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Sh. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu (95015-11388)

#24, Blossoms Enclave, Lane-1, Nabha Road, Patiala-147005.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal, Govt. Sen. Sr. School, Kalyan, Distt. Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o DPI (SE), Vidya Bhawan (PSEB), Block-E, 4th Floor, Phase-VIII, Ajitgarh (Mohali) Punjab-160062.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1158 of 2019

Present: Sh. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, the appellant present in person.

Nobody present on the behalf of respondent.

ORDER

1. Read this case with the reference of previous hearing dated 09.07.2019.

2. Respondent is absent for today's hearing but an email along with copy of information and other related attachments has been received in the Commission from email id rajeshmanju291069@gmail.com on 29.07.2019 mentioning therein that requisite information has been sent to the appellant through registered post and through email. This email is taken on record.

- 3. Sh. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu states that incomplete/irrelevant requisite information has been provided as the respondent has not provided the month-wise salary details as requisite in RTI application. Secondly he also gave the reference of his submission along with related references of various courts received through registered post in the Commission vide diary no. 14336 dated 26.07.2019. In this submission, he gave references of decisions/observations of different High Courts/Central information Commission etc. in which orders have passed are briefed as below:
 - a) Decision of High Court of Jharkhand by J. H.C. Mishra dated 23/06/2016 in W.P. (S) No. 5875 of 2014 where Getta Kumari as petitioner versus The State of Jharkhand and others as respondent: Documents with respect to appointment and Educational Qualification are not considered as personal information of a person who is appointed to a Government Job.
 - b) In reference to Judgment of Central Information Commissioner, Smt. Annapurna Dixit in case no. CIC/AD/A/2012/000256 observed as stated: Father's name is necessary to identify the degree-holding student, as there might be several students with same name; student's roll number and other ancillary details are also essential for specific identification for degree holder. It is further added therein that the Commission (CIC) observes that disclosure of educational records of a student, maintained at University in no way infringes his/her right to privacy, hence cannot be any violation of section 8 (1) (j) of RTI Act 2005. Thereafter, Commission (CIC) states that matters related to education of a student (current/former) falls under the Public domain and hence it ordered the relevant public authority to disclose information accordingly.

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- 4. After hearing the appellant and going through the documents placed on record, the respondent is directed to provide point wise certified copy of requisite information as requisite in RTI application to the appellant that relates with and salary and other salary related information (like pay scale, grade pay, HRA, DA etc.). Certified copies of other information that relates to education qualification may also be provided as it comes under public domain of a Government Employee; failing which action under section 20 (i) of RTI would be initiated against the respondent PIO.
- 5. The case is adjourned to **21.08.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.
- 6. Send copy of the order to the parties.

Chandigarh Dated: 31.07.2019 at 11.30 AM

Sd/(Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla)
State Information Commissioner