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Sh. Raj Kumar Magu, H NO-1253, Sector-17, Faridabad.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Police Commissioner, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DGP, Pb, Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 552 of 2021

PRESENT: Sh.Raj Kumar Magu as the Appellant on Whatsapp

Ms.Paramjit Kaur, Inspector for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 21.01.2020 has sought information regarding copy of FIR No.0002 dated 04.01.2019 registered under Dowry Prohibition Act 1961 in the women police station, D-division, Lahori Gate – copy of day to day proceedings, power of attorney, all investigations, reports and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of Police Commissioner, Amritsar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.09.2020 which disposed of the appeal on 29.09.2020 with the decision that since the challan has been presented in the court of Sh.Simranjit Singh, JMIC Amritsar, the information be got from them.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. As per appellant, the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present pleaded that since the challan has already been presented in the court, the appellant may get the information from the court. The Commission has also received a reply of the PIO on 18.05.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Since in this case, investigation is complete, and the challan has been presented, the reply of the DCP Amritsar is not sustainable in the eyes of the laws and the copies of statements and other information can be given to the applicant once the enquiry/investigation is complete and the challan has been presented in the court of law and there would be no requirement for the applicant or the Commission to ask the Judicial Courts. Further CIC New Delhi has held on the same terms in case of CIC/SA/A/2015/000136 Arun Sharma vs Tis Hazari Court wherein the Ld CIC has held that as and when the challan is presented, the police authorities can be asked to supply the documents.

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Hence the PIO is directed to provide all the information to the appellant relating to this RTI application within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for compliance on **06.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Chandigarh Dated: 07.07.2021 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner