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Sh. Deepak Khurana, Advocate, # 264/16, Nai Abadi, Chotti Pori, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka-152116 (8837582865)

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Chief Director Vigilance Bureau Punjab Vigilance Bhawan, Sector 68,SAS Nagar

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Chief Director Vigilance Bureau Punjab Vigilance Bhawan, Sector 68,SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

# AC No. 767 of 2020

..Vs

Present: (i) Sh. Deepak Khuarana, the appellant (through CISCO WEBEX)
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Krishan Lal, Supdt-cum-APIO, (9417579836) Sh. Kanwardeep Singh, ADA (VB) (9803333363) and Sh.Rajesh Kumar, SI on behalf of the FAA(9888805958)

# ORDER

The above said appeal case was earlier heard by Madam Preety Chawla, SIC. On 11.08.2020 the case was sent to the registry branch for Double bench/Larger bench. On 18.08.2020, Chief Information Commissioner has constituted Double /bench comprising of Madam Preety Chawla SIC and Mr. Avtar Singh, Kaler, SIC. Accordingly, the notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 14.10.2020 i.e. today.

2. Today, Sh. Deepak Khurana the appellant is appearing through CISCO WEBEX and states that he is not satisfied with the information provided by the respondents.

3. Respondent states that the appellant has demanded information on three points , which are as under:-

"Toll free complaint 272 dated 14.10.2016 against ASI Baljeet Singh, HC Amrik Singh and after Reinvestigate matter.

- 1) Copy of statement of Inspector Amandeep Singh
- 2) Copy of statement of DSP Makhan Singh intelligence Bureau, Fazilka
- 3) Final order of investigation of Chief Director Vigilance Bureau Punjab

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#### The respondent has also filed his reply on oath paper which is as under:-

ਨੁੱਕਤਾ ਨੰਬਰ 1:- Copy of Statement of Insp. Amandeep Singh. ਜਵਾਬ :- ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਟੋਲਫਰੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਨੰਬਰ 272/16 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਬਿਆਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਇਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ, ਗਵਾਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ, ਪਤੇ ਆਦਿ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ.ਐਕਟ-2005 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 8(1)(g) ਅਤੇ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਨੰ. ਸੀ.ਆਈ.ਸੀ./ਏ.ਟੀ./ਏ/2006/00310, ਮਿਤੀ 14.12.2006 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਨੁਕਤਾ ਨੰਬਰ 2:- Copy of Statement of DSP Makhan Singh, Vigilance Bureau, Fazilka. ਜਵਾਬ :- ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਟੋਲਫਰੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਨੰਬਰ 272/16 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਬਿਆਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਇਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ, ਗਵਾਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ, ਪਤੇ ਆਦਿ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ.ਐਕਟ-2005 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 8(1)(g) ਅਤੇ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਨੰ. ਸੀ.ਆਈ.ਸੀ./ਏ.ਟੀ./ਏ/2006/00310, ਮਿਤੀ 14.12.2006 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਨੁਕਤਾ ਨੰਬਰ 3:- Final Order of investigation of Chief Director Vigilance Bureau, Punjab. ਜਵਾਬ :- ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਟੋਲ ਫਰੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਨੰਬਰ 272/16 ਦੇ ਉਪਰ ਹੋਏ ਅੰਤਮ ਹੁੱਕਮਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਨੋਟਿੰਗ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 55449/ਵਬ/ਐਸ-14, ਮਿਤੀ 27.12.19 ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ।

He has filed Judgment of Central Information Commission dated 14.12.2006 mentioning therein that "In several similar cases in past, the Commission has held that such enquiry reports need not be provided in toto to an information-requester, mainly because these reports contain names and other particulars of deponents as well as people, who assist the police authorities in investigating cases. Disclosure of the names of such persons would expose them to avoidable risk and may also compromise the source of information. However, as a via media i.e. between the need for protecting such information from disclosure and the right of the citizen to access information, it has been consistently decided that the concluding parts of such reports need to be disclosed to the requesters. While doing so, the public authority should make sure that this part does not have names and other particulars of deponents and sources of the information received by the law enforcing agency."

4. The appellant Sh. Deepak Khurana wants to file his rejoinder, hence one opportunity is given to him to file his rejoinder by the next date of hearing with a copy to the respondent.

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5. To come up **on 02.12.2020 at 12.30 PM** through CISCO WEBEX. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler) State Information Commissioner Punjab sd/-

(Madam Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner Punjab