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W.P.Nos.9654, 26288 of 2022 and W.P.No.20151 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

W.P.Nos.9654 and 26288 of 2022

and

W.P.No.20151 of 2023

and

W.M.P.Nos.25359, 25360 of 2022

and

W.M.P.Nos.9706 and 19488 of 2023

and

W.M.P.No.4374 of 2025

W.P.No.9654 of 2022:

1. Central Public Information Officer & AGM,
Indian Overseas Bank,
Central Office, 762, Anna Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

2. The First Appellate Authority,
Under RTI & General Manager,
Indian Overseas Bank,
Central Office, 762, Anna Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. Ajay J Merchant,
No.8/24, Sugampark Society I,
Near Airport, Harni Road,
Vadodara-390 022.

2. Central Information Commissioner,
Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka,



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New Delhi-110 067.

... Respondents

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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorari to call for the records of the 2nd respondent's impugned common order in Second Appeal No.CIC/IOVBK/A/2020/107083 & 107081 dated 28.12.2022 and quash the same.

W.P.No.26288 of 2022:

1.Central Public Information Officer & AGM,
Indian Overseas Bank,
Central Office, 762, Anna Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

2.The First Appellate Authority,
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New Delhi-110 067.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorari to call for the records of the 2nd respondent's impugned order in Second Appeal No.CIC/IOVBK/A/2020/115422 dated 25.07.2022 and quash the same.



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W.P.No.20151 of 2023:

Central Public Information Officer & AGM,
Indian Overseas Bank,
Central Office, 762, Anna Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.Ashok Kumar Raheja
R/o.103, Parth Apartment,
Sector-55, Gurgaon-122011,
Haryana.

2.Central Information Commissioner,
Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka,
New Delhi-110 067.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorari to call for the records of the 2nd respondent's impugned common order in Second Appeal No.CIC/IOVBK/A/2021/110441 dated 24.04.2023 and quash the same.

For Petitioner	: Mr.R.Manimuthu
For Respondents	: No Appearance

ORDER

The learned counsel for the contesting respondents is absent.

2. Mr.R.Manimuthu, learned counsel for the petitioners has produced the following instructions from the Chief Manager, Law



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Department of Indian Overseas Bank, Chennai, the same is scanned and
extracted hereunder:-

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Subject: Writ Petition WP No.20151/2023 – CPIO Vs.Ashok Kumar Raheja & another
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**Writ Petition WP No.20151/2023 – CPIO Vs.Ashok Kumar Raheja & another & Writ
Petition No.26288/2022– CPIO Vs. Ajay Merchant and another**

With regard to captioned subject , we have sought the below mentioned particulars from
our Vigilance and CDAC departments.

Certified copy of letter addressed by Vigilance department Central Office, IOB to
Disciplinary authority appointing him as disciplinary authority.

Vigilance Department has informed that as per the available records held at their end there
is no such letter from Vigilance department addressed to disciplinary authority(DA)
appointing him as disciplinary authority. Further it is informed that appointment of DA does
not fall within the purview of Vigilance Department and advised to take up with CDAC, CO.

CDAC has replied that they have searched for the relevant papers, but were unable to
locate the same at their end.

Kindly advise.

Regards,

कविता आर कृष्णन Kavitha R Krishnan
मुख्य प्रबन्धक Chief Manager
विधि विभाग LAW DEPARTMENT
इण्डियन ओवरसीज बैंक Indian Overseas Bank
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3. In order to give an opportunity to the contesting respondents,
post the matter next week.

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To

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