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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.01.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE DR. JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH
and**

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

W.P.No.42137 of 2016

and

W.M.P.Nos.36056 of 2016, 75 & 92 of 2017 & 24678 of 2020

Public Information Officer, Registrar (Admin),
High Court of Madras, Chennai – 600 001.

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1. B.Bharathi

2. The Central Information Commission,
Rep. By its Designated Officer,
2nd Floor, B-Wing, August Kranti Bawan,
Bhikaji, Cama Place, New Delhi – 110 066.

... Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, calling for the records of the second respondent in Complaint No.CIC/RK/C/2016/000126; CIC/RK/C/2016/000127; CIC/RK/C/2016/000128; CIC/RK/C/2016/000129; CIC/RK/C/2016/000130; CIC/RK/C/2016/000131; CIC/RK/C/2016/000132; CIC/RK/C/2016/000133 & CIC/RK/C/2016/000134, dated 24.10.2016 and the order made in Appeal / Complaint No.CIC/RK/A/2016/001238; CIC/RK/A/2016/000990; CIC/SM/C/2012/001144; CIC/RK/A/2016/001239 & CIC/RK/A/2016/001240, dated 24.10.2016 and quash the same.



For Petitioner(s) : Mr.B.Vijay

For R1 : Mr.B.Bharathi, Party-in-Person

For R2 : Mr.Sudhirkumar, Special Panel Counsel

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR, J.**)

This writ petition has been filed by the Public Information Officer of this court, aggrieved by the twin orders passed by the Central Information Commission/ second respondent dated 24.10.2016, directing the petitioner to deal with various RTI Applications filed by the first respondent separately, keeping in view the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), while calling upon the petitioner to show-cause as to why action should not be taken against him for contravening the provisions of the Act. Through the impugned orders, the second respondent disposed of ten complaints and four appeals filed by the first respondent herein.

2. We have heard Mr.B.Vijay, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr.B.Bharathi, party-in-person and Mr.Sudhirkumar, learned Special Panel



Counsel appearing for the second respondent and perused the entire material on record.

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3. Before dealing with the matter on merits, we deem it appropriate to refer to some of the orders passed by this court as well as the State Information Commission on an earlier occasion at the instance of the first respondent herein. A learned Single Judge of this court, in W.P.No.16504 of 2014, by an order dated 19.12.2022, has been pleased to take note of 108 cases/ appeals filed by the first respondent seeking information from various authorities, including this court, during the year 2012 alone, and observed as under:-

“7.The conduct of the petitioner is demonstrated from his own applications filed under the Act. It is nothing but abuse of process of law and particular statute, which was enacted for achieving transparency with regard to administration. Thousands of questions raised by the citizens taking undue advantage of the Act will result in hanging the system and efficient administration. It will disproportionately divert the manpower of the administration from discharging the normal duties of their office. Such attempt shall not be encouraged even though the Act provides for no limitations.

8.Therefore, the writ petition is dismissed. This is a fit case for imposing heavy costs. However, considering the petitioner's plight, this Court restrain itself from doing so. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.”



The above order demonstrates the conduct of the first respondent. The first respondent allowed the above order dated 19.12.2022 to become final.

4. In yet another writ petition, vide W.P.No.26781 of 2013 dated 17.09.2014, a learned Division Bench of this court dealt with the matter arising out of the RTI applications submitted by the first respondent herein. The first respondent herein was the second respondent in the said writ petition. The relevant paragraph from the said order reads as under:-

“28. In fact, the first respondent-Commission itself has deprecated the practice of the second respondent herein in overloading the Registry of this Court by making several queries or complaints one after another and following the same under the RTI Act. Having found that the action of the second respondent in sending numerous complaints and representations and then following the same with the RTI applications; that it cannot be the way to redress his grievance; that he cannot overload a public authority and divert its resources disproportionately while seeking information and that the dispensation of information should not occupy the majority of time and resource of any public authority, as it would be against the larger public interest, the first respondent-Commission clearly erred in passing the impugned order in this Writ Petition, directing the petitioner to furnish the details to the second respondent as well as sending a tabular statement listing all the complaints and representations received from the second respondent.”



5. It is necessary to take note of certain observations made by the

Central Information Commission in its order dated 23.01.2013, which reads

as under:-

“We would like to end this with a word of caution to the Appellant/ Complainant. He has every right to seek legitimate information. In the process, he must not derail the working of the public authority by flooding it with numerous RTI applications. By his own admission during the hearing, he had sent bundles of RTI applications on various dates. 53 of these have landed up in the CIC by way of complaints and second appeals. No single citizen can have a monopoly over the public authorities, be it the Madras High Court, as in this case, or the CIC. The Right To Information (RTI) Act seeks to establish a practical regime for providing information to the citizens, as evident in the preamble of the Act. The disclosure of information must be commensurate and in conformity with the smooth functioning of the public authorities. This particular case shows how a single individual can overload a public authority and divert its resources rather disproportionately while seeking information. It is understandable that the Appellant/Complainant may have a lot of grievance against the Madras High Court. Sending numerous complaints and representations about these grievances and then following those with RTI applications cannot be the way to redress such grievances. The concern expressed by the Supreme Court of India in the CBSE case is very relevant to remember. The Apex Court had said that the dispensation of information should not occupy the majority of the time and resources of any public authority because that would be against the larger public interest. Even in the pursuit of information, brevity is the soul of wit; a few RTI applications seeking very pertinent and specific information can reveal more than several dozen of repetitive petitioning.

On receipt of the statement on the complaints from the CPIO, as directed above, we will finally decide on the 47



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complaints. As far as the 6 second appeals are concerned, those are disposed of as above."

Having taken note of the conduct of the first respondent, as observed by this court as well as the Central Information Commission, now we proceed to examine the case on hand.

6. As already noted above, the subject matter of the present writ petition is in respect of 14 applications made by the first respondent under the Act, right from 31.10.2011 to 30.12.2015.

7. For better appreciation, the date of the application, the information sought, and the relevant Appeal/ complaint number are extracted herein in a tabular form as under:-

S.No	Date of Application	Information Sought	Complaint/ appeal
1.	31.10.2011	I wish to peruse the file / documents related to 1. Recruitment Rule for the selection of the Registrar General. 2. Selection of the Present Registrar General Present. 3. Panel of Selection Committee Members. 4. Recommendation of the selection committee members	CIC/SM/C/ 2012/001144



		5. List of District Judges considered for selection with their vigilance report.	
2.	11.11.2015	1. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the order pertaining to number of positions of District Judges, Additional District Judges, Chief Judicial Magistrates, Magistrates, Civil Judges and other judicial positions created by the Union Territory of Puducherry and available in the Government of Puducherry, Puducherry. 2. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the norms/rules/procedure for the selection of District Judges/ Magistrates/ Sub Judges and other judicial positions created by the Government of Puducherry. 3. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the norms/rules/procedure for the selection of advocates or lawyers or judges belong to Union Territory of Puducherry or natives of Union Territory of Puducherry to the post of District Judges/ Magistrates/Sub Judges and other judicial positions created by the Union Territory of Puducherry/ Government of Puducherry. 4. Kindly provide me the certified copies of recruitment rule framed for the selection of the posts of District Judges/ Magistrates/ Sub Judges and other judicial positions created by the Union Territory of Puducherry/ created in Government of Puducherry.	CIC/RK/A/ 2016/000990
3.	18.12.2015	1. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the rules of Madras High Court/ Tamil Nadu Judiciary/articles of constitution/ any rules of Madras High Court or rules of Criminal Procedure Code and Civil Procedure Code which prohibits the video recording of the Court proceedings of the Madras High Court and its Subordinate Court.	CIC/RK/C/ 2016/000134



