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Kothi No.585, Phase -2, (Sector-54)

S.A.S.Nagar. Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab

Vigilance Department, Punjab Civil Sectt.,

Sector-1, Chandigarh Respondent

**COMPLAINT CASE NO.1212/2017**

Date of RTI application : 10.10.2017

Date of First Appeal : Nil

Date of Order of FAA : Reply 26.10.2017

Date of 2nd Appeal/complaint :02.11.2017

**Present:** Adv. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Complainant in person.

1. SI Avtar Singh, RTI In charge, O/o Punjab Vigilance Bureau,

2. Smt. Saroj Rani, Sr. Assistant, Budget & Estt. Br., Vigilance Department, Pb. Civil Sectt, and

3. Sh. Harbans Singh, Superintendent, Lok Pal office, Punjab – for Respondents.

**ORDER**

The complainant had sought to know the procedure being adopted to dispose of the petitions/applications received in the Department of Vigilance, Punjab. He has specifically mentioned the action taken along with notings on a letter dated 30.08.2017 sent by the complainant to the office of the Chief Secretary in the Department of Vigilance, Punjab.

Vide their reply the respondents have intimated the complainant that the requisite information is available on their website and the procedure being followed is available in their manual which stands also uploaded. On further enquiry the complainant had refused to divulge the contents of the complaint to the Commission on the pretext that it is not obliged to do so.

The Commission is not inclined to accept his version. The specific issue in hand has to be in the knowledge of the Commission so as to take a wholesome decision and to see as to Contd…page…2

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whether the information does not attract any exemption clause and some public interest is involved. The complainant is directed to apprise the Commission of the original application filed by him to the Public Authority in order to arrive at an appropriate decision.

To come up on **11.01.2018 at 11.30 AM.**

**Sd/-**

**12.12.2017 (Yashvir Mahajan)**

**State Information Commissioner**