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Versus

Sh. Amrit Kumar Samra, Department of English, Government Mohindra College, Patiala.

Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Director, Principal Account Office, (New Pension Scheme), Forest Complex, Tower No. 4, 6th Floor,

First Appellate Authority, O/o Special Secretary, Department of Finance, Punjab Civil Secretariat - 1, Sector-1, Chandigarh.

Sector-68, SAS Nagar.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.2971/2018

Date of RTI application: 22.03.2018
Date of Reply : 02.04.2018
Date of First Appeal : 07.05.2018
Date of Order of FAA : 31.05.2018
Date of 2nd Appeal/complaint: 18.07.2018

Present: Sh. Amrit Kumar Samra, Appellant in person.

1. Sh. Ashwini Gupta, Section Officer, O/o Dy. Director, and

2. Sh. Gurdeep Singh, Auditor, Principal Accounts Office (New Pension Scheme) – for Respondents.

<u>Order</u>

The following order was passed by this forum on 25.10.2018:

"The appellant has sought a statement of his CPF contribution with matching contribution of the Government with effect from October, 2007 to December, 2012 and some other connected information.

The respondents have filed a detailed reply. The appellant is dissatisfied on the score that it is incomplete as the information concerning the interest and the bonus which accrued to him has not been mentioned.

The respondents, on the other hand, submit that the available information with them

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has been supplied and the same in fact is available on the website as well. It transpires that the

details of his contribution prior to the period of 2011-12 are not available. The Commission feels that

the appellant is entitled to be informed of the same as well. The Deputy Director (Accounts) is desired

to look into it and arrange to supply the information which is being sought by him with reference to the

period along with interest and the bonus, if any, under intimation to the Commission."

The case has come up today. Vide his communication dated 30.11.2018 to the PIO

under endorsement to the Commission the appellant has pointed out some deficiencies and

discrepancies in the information communicated to him. The respondents submit that the available

information with them has been provided to him and nothing has been withheld. They add that they

are in the process of completing their record specifically with regard to the legacy data which

agreeably prior to its transfer to them had not been upto date.

The Commission finds that the appellant has a grievance that the interest showed to

have accrued to him on his subscriptions and the earned return is not in keeping with the policy

instructions of the Government. RTI is not a forum for redressal of grievances. The appellant should

exploit the mechanism inbuilt in the functioning of the Public Authority or should approach the higher

authorities to correct the malady. Having said that the Commission desires the Special Secretary to

Government, Punjab, Department of Finance overseeing this scheme to look into his grievance and

redress it to the extent feasible.

Disposed.

13.12.2018

Sd/-(Yashvir Mahajan) State Information Commissioner

CC: The Special Secretary to Government, Punjab, Department of Finance, Punjab Civil Secretariat – 1, Sector – 1, Chandigarh, for n/a.