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File No.SIC/CO/SA/53/2013

Decision No.SIC/CO/SA/53/2013/484

Title:- Ms. Asima Muzaffar D/o Mohd Muzaffar R/o Aund Masjid, Khanyar, Srinagar.
V/s

1. First Appellate Authority,
Services Selection Board,
J&K, Srinagar.
2. Public Information Officer,
Services Selection Board,
J&K, Srinagar.

18-07-2013
Srinagar.

This is a complaint filed under section 15 of the State RTI Act 2009 before this Commission on 13-03-2013 by Ms. Asima Muzaffar. In this complaint the complainant alleged that the information provided to her in consequence of the commission's order under No.SIC/CO/SA/53/2012/392 dated 03-01-2013 is "misleading and manipulated". To support her allegation, the complainant states that she, after exercising her right to information, obtained information from PIO of SSSRB pertaining to exam/interview conducted for Food Inspectors, Jammu region vide final selection list order dated 17-9-2003 in the case of following candidates and this information revealed that this selection list is duly signed by the Secretary, Services Selection Board and selection has been approved by the Members and Chairman on the basis of interview conducted. Similarly, the lists of those candidates who have applied for the post of Food Inspectors Division Cadre in Jammu does not compare with the similar list prepared for Kashmir Division and in this connection the complainant produced

such lists before the commission for commission's perusal and commission has found that two lists though on the same subject fundamentally vary. The authorities of the Services Selection Board state that it is not necessary that the format and language in the list of two regions may be the same. Similarly, the selection list from both the divisions i.e Jammu and Kashmir varies. It is significant to note that in all other cases other than the case of the complainant the phrase "final award sheet" has been mentioned. The SSB authorities submit that the "final award sheet" reflects the names and other particulars of only pass candidates and not fail candidates. Accordingly, the complainant's name who has failed in the test does not figure in this selection list. In response to a query from the commission whether format as mentioned above is based on the strength of any circular or instructions or any recorded decisions of the board, the board authorities including the Chairperson who were also present during the hearing deposed that there are no such rules but it is a precedent which has been followed from year to year. In brief there seems to be variation in the information given to the complainant and information given to other candidates on the same subject.

The PIO is therefore, required to explain the reasons for variation in the information supplied to the information seeker and other information seekers on the same subject. His reply should reach to this Commission within 20 days from the date of receipt of this order. While concluding this order the Commission would like to observe that the complainant has developed a deep sense of being wronged by the system and while using her right to information, she has openly threatened to "ending her life as being unnecessarily dodged by SSSRB authorities." She is advised not to resort to such threats.

Sd/-
(G.R.Sufi)
Chief Information Commission, J&K.

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1. First Appellate Authority, J&K State Services Selection Recruitment Board, Srinagar
2. PIO, J&K State Services Selection Recruitment Board, Srinagar.
3. Ms. Asima Muzaffar D/o Shri Mohd. Muzaffar R/o Aund Masjid, Khanyar, Srinagar
4. Private Secretary to Chief Information Commissioner
5. Guard File.

(Mohammad Syed Shah)
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J&K State Information Commission