNV, represented the Respondents.

5. The Appellant, Shri Patel Vipul, was neither present nor send any representative for the hearing.

### Decision:

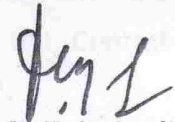
6. In the absence of the Appellant, the Commission heard the Respondents and noted that the case related to the allotment of a staff quarter of the Appellant's sister who worked in the Institution as TGT (Gujarati). Vide his



application, the Appellant wanted to know the rules governing the allotment of staff quarters in the Organization. Surprisingly in the reply, the PIO admitted that they had no rules and regulations for allotment and during the hearing stated that such rules had not yet been laid down and the allotments were made according to the availability of the staff quarters. They brought to the notice of the Commission the information that they had supplied to the Appellant. The Commission was satisfied with the submission because they had indicated allotment of all the staff quarters to various persons including the date of joining of the particular staff member together with the type of quarter allotted and the type of entitlement.

7. The Commission would only like to advise the Navodaya Vidyalaya authorities to lay down the rules and regulations about the allotment as soon as possible. In fact, the Commission finds it difficult to understand how rules about such an important aspect of an Organization's functioning had not been laid down so far. Unless this is done, the Commission is afraid, such questions will continue to come in alleging discrimination and favouritism. It is, therefore, incumbent on the Organization to frame the allotment rules as early as possible.

8. The Commission ordered accordingly.



(O.P. Kejariwal)

Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy:

(G. Subramanian)  
Assistant Registrar



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2. The Public Information Officer, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kajra, Tehsil Chirawa, Distt. Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan-333 030
3. The Appellate Authority, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Regional Office: Jaipur, 18, Sangram Colony, Mahavir Marg, "C" Scheme, Jaipur-302 001
4. Officer Incharge, NIC
5. Press E Group, CIC