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		2. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the rules of Madras High Court/ articles of constitution or any other rules of Government of India or Government of Tamil Nadu which prohibits the video recording of the Court proceedings by the litigants. 3. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the rule which insists the permission of the Registrar/Registrar General/ Judges to video record the Court proceedings by the litigants. 4. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the rule under which punishment will be imposed against the litigants who video record the Court proceedings by the litigants without permission. 5. Kindly provide me the steps taken and methods followed by Madras High Court to record its Court proceedings as per the articles of constitution 129 and 215.	
4.	30.12.2015	1. Kindly provide me the details of Madras High Court rules or orders or orders of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court pertaining to the posting and issuing or notice to the contemner on contempt petitions filed from 01.01.2008. 2. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the Madras High Court rules or orders or orders of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court on contempt petitions and their posting, etc.	CIC/RK/C/2016/000133
5.	30.12.2015	1. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the information (i) the enquiry conducted against the Public Information Officer of the Madras High Court on 7th August 2013 as stated in the order Central Information Commission/SM/C/2013/000055-82 DATED 05.07.2013 of Central Information Commission, New Delhi.	CIC/RK/C/2016/000127



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		2. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the date and venue of the video conferencing conducted for the enquiry against the Public Information Officer of the Madras High Court by the Central Information Commission if the said enquiry is not conducted on 7th August 2013 and also provide me the copies of the notice for hearing issued to the Registrar (Administration) cum Public Information Officer, Madras High Court and the official who attending the enquiry or hearing on that day. 3. Kindly provide me the certified copies of order passed by the Central Information Commission to the Public Information Officer, Madras High Court after the enquiry.	
6.	30.12.2015	1. Kindly provide me the following information with regards to the enquiry conducted against the then Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, (Mr.Killivallavan) and others based on my complaint on my representations/(Vigilance) and the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Chennai. 2. Certified copies of my complaints/ representations against the said Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, given on 01.06.2011 and 10.12.2011 (I am holding the copies but I want to see the directions given by the compent authorities in this regard). 3. Kindly provide me the copies of the ROC/409/2011/VC/ and the decision of the administrative committee to close the enquiry (pertaining to this issue the decision of the then administrative committee was shown to me and the matter was closed by the then administrative committee). 4. Certified copies of the details enquiries conducted on various dates, copies of my statements in the	CIC/RK/A/ 2016/001238



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		presence of then Registrar Vigilance on two dates, the report and statements obtained from the then Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, and other officials of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, details of the report and comments of the concerned enquiry officer (Registrar Vigilance) and the decisions of the administrative committee in this matter on various dates. 5. Certified copies of the decision of the Hon'ble administrative committee on my first complaint against the concerned CCM, Egmore, on 01.06.2011 which I perused and the copies denied.	
7.	30.12.2015	1. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the tabular statement listing all the complaints and representations received from the applicant (myself) and they are dealt with in the administrative and judicial sides and current status of the action taken within 20 days as ordered in the above said order in para 7 in page 3 as ordered by the Central Information Commission. 2. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the correspondence between the Hon'ble Central Information Commission and the CPIO of Madras High Court pertaining to the action taken as per the order of the CIC mentioned above. 3. Kindly provide me the certified copies of information and details if no action is taken by the CPIO of Madras High Court in response order of the CIC.	CIC/RK/C/ 2016/000128
8.	30.12.2015	1. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the information with regards to approval of Hon'ble Chief Justice issued/ granted to the appointed of public prosecutors/ additional and special public prosecutors for Madras High Court to represent Government of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Central	CIC/RK/C/ 2016/000129



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		Bureau of Investigation from 01.04.2006. 2. Kindly provide me the certified copies of approval of Hon'ble Chief Justice issued to the appointment of Mr.T.Murugaesan, Public Prosecutor cum Government Pleader of Government of Puducherry from 01.08.2006 to 31.12.2009 and 06.01.2003 to 31.07.2006. Any correspondence between the Government of Puducherry and Madras High Court for approval given to the appointment of Mr.T.Murugaesan as Public Prosecutor during the period of 06.01.2003 to 31.12.2009. During the said period he worked as Public Prosecutor without an appointment order from the Government of Puducherry and it was ratified as expost facto approval by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry. 3. Kindly provide me the certified copies of approval of Hon'ble Chief Justice, Madras High Court issued to Prosecutors, and the appointment of Additional/ Special Public Mr.M.R.Thangavel Mr.V.Balamurgan and others representing Government of Puducherry from February / March 2011.	
9.	30.12.2015	1. Number of writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals filed for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015. 2. Number of writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals disposed as on date which are filed in the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015. 3. Number of final orders issued in/ on writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals as on date which are filed in the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.	CIC/RK/A/2016/001240



