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Dr. Harpreet Singh, Room No.428, 3rd Floor, Adesh Medical College Building, **Village Mohri, Tehsil Shahabad**, District Kurukshetra.(M-97805-66319)

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Department of General Surgery, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences, Sector 56-MOHALI.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Department of Medicine, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences, MOHALI.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2075 of 2022

PRESENT: Dr.Harpreet Singh as the Appellant Dr.Neha Sharma –PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant, through an RTI application dated 16.03.2021 has sought ig the document showing maximum marks given by Sh.Alok Shekhar, Principal Secretary in the interview ,for the post of Processor in the Department of Forensic Medicine conducted on 01.03.2022 at 03.00 PM in the Committee Hall, Punjab Bhawan, Chandigarh from the office of Department of General Surgery, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences, Mohali. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 29.03.2022, after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.04.2022, which did not decide on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today. As per the appellant, the PIO has not supplied the document showing the maximum marks given by Sh.Alok Shekher.

The respondent present pleaded that they have already supplied the information to the appellant vide letter dated 29.03.2022 that the cumulative marks awarded by the selection committee are 35 out of 100. However, the segregate marks from the members of the selection committee are not available in their records.

This bench is not agreeable with the plea of the respondent that only cumulative marks exist; simply because the cumulative figure could not have been achieved without totalling the marks of individual members of the selection committee.

Prima-facie, it appears that the information is being concealed or the current PIO does not have custody of the sought information. Hence I am making the Director Principal-Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Institute of Medical Sciences, the deemed PIO by invoking section 5(5) of the RTI Act.

The Director Principal-Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Medical Sciences is directed to provide this information if it exists in the record. If the information is not in record because it never existed at any stage, an affidavit be filed for the same. If the information existed and is now untraceable, this bench be apprised accordingly.

To come up for further hearing on **14.12.2022 at 11.00 AM**.

Chandigarh Dated: 29.11.2022 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to : Director Principal-Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Institure of Medical Sciences, Sector 56-Mohali.