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Sh. Gaganpreet Singh (Advocate) Chamber No.8039, 8 th Floor, New Court Complex, Part II, Ludhiana

..Vs

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o ADGP (security) Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADGP (security) Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 401 of 2021 Through CISCO Webex

Present : (i) Sh Gaganpreet Singh, appellant

(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sarabjit Singh, DSP, Security Wing(95013000140) and Sh Bhajan Singh, Sub Inspector (98558-53935) (*In the Commission office*)

<u>ORDER</u>

This case has been re-allocated to the division bench of the undersigned, vide orders of Hon'ble CIC dated 20.07.2021. Accordingly notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2021.

2. The Appellant states that the relevant information has not been provided to him till date.He further refers to a judgement passed in case titled as "Additional Director General of Police Versus State Information Commissioner, Haryana" passed by Hon'ble Justice Mr Rajesh, Bindal, Punjab & Haryana High Court and states that the sought information be provided to him.

3. The Respondent states that the requisite information cannot be provided to the Appellant as the Security Wing of Punjab Police has been kept out of purview of the Right to Information Act-2005. vide notification of the Government of Punjab Dated 23rd February, 2006.

4. After perusing the case file and the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that, the appellant has sought information through his RTI application on the following points:-

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- "1) To provide details of total expenditure involved in the Security of each MP, MLA and other social political and religious leaders of the Punjab State and information must contain specify expenditure involved per member.
- 2) To provide information as to how many security vehicles are involved as Pilot vehicle and Security Vehicles for the security of each MP, MLA and other social political and religious leaders of Punjab State.
- 3) To provide information as to according to the policy/norms how may security personnel's can be provided to each MLA and MP and their family members.
- 4) To provide the copy of the policy/norms under which the security personnel can be provided to anyone in Punjab.
- 5) Details of total expenditure took place in the year 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 as diesel and petrol expenses.
- 6) Details of the wear and tear costs of the security vehicles.
- 7) Information is required in form of details of the account concerning Individual MP, MLA and other social political and religious leaders of any other person."

The Respondent has filed their reply stating that the information cannot be provided to the Appellant. They have also sent their reply regarding the same to the Appellant. Further the Respondent has also filed a copy of the orders passed in CWP No. 18615 of 2011 by Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh stating that the information cannot be provided to the petitioner as the Security Wing of Punjab is exempted from the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Hence, the Bench is of the view that the information sought by the Appellant cannot be provided to him. In view of the foregoing, the Appeal case filed by the Appellant is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner Punjab Dated : 01.09.2021 Sd/-(Maninder Singh Patti) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC: PS/SIC(MSP)