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File No. SIC/J/A/49/2018

Decision No. SIC/J/A/49/2018/302

**Final Order**

(Second Appeal)

- Appellant : Sh. Ashish Sharma.
- Respondents : First Appellate Authority (FAA)/Registrar,  
SKUAST, Jammu and  
Public Information Officer (PIO)/Assistant  
Registrar, SKUAST, Jammu.
- Date of Registration : 23.05.2018.
- Date of Decision : 30.08.2018.

**Brief Facts:**

The present appeal has originated from the RTI application dated: 11.11.2017 filed by the applicant Sh. Ashish Sharma, S/o. Sh. Ram Rattan, R/o. Panotrey Chek, P.O. Mandal, Tehsil Mandal, District Jammu with PIO, SKUAST seeking information regarding the details of purchases made by the O/O Director, Research in 2015-16 and 2016-17 with name of items, names of firms, quantity, rate, amount, purpose of purchase and what are the financial powers of Director, Research. The PIO vide his communication dated: 14.12.2017 replied to the appellant by forwarding communication of Director, Research dated: 07.12.2017 to the applicant whereunder the Director, Research informed that the applicant had not

specified the items for which the information was required by him and that the information sought by him did not exist in the form in which the information has been sought. Accordingly, the Director requested the PIO to ask the applicant to visit his office on any pre-fixed date for inspection of records so that the information required by him could be provided. He was also informed that financial powers of Director, Research are available on the University Website i.e. [www.skuast.org](http://www.skuast.org). However, instead of visiting the Directorate of Research for having inspection of records, the applicant filed First Appeal with Registrar, SKUAST on 20.12.2017, submitting therein that no response has been received till date from the PIO. The FAA/Registrar, SKUAST disposed of the said First Appeal on 24.01.2018 by again forwarding the communication of Director, Research to the applicant asking for inspection of records as the information sought was voluminous. Aggrieved by the said order, the applicant filed second appeal before the SIC on 16.02.2018 which, after making the appellant to remove the procedural deficiencies, was admitted by the Commission on 23.05.2018.

### **Proceedings:**

The appeal came up for hearing before the Commission today on 30.08.2018. Sh. Atul Mahajan, PIO/Assistant Registrar (Legal), SKUAST, Jammu was present whereas the appellant did not attend. The PIO submitted that through the RTI application dated: 11.11.2017, the applicant sought details of purchases made by the O/O Director, Research in the year 2015-16, 2016-17. As the applicant had not mentioned the specific items for which the information was sought, the Director, Research intimated to him to visit his office for inspection of records. The

PIO also submitted that there are 07 research centers located across the Jammu division and the applicant had not specified in respect of which center the information was required by him. The PIO further submitted that the appellant did not choose to avail the opportunity of inspection of records. Since the appellant was not present during the hearing, his views could not be ascertained.

**Decision:**

The appeal is disposed of with a direction to the appellant to visit the O/O Director, Research on any convenient date for having inspection of records. The PIO, SKUAST is directed to fix a mutually convenient date with the appellant for inspection of records and facilitate such inspection of records, in case the appellant choose to avail the inspection. If after having inspection, the appellant specifies research centers and the items with respect to which the information is required by him, the same shall be provided by the PIO to the appellant within a period of 03 weeks from the date of such inspection.

*Copy of the decision be given free of cost to the parties.*

**Sd/-**  
**(Mohammad Ashraf Mir)**  
State Information Commissioner

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1. FAA/Registrar, SKUAST, Jammu
2. PIO/Assistant Registrar, SKAUST, Jammu.

3. Appellant—Sh. Ashish Sharma S/o Sh. Ram Rattan R/o Panotry Chek, P.O. Mandal District Jammu.
4. Office File

***(Zaheer Abbas)***  
***Assistant Registrar***  
***State Information Commission.***