Date of hearing	:	26 September 2012
Date of decision	:	26 September 2012
Name of the Appellant	:	Shri Sunil Kumar Hiralal Auluck, 14 F, Malaygiri, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai - 400 094.
Name of the Public Authority	:	CPIO, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Central Complex, 3rd Floor, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085.

The Appellant was present in person.

On behalf of the Respondent, Shri Goverdhan Rao, PIO, was present.

Chief Information Commissioner   :   Shri Satyananda Mishra

2.   Both the parties were present in two different NIC studios in Mumbai. We heard their submissions.

3.   The Appellant had made some statements in his RTI application and had sought information on those statements. The CPIO had responded by saying that he was not expected to provide any clarification on such queries. The Appellate Authority had endorsed the stand taken by the CPIO.

4.   During the hearing, we carefully considered the contents of the RTI queries. The Appellant has not sought any straightforward information within the meaning of section 2(f) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act. Instead, he has qualified his requests with his views on certain matters and has sought only confirmation from the CPIO, something beyond the scope of the duty of the CPIO. In any case, the Respondent pointed out that they had no information in their possession on these queries. We would like the CPIO
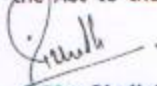
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to inform the Appellant within five working days of receiving this order that the BARC does not have any material record matching the RTI queries.

5. The appeal is disposed off accordingly.

6. Copies of this order be given free of cost to the parties.

(Satyananda Mishra)
Chief Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy. Additional copies of orders shall be supplied against application and payment of the charges prescribed under the Act to the CPIO of this Commission.

(Vijay Bhalla)
Deputy Registrar