ORDER OF THE 1ST APPELLATE AUTHORITY IN THE OFFLINE APPEAL DATED NII FILED BY Ms. KUMARI AAKANSHA SHARMA

1st APPEAL NO. RINLT/A/P/22/00005 AND RTI APPLICATION NO.RINLT/R/P/22/00031

<u>Facts of the case:</u> Ms. Kumari Aakansha Sharma had filed an offline RTI application Regd. No. RINLT/R/P/22/00031 dated 23.03.2022, seeking the following information.

Kindly provide me copy of the Charge Sheet issued to Mr. A. K. Sobti and other case related to M/s, V.S.S. Constructions & Logistics where in the entity was debarred.

Upon receiving the information from concerned Department, CPIO has on 28.04.2022 replied as follows:

Reply to	The copy of the Charge Sheet issued to Mr. A. K. Sobti and other case related to
Query	M/s. V.S.S. Constructions & Logistics where in the entity was debarred cannot be provided under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 as Charge sheet issued relates
	to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the
	individual and hence is exempted from disclosure. Moreover no larger interest has
	been brought out by the applicant in seeking the said information.

Grounds of Appeal: Appellant has filed the present appeal on 07.05.2022 on that

- 1. Applicant is entitled to get any information which is already in existence and accessible to the public authority under law.
- 2. PIO has ignored that public interest in the disclosure of the information to the applicant outweigh the harm to the protected interests.
- 3. The order has been passed in violation of principles of justice fair play and bewared on valid reasons.
- 4. The non-applicant of the part of the public and PIO has acted without jurisdiction.
- 5. The order is contrary to provisions of RTI Act.

Analysis and Observation: The Applicant has stated that she has sought copy of the Charge Sheet issued to Mr. A. K. Sobti and other case related to M/s. V.S.S. Constructions & Logistics where in the entity was debarred.

I find that CPIO has denied the information on the ground that it relates to personal information of the employee. Disclosure of it has no relationship to any public activity or interest and it would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual and hence is exempted from disclosure as per 8(1) (J) of RTI Act, 2005.

Perusing the record I am of the view that charge sheet issued to any individual employee, it is personal information. Applicant has not brought out the public interest that will be served by disclosing the information.

The onus lies with the information seeker to establish that public interest will be served by disclosure of any personal information. She has not brought out of a shred of evidence in support of her contention that public interest will be served in the disclosure of information.

In view of the above, I am in agreement with the stand taking by CPIO.

With the above observation the appeal is disposed off.

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