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Sh N. S Bhatti, (advocate) Chamber No. 33, New Judicial Court Complex, Ajnala, Distt Amritsar (M-9855560437)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Social Security Women And Child Development, Pb

Sector-34A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 894 of 2022

Present: (i) None for the Complainant

(ii) For the Respondent: Smt Indu Bala, Sudpt (9354610003) and Smt Harpreet Kaur, Sr Asstt. (94631-87886)

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 13.10.2022 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 16.12.2022 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 13.02.2023 in the Commission.
- 3. The Complainant is not present today. However, he has informed telephonically that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today.
- 4. Smt. Indu Bala –cum- Suptd appeared on behalf of the respondent i.e. Director, Social Security Women and Child Development, Punjab department before the undersigned on 13.02.2023 intimated that a similar case on almost same grounds has been fixed before the Bench of Sh. Khushwant Singh, SIC. When the undersigned confronted her to supply full details of that case, which according to her is fixed before the

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bench of Sh. Khushwant Singh, so that both the cases could be clubbed and heard by a single bench instead of two different benches who may take different views. However, she could not explain the case which was said to be fixed with the other bench. Instead of complying with the order of the undersigned , she started shouting in the chamber and used abusive and filthy language which tantamount to unbecoming a public servant. She used un-parliamentary words and leveled uncalled for allegation against the undersigned alleging that the Commission was biased and favoring the appellant intentionally. It is observed that leveling of baseless and frivolous allegations against the Commission is not expected from a civil servant.

- 5. The undersigned takes a very serious view of the matter and recommends that strict disciplinary action may be initiated against Smt. Indu Bala, Suptd for misbehaving and creating ruckus in the chamber. I, therefore, direct that the Principal Secretary shall conduct a thorough enquiry into this matter and take suitable disciplinary action against Smt. Indu Bala as contemplated under Section 20 (2) RTI Act 2005
- 6. A copy of this order may be forwarded to the Director, Social Security Women And Child Development, Pb and Principal Secretary for taking necessary action against the delinquent officer/official . A compliance report of the action taken against this official/officer may be sent to the Commission within one month.
- 7. To come up on **22.03.2023 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 13.02.2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

THROUGH REGISTERED POST

- i) Principal Secretary, Social Security Women and Child Development, Pb Pb Civil Sectt-II, Sector-9, Chandigarh (to take necessary action and send a compliance report in this regard)
- ii) Director, Social Security Women And Child Development, Pb, Sector-34A, Chandigarh