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BEFORE THE HON'BLE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION, UTTAR PRADESH

Hearing Room: S-9 Presiding Officer: Hon'ble Shakuntala Gautam, State Information Commissioner

Appeal No: S-09/A/2279/2024 **Registration No:** A-20241102153

In the Matter of: Yogi M.P. Singh ... *Appellant Versus Public Information Officer, Office of the CMO, Mirzapur ... Respondent*

Respected Madam,

The Appellant most humbly submits as follows:

1. Background and Illegal Denial: The Appellant sought specific information regarding the posting details, tenures, and CUG numbers of Class I, II, III, and IV employees of the CMO Office, Mirzapur, to ensure compliance with the State Government's Transfer Policy. The PIO, via communication dated **01.02.2025**, arbitrarily denied this information by citing **Section 8(1)(d)** of the RTI Act (Commercial Confidence) and illegally demanded the "justification" and "public interest" behind the request.

2. Violation of Section 6(2) of the RTI Act:

The PIO's demand for "justification" is a direct violation of **Section 6(2)**, which explicitly states that an applicant shall not be required to give any reason for requesting information. This reflects a persistent disregard for the RTI Act's statutory provisions.

3. Misapplication of Exemptions: Administrative records such as transfer orders, employee tenures, and official mobile numbers are not "trade secrets" or "commercial confidence". Such information falls under the category of **Proactive Disclosure** required by **Section 4(1)(b)** of the RTI Act to promote transparency in public administration.

4. Failure to Comply with Commission Orders: On **October 16, 2025**, this Hon'ble Commission ruled that the PIO's response was **not point-wise, clear, or correct**. The Respondent was ordered to provide amended, point-wise information to the Appellant. To date, the Respondent has failed to comply with these directives, demonstrating a willful obstruction of the right to information.

PRAYER

In view of the above facts, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:

- **Direct the Respondent** to immediately provide the point-wise, amended information as previously ordered by this Commission.
- **Initiate Penalty Proceedings** under **Section 20(1)** of the RTI Act at the rate of **₹250 per day** against the PIO for the deliberate and persistent delay in providing information.
- **Recommend Disciplinary Action** under **Section 20(2)** for the PIO's bad faith in misinterpreting the law to shield administrative irregularities.

Date: 23/02/2026 **Place:** Lucknow

Respectfully Submitted,

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