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S Harbinder Singh, (M-9888145991)

S/o ShPiara Singh,
R/o Village KotlaKhurd(Khushipur),
PO Kathunangal,
Tehsil &Distt Amritsar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI(Colleges) Pb, Mohali
First Appellate Authority
O/o DPI(Colleges) Pb, Mohali
2. Public Information Officer,
O/o Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No. 710 of 2020
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Manjit Singh, Assistant Registrar, O/o Guru Nanak Dev University, (94170-32936), Sh. Hemchand, Sr. Assistant, o/o DPI(C) (9646823270)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.06.2020 vide which PIO, o/o Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar was impleaded as respondent no. 2.

2. The appellant is absent today.

3. Sh. Hemchand, Sr. Assistant , o/o DPI (C) states that they have already transferred the RTI of the appellant to the PIO, o/o Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

4. Sh. Manjit Singh, Assistant Registrar from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar is appearing and states that their college is not a 'public authority' within the meaning of Section 2 (h) RTI Act 2005. According to the Respondent, the university is purely a private University .

5. Respondent no. 2 is directed to file an affidavit stating the same on or before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on **16.09.2020 at 10.30 AM** through CISCO Webex. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. AnoopLal Sharma, R/o 39/9,
Rani Ka Bagh (Near Ravi Gas Godown),
Amritsar -143001

.....Complainant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs,
Punjab Civil Sectt., Chandigarh

.....Respondent

CC No. 95 of 2020
(Through CISCO-WEBEX)

Present: (i) Sh Anoop Lal Sharma, Complainant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Kamal, Supdt. (9872896062)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.06.2020 vide which the respondent was absent and one more opportunity was given to him to appear before the Commission.

2. The Complainant Sh. Anoop Lal Sharma states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent Sh. Kamal states that the information cannot be provided under Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act 2005 i.e. *information which would impede the process of investigation or apprehension or prosecution of offenders*. He further adds that the information demanded by the appellant is under enquiry.

4. The respondent is directed to file an affidavit stating the same on or before the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant.

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Sh. Ajay Nand alias Ajay Kumar Mehta,
Late Sri Nand, R/o C-118, East Mohan Nagar,
Chamrang Road, Amritsar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Health Officer, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No. 4503 of 2019
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Ajay Nand the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Dr. Rajesh Kumar, M.O-cum- PIO (9888805958)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.06.2020 vide which the appellant was absent and one more opportunity was given to him to appear before the Commission.

2. Today, the respondent states that they have already sent their reply to the appellant and the Commission.
3. The respondent is again directed to file his specific, point-wise reply before the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant.
4. To come up on **16.09.2020 at 10.30 AM** through CISCO Webex. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Ajay Nand/ Ajay Kumar Mehta, (M:98146-46309)

C-118, East Mohan Nagar,

Chamrang Road, Amritsar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o DGP, Vigilance Bureau,Pb

Vigilance Bhawan, Sector 68, SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority

O/o DGP, Vigilance Bureau,Pb

Vigilance Bhawan, Sector 68, SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

AC No. 992 of 2020

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Ajay Nand the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Rajesh Kumar, SI through CISCO Webex

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.06.2020 vide which the appellant was absent and one more opportunity was given to him to appear before the Commission.

2. The respondent Sh. Rajesh Kumar states that he has already sent his reply.

3. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant has not demanded specific information. He has also demanded voluminous information. The appellant may take note that there is a judgment of The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under -

(37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or

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intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

4. Both the parties i.e. the appellant or the respondent are directed to again send their replies to the Commission before the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on **16.09.2020 at 10.30 AM** through CISCO Webex. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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C-118, East Mohan Nagar,

Chamrang Road, Amritsar

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSP, Vigilance Bureau,

Kichlu Road, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o SSP, Vigilance Bureau,

Kichlu Road, Amritsar

.....Respondent

AC No. 993 of 2020

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Ajay Nand the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Smt. Meena Kumari, Sr. Assistant (9815240898)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.06.2020 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. The respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant is not specific.

3. The appellant states that the reply of the respondent is not correct.

4. Respondent is directed to again send point-wise specific reply before the next date of hearing. Respondent is also directed to provide complete information, as exists, in the record to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **16.09.2020 at 10.30 AM** through CISCO Webex. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Rajwinder Singh, S/o S Kulwant Singh,
House No 2636, Street No.1,
Azad Nagar, Near Shimla Market, Putligarh,
Amritsar

.....Complainant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Vigilance Bureau Range,
Near Court Complex, Amritsar-143001

.....Respondent

CC No. 117 of 2019
(Through CISCO-WEBEX)

Present: (i) Sh Rajwinder Singh, Complainant.

(ii) For the Respondent: Smt Meena Kumari, Sr Asstt. (M-98152-40898)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.06.2020.

2. Smt. Meena Kumari-Sr Asstt. is appearing on behalf of the Respondent and states that the information relates to PIO, Head Office, Vigilance Bureau, Mohali. Hence the RTI of the Complainant has already been transferred to them.

3. The Complainant states that he has not received the information till date. Further, he states that the information pertaining to Respondent, o/o Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar has also not been provided to him.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the Complainant. Hence, the respondent o/o Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar is directed to provide information pertaining to them, to the Complainant within 10 days.

5. To come up for further proceedings on **16.09.2020 at 10:30AM through CISCO-WEBEX.**

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