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APPEAL CASE NO. 4088 OF 2016

Sh. Sukhchain Singh S/o Sh. Ajit Singh,  
Sanan Mohall, Ward No. 11,  
Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil Batala,  
Distt. Gurdaspur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Chief Conservator of Soils,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chief Conservator Officer,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondent

PRESENT: Sh. Sukhchain Singh, Appellant.  
Sh. Gurbinder Singh Dhillon, Map Officer - cum - PIO.

ORDER:

The appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated: 29.06.2015. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on dated: 08.10.2016 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on dated: 14.12.2016.

Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.05.2017 which was postponed to 25.07.2017 at Chandigarh.

The appellant states that no information has been provided to him by the Respondent PIO.

Sh. Gurbinder Singh Dhillon, Map Officer - cum - PIO submitted that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 12760/E-4, dated: 13.07.2015. He further submits that same information has already been supplied in the Appeal Case No. 2125/2015 decided by the Ld. SIC Yashvir Mahajan on 11.08.2015 and he further submits that no observations on the provided information have been received from him.

The perusal of RTI application reveals that there is some sort of personal issue of Applicant with one of the other candidate namely Nagesh Kumar, that he is not eligible for the post of surveyor as his documents have

been accepted manually by Department instead of registered post and asking for reason of such action but the same is out of purview of RTI Act.

Reader  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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It has been seen and observed that this particular Appeal is an attempt to make use of the different provisions of the Act to have access to the personal information of the official which smacks of its use not for any public cause but may be for any revenge or to intimidate/humiliate the concerned official. The nature of information sought is mainly the information which has the relevance and governance of the relationship of the employer and the employee and not between this official and the appellant. Accordingly from the perusal of this RTI application it has become abundantly clear that the purpose of the appellant in seeking this kind of information does not involve any larger public interest and is in form of queries/questions and personal information. Therefore, it was not supplied as per the stance taken by the respondents and it should not be in the public domain as has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other Hon'ble Court to avoid the humiliation and harassment of the employees. Allowing this kind of information will certainly strengthen the abuse of the process of law.

The Commission, has to adjudicate as per provisions mandated by RTI Act, 2005. This is a case of grievance of the appellant who has attempted to find redressal thereof by filing second appeal in the Commission. The perception of the appellant that use of RTI Act can be employed as a mechanism for redressal of his grievances is beyond the paradigm of the Act. The Commission advises the appellant to approach the competent forum for redressal of his grievances as it is unable to go outside the jurisdiction stipulated by the RTI Act. In wake of aforementioned, this Appeal Case is, hereby, devoid of merit and hence **disposed off and closed**.

Copies of the order are sent to the parties.

CHANDIGARH  
25.07.2017

"Compared with  
the original Order"

Reader  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Sd/-  
(Prof. Viney Kapoor Mehra)  
State Information Commissioner

**Attested**

Deputy Registrar  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab, Chandigarh