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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Shishu Paul Verma (7589328784)** Appellant  
# 143, NMS Colony, Tripari,  
Patiala 147004.

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**  
O/o Registrar, Punjabi University,  
Patiala.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University,  
Patiala

Respondent

## Appeal Case No.: 326 of 2020

### ORDER

1. The judgment in this appeal case was reserved vide orders dated 29.06.2021 to be pronounced on 15.07.2021 i.e. today.
2. The applicant, Sh. Shishu Paul Verma, in his RTI request dated 21.10.2020 demanded information which is as under:

#### **Sub: Submission of RTI Application under S. 6 of RTI Act, 2005**

Sir,

Please supply certified copies of the information-records on the points mentioned below and after supply and receipt thereof let me inspect the records concerning thereto for seeking/taking any further information-records with supply of such records, then and there, as may be sought.

1. Supply certified copy(ies) of the action-taken report, file-notings, orders-passed, records-files made and correspondence done & exchanged on my Pay-Bills dated **02-06-2020** for the **Subjects/Papers : Business Laws and Women & Entrepreneurship** of MBA-FYIC-AM/FM & M.A.(Women Study) respectively, regarding the pending payments of Honorarium for/ of the Guest Faculty Lecturer/Law & Management, for the period from Jan., 2020 to Apr., 2020, submitted to the Head-USAM and Director-WSC, Punjabi University, Patiala.
2. Supply certified copy(ies) of the action-taken report, file-notings, orders-passed, records-files made and correspondence done & exchanged on my said Pay-Bills dated 02-06-2020 by the Registrar, Dean - Academic Affairs, Vice-Chancellor and Superintendent-Salary/Cheque-Section, Punjabi University, Patiala.
3. Supply certified copy(ies) of the action-taken report, file-notings, orders-passed, records-files made and correspondence done & exchanged on my Emails dated 21-08-2020 & 03-09-2020 to the Head-USAM & Director-WSC, Email dated 02-09-2020 to the Dean, Academic Affairs and Emails dated 14-09-2020 to the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala.
4. Supply certified copy(ies) of the action-taken report, file-notings, orders-passed, records-files made and correspondence done & exchanged on my Legal Notice dated 03-10-2020 sent to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Head-USAM and Director-WSC, Punjabi University, Patiala.
5. Supply certified copy(ies) of the Students List (giving Students' Name with Father/Mother Name - Section-Wise and their Class Roll Numbers) promoted to Part-II/Semester-III/MBA-FYIC- AM/FM and also of the Students of M.A. (Women Study) who appeared/passed-out the Part-II/Semester-IV Online Final/Exit Exam held on 29-09-2020.
6. Let me do inspection, photography, videography and scanning of all original records, files and documents pertaining to Para 1-5 above, after supply of the above documents/records sought.

3. After failing to get satisfactory response from the respondent Public Information Officer (PIO) and First Appellate Authority concerned, Sh. Shishu Paul Verma moved an appeal, dated 06.01.2021, under Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005 (hereinafter Act only) in the State Information Commission, Punjab (hereinafter Commission only).

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4. After receiving the appeal of Sh. Shishu Paul Verma, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties concerned and the case was listed for hearing on 10.03.2021.
5. On the first date of hearing, held on 10.03.2021, appellant intimated the Commission that he is not satisfied with the supplied reply and he submitted a copy of judgments passed by the Central Information Commission in Appeal No. CIC/WB/A/2006/00144 dated 20.03.2006 and CIC/AD/A/09/00215 dated 23.02.2009 regarding approval for Videography.

Respondent PIO was not present but a reply from respondent PIO vide letter no. 1275 dated 05.03.2021 was received in the Commission vide diary no. 5392 dated 08.03.2021 stating that through a letter dated 11.11.2020, appellant was called for inspection of record on 20.11.2020 (as per reply of the respondent dated 11.11.2020 at 12:00 Noon and after 04:00 PM to inspect record as per Section 2(j) of the RTI Act) but appellant intimated the respondent PIO on 17.11.2020 to supply the requisite information first and he filed First Appeal on 20.11.2020.