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		4. Number of miscellaneous petitions filed under writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015. 5. Number of miscellaneous petitions disposed which are filed under writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015. 6. Number of interim orders issued on the miscellaneous petitions filed along with or in writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015. 7. Kindly provide me the number of interim orders and final orders issued by the each Hon'ble Judges of Madras High Court individually or as member of bench for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.	
10.	30.12.2015	1. Copies of the specific Rules of the Madras High Court or orders of the Hon'ble Chief Justice or any statutory order or any other order which governs the posting of writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals, etc before single, division and full bench of the Madras High Court. 2. Kindly provide me the details of the rules which governs the disposal of the case or passing final orders in writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals and give us the details whether first cum first served policy is adopted. 3. Kindly provide the policies, rules or orders which governs the posting of public interest litigations before the bench of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras	CIC/RK/C/2016/000130

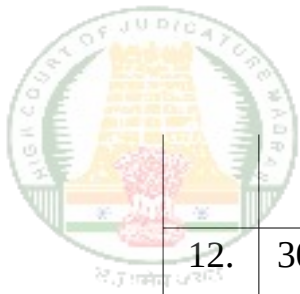


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		High Court.	
		4. Kindly provide me the copies of details of the Rules of the Madras High Court or orders of the Hon'ble Chief Justice or any statutory order or any other order which governs the posting of writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals, etc., before single, division and full bench of the Madras High Court. 5. Kindly provide me the details of case number, year, Hon'ble Judges who passed orders the suo motu criminal contempt of Court, suo motu contempt of Court, suo motu revision of judgements, suo motu review of judgments done by the Madras High Court from 2007-2016 and the details of case number, etc. 6. Kindly provide me the copies of details or rules regarding concurrence of the Hon'ble Chief Justice is required for such action or not.	
11.	30.12.2015	1. Number of employees employed in the Madras High Court at Chennai under various categories like Group I, Group II or Registrar General, Registrar, Joint/Additional/ Deputy/ Assistant Registrars, Section Officers, Assistant, Examiners, Assistant Examiners, etc., as on date. 2. Total amount of expenditure incurred in providing salaries, other benefits, etc., for the year 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2015. 3. Total amount of expenditure incurred for other establishments such as purchase of stationary, purchase of tables, chair, etc., for the year 2015. 4. Total amount of expenditure incurred towards electricity, vehicles, etc., for the year 2015.	CIC/RK/A/2016/001239



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12.	30.12.2015	1. Kindly provide me the details of number of vacancies of Judges existing in the Madras High Court at Chennai and bench at Madurai. 2. Kindly provide me the stepwise action taken in filing the EXISTING vacancies of Judges in the High Court of Madras by the Madras High Court. 3. Kindly provide me the copies of the file notes, action taken, correspondence between the Madras High Court, Department of Law and Justice, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India in this regard from 01.01.2013. 4. Kindly provide me the norms or rules or procedure criteria followed / in the shortlisting of advocates of High Court, District Judges or others and selection of them FOR THE POST OF JUDES OF Madras High Court from 01.01.2013. 5. Kindly provide me the number of Judges, senior Counsel are in the selection committee for selection of Judges for bench of Madras High Court recommending the names of advocates or District Judges for the post of Judges of Madras High Court bench from 01.01.2006.	CIC/RK/C/2016/000131
13.	30.12.2015	1. Kindly provide me the details of Madras High Court rules or orders or orders of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court or section of Cr.P.C. based on which the maintainability of writ petitions, writ appeals, criminal original petitions, other cases are questioned. 2. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the Madras High Court rules or orders or orders of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court or any	CIC/RK/C/2016/000132



