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File No. SIC/K/Comp/17/2017
Decision No. SIC/K/Comp/17/2017/**115**

(Final Order)

Complainant : Sh. Saqib Faheem Kachroo

Respondent : Public Information Officer (PIO)/
Principal Islamia College of Science and
Commerce Srinagar

Complaint filed on : 04.09.2017

Date of Decision : 19.03.2018

The brief facts of this complaint are that the complainant Sh. Saqib Faheem Kachroo had filed an RTI application dated 03.07.2017 with the PIO/Principal, Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar seeking information on three queries regarding procurement of Laboratory & Stationery items during the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 besides allowing the Complainant/the then RTI applicant to have inspection of records pertaining to procurement of Laboratory

and Stationery items during the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. The complainant had alleged that in total disregard to the provisions of the J&K RTI Act, 2009 the Principal, Islamia College has not given any reply to the information seeker till date, thus the PIO concerned has not bothered to fulfill the mandate of law that has been enshrined under Section-6 and Section-7 of the J&K RTI, Act. The complainant has accordingly requested the State Information Commission, that the concerned PIO be directed to provide him the requisite information as sought by him vide his RTI application dated 03.07.2017.

The Complaint came up for hearing on 19.01.2018. The Principal Islamia College for Science and Commerce, Srinagar did not attend personally. Dr. Altaf-ur-Rehman, Physical Training Instructor/PIO, Islamia College for Science and Commerce, Srinagar and the complainant Sh. Saqib Faheem Kachroo attended the hearing at the Srinagar office of the State Information Commission. The PIO was not carrying the authority letter from the Principal which he should have as a representative of the Principal. He was also not carrying the order of his appointment as the PIO and clarify whether he has been appointed as such by the College authorities or the

Administrative Department in the State Government. The hearing in the complaint was accordingly adjourned.

The complaint again came up for hearing today on 19-03-2018. Dr. Altaf-ur-Rehman, PIO and Mr. Saquib Faheem Kachroo, appellant were present. During the proceedings, the PIO clarified that he is duly appointed PIO and also submitted that he has already provided the requisite information to the complainant. The complainant admitted to the receipt of the information and expressed his satisfaction over the same. As such, no further proceedings are required in the instant complaint. However, in terms of powers vested in the State Information Commission under Section 22(5), it is recommended to the PIO, Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar and the Principal of the said College to take necessary steps to strengthen and streamline the RTI Cell to ensure proper adherence to the provisions of the J&K RTI Act, 2009.

Sd/-
(Khurshid A. Ganai) *IAS Retd.*
Chief Information Commissioner

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2. Appellant-Sh. Saqib Faheem Kachroo S/o M. Ashraf Kachroo R/o Gole Masjid Buhlochipora, Soura, Srinagar

(M. S. Bhat)
Dy. Registrar
J&K State Information Commission