In that reply respondent PIO also mentioned that requisite information was sent through registered post to the appellant dated 05.03.2021 comprising 62 pages (in connection with point no. 1 to 5 as per RTI application) and in connection with point no. 6 respondent PIO mentioned as follows:

6	Let me do inspection, photography, videography and scanning of all original records, files and documents pertaining to Para 1-5 above, after supply of the above documents/records sought.	ਕੁਮਾਰ 06 ਵਿਚ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੀ Photography, Videography and scanning ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ RTI Act-2005 ਦੀ ਮੋਜੂਦਾ ਪ੍ਰੋਵੀਜ਼ਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ-ਸਮੇਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਸੇਧਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਵੀ ਅਜਿਹੀ ਪ੍ਰੋਵੀਜ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ Central Govt ਜਾਂ Department of Ministry and Training, Govt of India ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਐਕਟ ਤਹਿਤ vested sections/clauses ਅਨੁਸਾਰ Photography, Videography and scanning ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਵੱਲੋਂ Central Information Commission, New Delhi ਦੇ Case No. CIC/AD/A/09/00125 dated 23.02.2009 and AC Case No-CIC/WB/A/2006 ਮਿਤੀ 20.03.2006 ਦੇ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੀ Photography, Videography and scanning ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ RTI Act-2005 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 15(1) ਤਹਿਤ ਹਰ ਸਟੇਟ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਸਥਾਪਤ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਦੀ ਐਕਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ accountability ਸਿਰਫ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਨੂੰ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਸਟੇਟ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ, ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੀ Photography, Videography and scanning ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਆਦੇਸ਼ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ, ਉਹ ਇਕ Individual ਕੇਸ ਵਿਚ ਹਨ ਨਾ ਕਿ University ਤੋਂ ਤੇ।
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Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 22.04.2021 with the directions to both the parties to appear in person to clear the facts of this case.

6. On the hearing, held on 22.04.2021, Advocate, Sh. Surajpreet Singh, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and stated that requisite information had already been supplied to the appellant on March 5th, 2021 comprising of 62 pages in connection with point no. 1,2,3,4 and 5 of the RTI application. He added that reply in connection with point no. 6 has also been supplied to the appellant. He further mentioned that appellant was called to inspect the official record through letter dated 11.11.2020 but appellant denied to do so.

Appellant expressed his dissatisfaction with the supplied information, accordingly, appellant was advised to visit the respondent's office on 03.05.2021 at 11:00 AM and contact the concerned official Sh. Khushwant Singh, Superintendent, Contact No. 9855938888 (as per details provided by the Advocate, Sh. Surajpreet Singh) to inspect the official record and identify the required pages. Respondent PIO was directed to supply the identified pages as per RTI Act, 2005. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 01.06.2021 but due to technical issue, matter was further adjourned for hearing on 29.06.2021.

7. On hearing held on 29.06.2021, appellant intimated the Commission that requisite information is received after the 140 days and requests the Commission to penalize the respondent PIO, compensate him and for the disciplinary action who is responsible for the delaying the information to be supplied. He added that he has submitted a reply in this regard dated 10.03.2021, which is on the record.
8. I am of the considered view that respondent PIO continuously responded to the notices and orders of the Commission and supplied information to the appellant time and again. It is observed that there is no malafide delay on the part of respondent PIO as reply dated 11.11.2020 was sent to him within the stipulated time period for inspection of the record. Respondent PIO had already supplied reply/information on hearings held on 10.03.2021, 22.04.2021 and 03.05.2021. Respondent PIO had also complied with the orders of the Commission dated 22.04.2021 through which he was directed to supply the record for inspection to the appellant on 03.05.2021, which had already been supplied to the appellant as per RTI application to the appellant's satisfaction level.

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Therefore, no further cause of action is required in this case. Hence, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed** at the Commission's end.

9. Announced in the Court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 15.07.2021 (12:30 P.M.)**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**