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		order issued or any checklist by the Registrar General or any other officers of Madras High Court or letter issued to the Examiners and Assistant Examiners of Madras High Court who examines writ petitions, writ appeals, criminal original petitions, other cases based on which the maintainability is questioned and asked the petitioner to establish the same. 3. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the Madras High Court rules or orders or orders of Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court or any order issued by the Registrar General or any other officers of Madras High Court based on which the Judges are hearing the maintainability of writ petitions, writ appeals, criminal original petitions, other cases and pass orders. 4. Kindly provide me the certified copies of the names, pay scales of Assistant Examiners/Examiners/Section Officers/ Assistant Registrars/ Deputy Registrars of Madras High Court who examines writ petitions, writ appeals, criminal original petitions other cases based on which the maintainability is questioned and asked the petitioner to establish the same. 5. Kindly provide a copy of checklist given to Examiners for admitting writ petition, criminal original petitions, writ appeals, etc.	
14.	30.12.2015	1. Certified copies of my complaints/ representations dated 29.09.2011, 01.11.2011, 31.10.2011, 10.12.2011 Vide reference ROC.No.6425, 6430 of 2011 and 716 of 2012 (I am holding the copies but I want to see the directions given by the compent authorities in this regard) 2. Certified copies of the details enquiries conducted on various dates, copies of my statement in the	CIC/RK/C/ 2016/000126



presence of then Registrar Vigilance on two dates, the report and statements obtained from the then sub-ordinate judicial officers and other officials, details of the report and comments of the concerned enquiry officer (Registrar - Vigilance) and the decisions of the administrative committee in this matter on various dates.

8. All the above applications were considered by the petitioner herein and a reply was furnished on 17.08.2016, and the content of the said reply reads as under:-

“With reference to your petitions and appeals cited, you are informed that the information sought in all these are personal information touching upon the relationship between the employer and employee and hence in view of the reasons made in the Head Note to Para 53 of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in W.P.No.20485/2012, dated 17.04.2013, (The Registrar General, High Court of Madras Vs. K.Elango and another (2013 WLR 413)), these information cannot be furnished under the RTI Act.

You are further informed that there is no element of public interest or public activity in any of the information sought.”

9. Having been aggrieved by the same, the first respondent herein carried the matter to the second respondent by filing different appeals/ complaints, and the same were disposed of by the second respondent by passing the impugned orders dated 24.10.2016. A perusal of the impugned orders would disclose that the second respondent Commission has taken note



of each of the RTI application made by the first respondent and the information sought therein, complaint/ appeal-wise, and observed that the response of the Central Public Information Officer (hereinafter referred to as 'the CPIO') is not on record. It is also observed that the response of the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter referred to as 'the FAA') is also not on record. The same is the observation for each and every complaint/ appeal filed by the first respondent.

10. Having observed as above, the learned Commission proceeded to conclude as under:-

“28. The Commission observed that the complainant has filed First Appeals in the matters and has also pursued for getting information on his RTI requests from the respondent. In view of this, the abovementioned complaints may be treated as second appeals. 29. The Commission further observed that there is a delay on the part of the respondent in replying to the RTI applications of the complainant as per the RTI Act, 2005.

30. The Commission while going through the reply of the respondent dated 17.08.2016, has noted that the respondent has not clarified that how the plea of 'personal information' applies on abovementioned RTI applications of the complainant.

31. The Commission further observed that the information sought by the complainant in his abovementioned RTI applications is different and a separate reply to each RTI application should be given to the complainant.”



11. Having concluded above, the second respondent directed the petitioner to deal with the RTI applications made by the first respondent separately, keeping in view the provisions of the Act, within 15 days from the date of order, and also directed the petitioner to show-cause as to why appropriate action should not be taken for contravention of the provisions of the Act. It is the same in respect of the second impugned order dated 24.10.2016 also.

