

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

(110)

CWP-6808-2017

Decided on: May 05, 2017.

Dalbir Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State Information Commission Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. Suneel Ranga, Advocate, for the petitioner.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

On the application of the wife of the petitioner, information pertaining to his salary details, has been held to be not the personal information under Section 11 of the Right to Information Act and a direction has been issued by State Information Commission to disclose such information. Request of the wife for supply of information regarding salary bank account and bank name has been denied.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has laid great emphasis on the observations in the judgment in **Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs. Central Information Commissioner and others, 2012 (4) R.C.R. (Civil) 559.** In that case, the third party had sought 15 informations pertaining to one Mr. Lute. In that context, it was held that the disclosure of information regarding third party having no relationship to any public activity or interest, would not be supplied.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner in context to the judgment in **Girish Ramchandra Deshpande's case (supra)** and this Court is of the view that furnishing an information in the shape of salary

certificate to a wife who has not obtained divorce would not fall under the exemption clause under Section 8 (1) (j) of the Act, whereas the information pertaining to the salary bank account and name of the bank is certainly a personal information, especially when there is a litigation between the husband and wife.

Information pertaining to the salary certificate will not in any manner prejudice any right of the petitioner as the said information pertaining to an employee is never a personal information disclosure of which may be prejudicial to the privacy of a person especially when the same is asked for by a legally wedded wife. As per Section 4 (1) (b) (x) of the Right to Information Act, every public authority is obliged to publish the monthly remuneration received by each of its officers and employees. Thus the details of salary of the petitioner, are required, under the aforesaid provisions of the Act, to be made public by its employer.

The petition is dismissed as the right of the petitioner regarding disclosure of the details of the name of the bank and account number has already been safeguarded.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No