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Shri Manjit Singh
s/o Shri Sohan Singh
House No. 388/3,
Dhahdholian Road,
Patiala

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Mini Secretariat,
Patiala & ors

....Respondents

Appeal Case(AC) No. 2051 of 2019 and AC No. 2052 of 2019

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant in person.
Ms Neetu Rani, Sr. Asstt. and Ms Daljit Kaur o/o Deputy Commissioner Patiala
and ASI Shri Hakam Singh, o/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala on
behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

The appellant, Shri Manjit Singh has filed the above said cases of 2nd appeal relating to the Public Information Officers of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Since, the 145 cases related to the appellant was pending in the Commission and the Commission decided in public interest that all the cases of the appellant be heard by this full bench, since the appellant is the same and the information sought concerns one office only i.e. Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

Accordingly, the notice was served to the parties for hearing today i.e. 27.2.2020.

The brief of the case is that the appellant has sought the information in both the cases related to the Cheque(s) bearing no. 830954 dated 9.9.2016 and 563627 dated 4.10.2016 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala and requested for the information that to whom the same have been issued, amount, copies of its proposal, cheque(s), bills and utilization thereof.

The appellant states that he is satisfied with the information so provided by the

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respondents in both the cases except that the copy of bills related to the cheques have not been provided to him and requests for the copies of bills thereof. The representative of the respondents Ms Neetu Rani submits the copy of letter No. 741 dated 6.9.2019 and No. 30 dated 12.9.2019, which has been taken on record and states that the complete information i.e. whatever record available in the office pertaining to the cheques have been provided to the appellant. Further the representative of the respondents states that the cheque(s) were issued for the installation of CCTV cameras at the premises of Shri Kali Devi Mandir, Patiala and at the Mini Secretariat, Patiala. In addition to the above, the representative of the respondents also states that the letter was issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to provide the copies of bills that are in their custody but they have denied the same under Section 8(1)(D) due to security reasons copy of which has been sent by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to the Commission with a copy to the appellant and the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, Furthermore, the representative of the respondents states that the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala has written to the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala that it will not be in the public interest to disclose the name of the firm and the location of the CCTV cameras due to security reasons. Hence, the representative of the respondents shows her inability to provide the copy of bills due to security reasons and in public interest. The representative of the respondents further submits that the similar information has been asked by the appellant from the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala i.e. concerning the bills of the CCTV cameras installed at Shri Kali Devi Mandir, Patiala and Mini Secretariat, Patiala as has been sought by the appellant in the instant case and the cases bearing Appeal Case No. 4161 of 2019, Appeal Case No. 4163 of 2019 and Appeal Case No. 4160 of 2019 have been disposed of by the Commission after going through the each aspect of the matter. In addition to it, the representative of the respondents further states that the appellant has also filed the Civil Writ Petition in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh in this regard but hiding this fact from the Commission, hence, requests for the closure of the case.

After hearing the parties concerned, Commission is of the view that the complete information as available in the record of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala has been provided to the appellant by the respondent that too agreed by the appellant and regarding

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the copy of bills, which are in the custody of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, and the matter has already been decided at length by the Commission vide its orders in Appeal Case No. 4161 of 2019, Appeal Case No. 4163 of 2019 and Appeal Case No. 4160 of 2019 on the application filed by the same appellant Shri Manjit Singh.

Accordingly, the Commission observes that no more cause of action is left, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Sd/-
(Mrs. Preety Chawla)
State Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Sd/-
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Dated: 27.2.2020

CC :

Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information:

1. The Deputy Commissioner (by name)
Mini Secretariat,
Patiala

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