

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP No.19186 of 2014
Decided on :02.08.2016**

Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Hisar

... Petitioner

Versus

State Information Commission, Haryana and another

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present : Mr. D.S. Rawat, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rohit Arya, AAG, Haryana
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Sardavinder Goyal, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The petitioner challenges the order dated 11.07.2014 (Annexure P-12) passed by the respondent-Commission, whereby direction was given to supply the information free of charge, which was demanded to the tune of Rs.4454/-. Further direction has also been issued that the information on sub point (d) and (e) of point 1 of the RTI application cannot be withheld by the respondent SPIO.

Counsels are agreed that the information which was being withheld by the Commission was pertained to Clause (c) and (d) and not (d) and (e) as noted by the Commission.

It is not disputed that in pursuance of the application dated 09.11.2013 (Annexure P-1), which was received on 12.11.2013, the said application was forwarded to the Deputy Registrar of the University by the Nodal Officer. Resultantly, the expenses to the tune of Rs.4460/- was asked for on account of the fact that the information was voluminous and contained 2230 pages on 11.12.2013 (Annexure P-3).

The Appellate Authority of the respondent-University disposed

of the appeal 23.01.2014 (Annexure P-9) by upholding the demand of expenses. Resultantly, directions were issued by the Commission in the second appeal filed.

Counsel for respondent No.2 had on 21.07.2016 stated that in case he deposits the amount, the petitioner-University would consider his application about which it had no objection.

It is an admitted case that the amount has already been deposited. In view of the said deposit, it is to be further noted that the Appellate Authority now vide order dated 29.03.2016 has directed the SPIO of the petitioner-University would supply the requisite information free of costs on remaining points, after the decision of the present writ petition.

Keeping in view the peculiar facts, this Court is of the opinion that since the amount already stands deposited, the present writ petition has been rendered infructuous regarding the main relief. The petitioner-University will accordingly comply with the order of its Appellate Authority dated 29.03.2016 within a period of two weeks from today.

AUGUST 02, 2016
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No