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Karuneshkar, V. P. O. – Manakpur Sharif, Tehsil – Kharar, Distt. – S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab) - 140110 (M.-79869-52738)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director, Treasury and Accounts, Deptt. Of Finance, Planning Bhawan, Sector-33A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director, Treasury and Accounts, Deptt. Of Finance, Planning Bhawan, Sector-33A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4445 of 2022

Present: Sh. Karuneshkar, the appellant in person.

Sh. Parmjit Pandove, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, on behalf of the respondent.

V/s

ORDER

Heard in the Commission

- 2. The RTI request is dated 13.06.2022. First appeal is dated 18.07.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.09.2022.
- 3. The appellant, Sh. Karuneshkar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date
- 4. Sh. Parmjit Pandove, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 81 dated 04.08.2022, intimating that the information demanded through RTI request is personal information and is exempted from disclosure under Section 8 (j) and 8 (f) of the RTI Act. It is placed in the case-file.

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5. After going through the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, it emerges that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request at point nos 1 and 2 is not 'third party' information. I, accordingly, overrule the objection of the Respondent and direct that the information demanded by the appellant regarding point nos. 1 and 2 of the RTI request be provided to the appellant. Further, information at point no. 03 is in shape of 'question' hence the same cannot be provided. The appellant may take note that in the judgment of Central Information Commission vide order dated 21.04.2006 in case no. CIC/AT/A/2006/00045 has decided that -

(The RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries, as in this case, in which a petitioner attempts to elicit answers to his questions with prefixes, such as, why, what, when and whether. The petitioner's right extends only to seeking information as defined in Section 2 (f) either by pinpointing the file, document, paper or record, etc., or by mentioning the type of information as may be available with the specified public authority.)

6. To come up on 19th December, 2022(Monday) at 12:00 P. M. for further hearing in the Commission. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Puniab