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Krishan Kumar Singla, # 195/2, Sector-45-A, Chandigarh

Versus

Public Information Officer.

o/o Finance Department, (Finance Expenditure Branch 6), Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Finance Department, (Finance Expenditure Branch 6), Punjab Civil, Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 3370 of 2019

PRESENT:

Krishan Kumar Singla (Appellant) 98784-49195 Harbans Singh, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) Amritpal Kaur, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 81469-92028

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 16.5.19 vide which the appellant has sought <u>information</u> <u>pertaining to the tenure</u>, <u>attendance record and residential addresses of one woman <u>employee</u>, <u>Palwinder Kaur</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.9.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 14.11.19.</u>
- 2. Both parties are present.
- 3. The respondent PIO-Cum-Superintendent Harbans Singh and Amritpal Kaur, Senior Assistant, have submitted a written reply which includes order of the First Appellate Authority dated: 17.7.19.
- 4. The appellant has admitted that he has filed this RTI application and subsequent appeals to try and counter sexual harassment charges leveled by Palwinder Kaur, about whom he has sought voluminous information. It is also come to light that this appellant has filed several RTI applications pertaining to the same individual.
- 5. Order Reserved.

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Krishan Kumar Singla (Appellant) 98784-49195 Gurpreet Singh, PIO-cum-Superintendent (Respondent) 98151-37027 Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 92565-42225

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.6.19 vide which the appellant has sought <u>voluminous</u> information pertaining to the tenure and official work done, leave record etc. of one <u>Woman employee Palwinder Kaur, who incidentally had charged him with sexual harrassment</u>, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.9.19 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on 14.11.19.
- 2. Both parties are present.
- 3. The respondent PIO-Cum-Superintendent, Gurpreet Singh and Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, submitted that the Internal Complaints Committee, which is probing the sexual harassment charges leveled against the appellant by Palwinder Kaur, had on 6.8.18, stated that the appellant Krishan Kumar Singla could take the information he has requested in his RTI application, through that committee.
- 4. It was also pointed out that the information sought by the applicant via 11 points of his RTI application, is voluminous and likely to amount to a substantial diversion of government resources.
- 5. Meanwhile, the appellant, Krishan Kumar Singla, has admitted at this hearing, that he filed this RTI application and appeal to First Appellate Authority and gone to the second appeal, to counter sexual harassment charges leveled against him by Palwinder Kaur. It has also come to light that this appellant has filed several RTI applications pertaining to the same woman employee.

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