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File No: SIC/CO/SA/224/2014  
Decision No: SIC/CO/SA/224/2014/716

Title:- Dr. Gurmeet Singh V/s PIO J&K Public Service Commission

Jammu  
12.01.2015

The appellant Dr. Gurmeet Singh, a resident of the State has filed a second appeal before this Commission under Section 16 of the J&K State RTI Act, 2009 requesting the Commission to issue a direction for providing him the information which is in possession of the PIO. The Commission has heard Shri Rais Ahmed, PLO- cum-PIO, J&K PSC and Dr. Gurmeet Singh, the appellant.

The brief facts and grounds of appeal are that the appellant filed an RTI application on 20.8.2014 before PIO J&K PSC which was received by him on 22.8.2014 seeking the following information:-

**“Whether the Expert called for the interview has signed on all sheets of the master chart prepared during the interview process”**

The above information was sought in connection with selection for the post of Lecturers in Medicine in response to Notification No: 13-PSC of 2008 dated: 31.12.2008 and 14-PSC of 2009 dated: 17.7.2009 for Government Medical College, Jammu to know whether the Expert called for the interview (above referred interview) has signed on all the sheets of a master chart prepared during the interview process. The PIO responded to this application on 1.10.2014 which is by and large within the time. The PIO informed the appellant that selection lists are prepared on the basis of award sheets signed by the experts during the process of interview. Not being satisfied with the

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order of the PIO, appellant filed first appeal before the FAA on 21.11.2014. The appellant raised the ground of appeal before the FAA that PIO's reply does not pertain to his RTI query and, therefore, had requested the FAA to pass a direction for giving the exact information. During the hearing before this Commission, the appellant has contended that FAA has given contradictory findings i.e in brief his appeal has not been decided in accordance with law. The Commission has gone through the PIO's order, appellant's first appeal and second appeal and the order of the FAA dated: 22.11.2014 and has found that though the PIO has replied the query of the appellant in a generalized manner though as the query was specific with reference to the interview and selection process, as mentioned above, therefore, the PIO should have replied the RTI query exactly in accordance with the RTI application. Similarly, FAA had to confine himself only to the information sought and the information provided by the PIO and he has to ensure that if PIO has not given the information satisfying the information seeker's original application, the FAA was bound to issue a direction to the PIO to give the information in accordance with law. The Commission, therefore, directs the PIO to reply in positive or negative whether expert who was present in the above interview was required to sign all the sheets of the master chart prepared during the interview process and inform the appellant whether he has signed all the sheets of the master chart. The compliance of this order be ensured within 15 days from the receipt of this order

Second appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-  
( G.R. Sufi )  
Chief Information Commissioner

No: SIC-CO/SA/224/2014

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