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D.A.V. COLLEGE CHANDIGARH

(A Premier Postgraduate Co-educational College)

Ref. No. 990.....

Dated 19/4/16.....

The Hon'ble Shri M.Sridhar Acharyulu
Information Commissioner
o/o Central Information Commission
Room No. 315, 2nd Floor,
August Kranti Bhawan Bhikaji
Cama Place, New Delhi. 110066.

Subject:- Video Conference held on 31.03.2016 at 10.30 AM regarding 05
Appeals filed by Dr. R.K.Singla.

Sir,

This has reference to the 05 appeal bearing Nos. CIC/CC/A/2015/002157, 58, 59, 60 & 61 filed by Dr. Rajinder K. Singla for which Video Conferencing was held on 31.03.2016 at 10.30 AM at Chandigarh. It was desired to prepare a comprehensive note on the RTI application filed by him and upload the same in to official website. There is no need to reply his RTI applications.

The College in the First instance brought to the notice of the Central Information Commission, New Delhi that Dr. Rajinder K. Singla, Ex. Employee of the College was earlier working as Lecturer in Botany on temporary basis. He was not allowed to continue further beyond 22.7.2009 as the management decided to fill-up the post on regular basis. He was also served a notice vide Memo No. 2007 dated 22.07.2009 and was relieved after the expiry of one month notice. Dr. Rajinder K. Singla who is nurturing a number of baseless grudges against the College and is seeking information under RTI Act 2005 with a view to harass the Principal of the College to settle personal scores with his former employer. The information asked for by the Appellant has no relation with any Public interest. Dr. Rajinder K. Singla has been provided information by the College running into more than 350 applications thereby causing disruptions in the smooth functioning of the College. He has also filed CWP in Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court and as per their Judgment the case has now been listed before the Educational Tribunal, UT,



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Chandigarh and the final verdict is yet to be announced. The Central Information Commission vide its order No. CIC/LS/C/2009/000770-DS dated 25.02.2011(copy enclosed) in Appeal case of Dr. Rajinder K. Singla Vs. Director Higher Education, Chandigarh has decided and the relevant extract of that decision is as under:-

Decision

4. After hearing the averment of the respondents and on perusal of the facts on record, the Commission concludes that undoubtedly, the appellant is misusing the RTI Act to settle personal scores with his former employer. The Commission rules that such vexatious applications can be summarily dismissed at the level of the CPIO since it is obvious that these applications are not being preferred in public interest and are in fact adversely impacting the functioning of the public authority instead of strengthening it, which is contrary to the letter and spirit of the RTI Act".

His only aim is to rake up the dead issue to remain in limelight. The Hon'ble Panjab & Haryana High court has also imposed Dr. Singla a fine of ₹. 10,000/- in a CWP No. 25217 at 2012, copy attached. He may, therefore, be restrained to file RTI applications as he has been misusing the RTI Act since 2005.

During the month of February/ March 2016, Dr. Rajinder K. Singla again filed 07 RTI's Application No.855 dated 23.02.2016, 856, dt. 24.02.2016, 857 dt. 25.02.2016, 898 dt. 26.02.2016, 859 dt. 27.02.2016, 860 dated 10.03.2016 & 861 dt. 18.03.2016, besides the above 05 Appeals. Not only this, he has also made frivolous complaint against the College to the Higher Authorities raising various issues. The latest example of his high handedness is that during the accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore on 1st February, 2016 to 3rd February, 2016, he raised certain vague issues, information to which he had sought earlier through RTI applications. Similar complaint was made against the



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Vice Chancellor, Punjab University, Chandigarh during the NAAC Accreditation of the University to affect their rating.

The DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh belongs to the family of the reputed DAV Institutions, founded by Mahatma Hans Raj and inspired by the Great visionary-Swami Dayanand Saraswati- the doyen of the Arya Samaj. The College is Post-graduate Co. Educational premier Institution and is recognized as Research Centre leading to Ph.D. Degrees of the Panjab University, Chandigarh in the subject of Zoology, Chemistry and Bio-Technology. The College nurtured great Administrators, Jurists, academicians Artists and Sports persons of international repute. The College has grown with the city becoming an integral part of the region's social and cultural milieu. The action on the part of complainant making frivolous and vague complaints against the College brings a bad name and disrepute to the Institution.

It is our humble submission that such a habitual offender should be blacklisted and should be permanently debarred from seeking information and misusing the RTI Act. He has been successful in wasting the precious time, energy and money of the Institution to fulfill his sadistic instincts.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully


(Dr. B.C. JOSAN)
Principal

Encls: As above.

