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APPEAL CASE NO. 1759 OF 2020

Shri Manjit Singh (7696282813)
S/o Shri Sohan Singh
#388/3, Dhandolian Road, PATIALA.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
PATIALA.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director General of Police, Punjab,
Sector-9, CHANDIGARH.

...Respondents

HEARD Through CISCO WEBEX – VC

PRESENT Sh. Manjit Singh, Appellant.
Sh. Hakam Singh, ASI, on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER

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2. The appellant orally says that sought for information has not been supplied by the respondents till date.

3. The Respondent states that sought for information has been denied under Section 8(1)J, 8(1) G being confidential vide their letter No.AC1759-2021+67 AC-1461/RTI dated 28.07.2021. The letter is taken on record.

4. The instant RTI is discussed during hearing at length. It is observed that the appellant is demanding numerous information of a particular official. It appears that he is having some personal grudge against the official. It is also observed that there seems to be no

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"37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficacy of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collection and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to appellants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing' at the cost of their normal and regular duties".

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5. In the light of above, the instant appeal case **is ordered to be disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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