12. From the above, it is evident that the second respondent Commission has taken note of the reply dated 17.08.2016 furnished by the petitioner to the first respondent herein, but failed to take note of the substance of the said reply. A perusal of the said reply dated 17.08.2016 makes it clear that the stand of the petitioner herein is by placing reliance on a decision of a learned Division Bench of this court in W.P.No.20485 of 2012 dated 17.04.2013 in the case of **“Registrar General, Madras High Court -vs- K.Elango and another”** reported in (2013) 2 CWC 56. But, the second respondent Commission, without even taken note of the said decision or the contents of the reply of the petitioner herein, proceeded to observe that the information sought by the first respondent in the subject RTI applications is



different and a separate reply to each RTI application should be given by the petitioner.

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13. The learned Commission failed to examine whether the information sought by the petitioner under various applications referred to above is the one exempted under Section 2(j) of the Act or not. When separate RTI applications were responded by the petitioner contending that the information sought by the first respondent would fall under exemption clause contained under Section 2(j) of the Act, unless the Commission comes to the conclusion that the information sought by the first respondent does not fall under the said provision, namely Section 2(j) of the Act, any order passed directing for re-examination of the said applications is totally erroneous and suffers from sheer non-application of mind.

14. Further, the observations of the Central Information Commission in both the impugned orders are cryptic in nature, and non-application of mind is apparent on the face of the impugned orders. When the first respondent has gone in an appeal before the second respondent, it is for the first respondent to place the entire material before the second respondent for proper appreciation of the matter. As seen from the impugned orders, the second respondent



observed that neither the reply furnished by the CPIO nor the reply of the FAA are not available on record. If that be the case, the second respondent ought to have directed the first respondent to place the entire material before it before proceeding to examine the appeals/ complaints made by the first respondent herein. Further, the second respondent, having observed that the reply of the CPIO is not available on record, surprisingly considered the very same reply dated 17.08.2016 for arriving at its conclusion on the appeals/ complaints filed by the first respondent herein. This itself shows the non-application of mind by the second respondent Commission.

15. Be that as it may, a cursory look at the information sought by the first respondent under various applications, as already noted above, would disclose that the information sought by the first respondent is of frivolous in nature. For instance, under the application dated 30.12.2015, the information sought by the first respondent is as under:-

‘1. Number of writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals filed for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.

2. Number of writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals disposed as on date which are filed in the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.



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3. *Number of final orders issued in/ on writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals as on date which are filed in the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.*

4. *Number of miscellaneous petitions filed under writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.*

5. *Number of miscellaneous petitions disposed which are filed under writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.*

6. *Number of interim orders issued on the miscellaneous petitions filed along with or in writ petitions, criminal original petitions, criminal revision petitions, writ appeals for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.*

7. *Kindly provide me the number of interim orders and final orders issued by the each Hon'ble Judges of Madras High Court individually or as member of bench for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015."*

16. From the above information sought by the petitioner, one can make out the frivolous nature of information that is being sought by the first respondent herein. Not only the information sought under the application dated 30.12.2015, but the information sought under various other applications also is frivolous in nature and pertaining to the internal administration of this court.



17. From the conduct of the first respondent, which has already been taken note of by a learned Division Bench of this Court, and the manner in which the first respondent has been pursuing applications under the Act, we are constrained to arrive at the conclusion that the first respondent is abusing the provisions of the Act as well as the process of law before this Court, thereby wasting valuable judicial time. In the light of the above, the cryptic impugned orders passed by the second respondent cannot be sustained in law and, accordingly, they are hereby quashed.

18. In spite of the learned Division Bench of this court as well as the Central Information Commission making serious observations on the conduct of the first respondent, the first respondent, unabatedly continued the same conduct, causing every hindrance to the authorities under the Act in discharging their obligations under the provisions of the Act. Therefore, we are of the considered view that this is a fit case where exemplary costs should be imposed on the first respondent for being responsible for wasting valuable judicial time of this court. However, keeping in view the age of the first respondent, who is now aged about 74 years, we refrain from imposing any costs for the time being. In case if the first respondent continues to make any



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such frivolous applications under the provisions of the Act or initiate any legal proceedings thereon, the same would be viewed seriously and appropriate action would be taken against him. The first respondent is cautioned in this regard.

19. Accordingly, the writ petition is allowed. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(Dr.A.S.M.,J.) (M.S.K.,J.)
27.01.2026

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