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CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

(Room No.315, B-Wing, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi 110 066)

Prof. M. Sridhar Acharyulu (Madabhushi Sridhar)

Information Commissioner

**CIC/CC/A/2015/002157-SA ✓
CIC/CC/A/2015/002158-SA ✓
CIC/CC/A/2015/002159-SA ✓
CIC/CC/A/2015/002160-SA ✓
CIC/CC/A/2015/002161-SA ✓
(Video Conference – Chandigarh)**

Rajinder K Singla, Chandigarh Vs. DAV College, Chandigarh
Important Dates and time taken:

CIC/CC/A/2015/002157-SA

RTI/PIO: 5-9/10-10-14 (35)	1 st Appeal: 10-11-2014	2 nd Appeal: 27-2-2015
Disposed of	Hearing: 31-3-2016	Decision: 5-4-16

CIC/CC/A/2015/002158-SA

RTI/PIO: 1 5-9/10-10-14 (25)	1 st Appeal: 10-11-2014	2 nd Appeal: 27-2-2015
Disposed of	Hearing: 31-3-2016	Decision: 5-4-16

CIC/CC/A/2015/002159-SA

RTI/PIO: 9-9/10-10-14 (31)	1 st Appeal: 10-11-2014	2 nd Appeal: 27-2-2015
Disposed of	Hearing: 31-3-2016	Decision: 5-4-16

CIC/CC/A/2015/002160-SA

RTI/PIO: 13-9/10-10-14 (27)	1 st Appeal: 10-11-2014	2 nd Appeal: 27-2-2015
Disposed of	Hearing: 31-3-2016	Decision: 5-4-16

CIC/CC/A/2015/002161-SA

RTI/PIO: 8-9/10-10-14 (32)	1 st Appeal: 10-11-2014	2 nd Appeal: 27-2-2015
Disposed of	Hearing: 31-3-2016	Decision: 5-4-16

Parties present:

The appellant is not present at NIC Studio, Chandigarh. The Public Authority represented by Mr. Bhatia, Special Officer is present at the same studio. The appellant filed the above 5(five) appeals against the same authority and hence they are taken up together for hearing.

FACTS:

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2. Appellant by his RTI application had sought information regarding the advance diploma in Medical Lab technology under UGC Community College Scheme, for the academic session 2014-15. He wanted the details of amount of grants received from the UGC and other sources for the said diploma, copy of the sanction/release letter by which college has received grants from UGC, copy of the proposal/application made by the college to the UGC for procuring this diploma etc. PIO replied on 10.10.2014 requesting the appellant to come for inspection. Being unsatisfied, appellant filed First Appeal. Claiming non-furnishing of complete information, appellant approached Commission.

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3. Appellant by his RTI application had sought for list of teachers and their subjects of teaching, list of teachers whose appointment has been approved by the University along with the dates of approval, list of teachers whose appointment has been rejected by the University along with the date of rejection etc. PIO replied on 10.10.2014 requesting the appellant to come for inspection. Being unsatisfied, appellant filed First Appeal. Claiming non-furnishing of complete information, appellant approached Commission.

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4. Appellant by his RTI application had sought information regarding the certified copies of documents with regard to existing vacancies of the college. He wanted the total number of posts under 95% grant-in-aid of the Government, number of posts lying vacant, number of posts filled against the permanent posts and on temporary basis etc. PIO replied on 10.10.2014 requesting the appellant to come for inspection. Being unsatisfied, appellant filed First Appeal. Claiming non-furnishing of complete information, appellant approached Commission.

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5. Appellant by his RTI application had sought information regarding copies of documents relating to diploma courses being conducted in the college for the academic session 2014-15. He wanted the names of the Universities that will award these diplomas to the students, copy of the affiliate/approval obtained

from the University that will award these diplomas etc. PIO replied on 10.10.2014 requesting the appellant to come for inspection. Being unsatisfied, appellant filed First Appeal. Claiming non-furnishing of complete information, appellant approached Commission.

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6. Appellant by his RTI application had sought information regarding the conversion of cycle shed of the college into basement for class rooms. He wanted to know the total surface area, number of rooms constructed thereon and the number allotted to this rooms, copies of the map duly approved by the competent authority etc. PIO replied on 10.10.2014 requesting the appellant to come for inspection. Being unsatisfied, appellant filed First Appeal. Claiming non-furnishing of complete information, appellant approached Commission.

DECISION:

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7. Heard the submissions. The respondent officer submitted that the appellant was in the habit of filing RTI applications, which are frivolous and having no public interest and had filed nearly 250 RTI applications so far. The information asked by the appellant in the above five appeals was voluminous and of no use to him and hence they offered inspection, but the appellant instead of availing the same, going on filing first appeals and thereafter second appeals and thus harassing the Public Authority. On 25-2-2011, the CIC in its order No. CIC/LS/C/2009/000770-DS had already ruled that the appellant was abusing the RTI and directed the CPIO to reject the appellant's RTI applications at his level, as there was no public interest involved in the same. The Commission having heard the submissions and perused the record, directs the CPIO to prepare a comprehensive note on the RTI applications filed by the appellant and upload the same into their official website along with this order within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

8. All the five appeals are disposed of accordingly.


(M. Sridhar Acharyulu)
Information Commissioner

Authenticated true copy


(Babu Lal)
Deputy Registrar



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