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Adjunct to Appeal: No. CIC/DS/A/2011/001073

Appellant /Complainant : Shri Vinay Kumar, Sangrur (Punjab)

Public Authority : Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Tech.,
Longowal (Punjab) :

1. Sh. Ravinder Kr. Saxena, CPIO
2. Ms. Kamlesh Kumari, Deemed CPIO
3. Sh. Major Singh, Computer Science
4. Sh. H.R. Ghatak, Chemical Technology
5. Dr. Bahadur Singh, Deptt. of Food
6. Dr. P. Kumar, Deptt. Of Food
7. Dr. Rajesh Kr., Deemed CPIO
8. Sh. K.P. Singh, Deptt. of Chemical Engg.
9. Sh. Pradeep Singh Cheema, Computer Science
10. Dr. Mahesh Kr. Deptt. of Management (earlier in EDP department)
11. Sh. Sanjeev Bansal, EDP Deptt.
12. Sh. P.K. Devan, EDP Deptt.

- through videoconferencing)

Date of Hearing : 10 May 2012

Date of Decision : 10 May 2012

Facts:-

1. In pursuance of Commission's show cause notice issued vide order of even number dated 29 March 2012, the CPIO and all the deemed CPIOs as above appeared before the Commission and were heard via videoconferencing from Chandigarh. Appellant was also present.

Decision notice

2. After hearing all the parties, Commission is satisfied that information in terms of the finalization of the utilization certificates for the year 2009 – 10, that the same were

finalized on 25 April 2012 and provided to the appellant. Appellant states that as per the prescribed financial norms, utilization certificates must be finalized soon after the close of the financial year and that these norms have been flouted by the public authority, to the detriment of the Institute as fresh allocation of funds are held back until the utilization certificates in respect of funds previously released are submitted by the receiving Institute to the financing agency.

3. Information as sought by the appellant has been provided to him and Commission accepts the explanation provided by the CPIO in that the information – in this case the utilization certificates – could be provided to the appellant only after they were finalized and therefore there has been no delay on their part in providing the requested information. Accordingly the proposed penalty proceedings are dropped. However Commission notes that the appellant has focused on an issue of larger public interest pertaining to the adherence of financial norms by public authorities and in this case based on the information provided under the RTI Act, undoubtedly there has been considerable delay in finalising the accounts for the year 2009 – 10 and that too was done after the intervention of the Chairman (Board of Management)/FC. Such delays do not augur well for the financial health of the Institute and would have negative impact on the academic services provided to the students. **Case is closed.**

(Smt. Deepak Sandhu)
Information Commissioner (DS)

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Note: Sl. No. 4 to 15 deliver through Present CPIO