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**Gurnihal Singh Pirzada,**

**H. No. 59, Sector – 4,**

**Chandigarh - 160001 ..…Appellant**

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Joint Director,**

**Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,**

**S.C.O. 60 – 61, Sector 17-D, Chandigarh**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Joint Director,**

**Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,**

**S.C.O. 60 – 61, Sector 17-D, Chandigarh ..…Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 2866 of 2015**

**ORDER**

**In this case, the judgment was reserved on 06.09.2017.**

**After examining the case-file, it emerges that on the hearing, held on 02.08.2017,**

**Sh. P. S. Gorayia, Joint Director(Crime) ; Sh. P. K. Chibber, Deputy District Attorney ; Sh, Krishan Lal, Superintendent, appeared in person and stated that the requisite information has already been supplied to the applicant, Sh. Gurnihal Singh Pirzada. On the same day, the applicant, Sh. Gurnihal Singh Pirzada, expressed his dissatisfaction over the same and stated that he has already pointed out certain deficiencies to the concerned respondent PIO in first appeal dated 24.07.2015 filed by him, which have not been removed. He also handed over a copy of first appeal dated 24.07.2015 to the representatives of the respondent PIO during the hearing, through which deficiencies have already been pointed out by him and the respondent PIO was directed to remove the deficiencies, which have been pointed by the applicant.**

**On the hearing, held on 23.08.2017, the applicant, Sh. Gurnihal Singh Pirzada, intimated that he has already pointed out certain deficiencies to the concerned respondent PIO, which have not been removed. The case was adjourned with the directions to the PIO concerned to comply with the order dated 02.08.2017 passed by the Commission.**

**On the hearing, held on 06.09.2017, Sh. Paramjit Singh Gorayia, Joint Director**

**(Crime), appeared in person and stated that the deficiencies, which have been pointed by the applicant, Sh. Gurnihal Singh Pirzada, have been removed. He also submitted a reply vide letter no. 34623 dated 05.09.2017, appended to which was a reply vide letter no. 1746 dated 21.08.2017 signed by S. P., Vigilance Bureau, Flying Squad – 1 Unit – 3, Punjab, Chandigarh.**

**After examining the documents placed on record, it has also come into notice**

**that the respondent PIO has denied part of information to the information seeker by invoking Section 8 (1) (g) and 8 (1) (h) of the RTI Act.**

**Under Section 8 (1) (g) of the RTI Act reads as under :**

***“information, the disclosure of which would endanger the life or physical safety of any person or identify the source of information or assistance given in confidence for law enforcement or security purposes”***

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**Under Section 8 (1) (h) of the RTI Act reads as under :**

***“information which would impede the process of investigation or apprehension or prosecution of offenders”.***

**To clear the facts of this particular case, the respondent PIO is directed to bring a proper reply, in connection with the queries raised by the applicant in his RTI request and first appeal, only to submit before the Bench of the undersigned, in the Commission.**

**The case is adjourned to 7th March, 2018(Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

**Copies of the order be sent to the parties with a copy to P.S. to S.I.C.(PKS) and**

**P.S. to S.I.C.(VKM) for information.**

**(Viney Kapoor Mehra) (Pawan Kumar Singla) (A. S. Chanduraian)**

**S. I. C. S. I. C. S. I. C.**

**21st February, 2018**

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