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Dr. Dhandeep Singh, Associate Professor,
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences &
Drug Research, Punjabi University, Patiala.
H No 195, Ajit Nagar, Patiala. M : 9815245189
Vs

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar, Punjabi University,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority ,
O/o Dean Academic Affairs,
Punjabi University, Patiala.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4571/2022

Present:- Dr. Dhandeep Singh, appellant.

Sh. Vikrant Sharma, Advocate on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.1.2023.

2. The brief of the case is that the appellant is an Associate Professor in the Pharmaceutical Sciences & Drug Research Department, Punjabi University, Patiala and his claim for promotion as a Professor was rejected by the University in an interview held on 20.6.2022. As per the submissions of the appellant, the Syndicate approved the result on 21.6.2022 despite dissent by Government nominees. Further the apprehension of the appellant is that in accordance with the UGC rules, his claim cannot be rejected and a teacher with lower merit has been promoted on the same day. His promotion was rightly rejected by the University or not, is not the subject matter of the case. But he has sought the information related to the matter as per his RTI application (51 points) dated 18.7.2022. The University supplied the information to the appellant. Again the appellant pointed out the deficiencies in the information vide his letter dated 9.11.2022 and the respondent removed the same vide letter dated 25.1.2023. The appellant again filed the further deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondent, a copy of which was handed over to the Counsel of the respondent during the hearing today for point wise deliberations.

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3. During the deliberations with both the parties the respondent brought to the notice that the appellant has also filed a complaint separately to the Government on the issues involved in this case. Also, the fact came into light that the Government has already constituted a High Level Committee comprising Director Public Instructions and Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Since the Commission is not aware of the same and before taking any further decision, the appellant is directed to provide a copy of the complaint along with the order of the Government for constitution of High Level Committee before the next date of hearing. Considering the nature of issue involved herein, a copy of this order along with the case file is being sent to the Registry Branch for constitution of Double Bench.

4. Also, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to send a fact knowing official related to the RTI application along with the original record to assist the Counsel on the next date of hearing which will be communicated to the parties after constitution of the Double Bench.

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Dated: 7.3.2023

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

D.R.(with case file)