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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 124/2017**

**THE CPIO LITIGATION (DELHI HIGH COURT) SECTION**

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rahul Sharma and Mr. C.K.  
Bhatt, Advocates

versus

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND ANR**

..... Respondents

Through: None.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV SACHDEVA**

**ORDER**

% **09.01.2017**

**CM No. 612/2017 (Exemption)**

Exemption is allowed subject to all just exceptions.

**W.P.(C) 124/2017 & CM No. 611/2017**

The petitioner impugns the order dated 01.11.2016 whereby the Central Information Commission has directed the petitioner to provide the details of the fee paid to the Law Officer appearing for the Government along with noting portion regarding appointment plus CV/application after separating personal information including the TDS details.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the information sought for contains not only privilege information but also personal information pertaining to the said Law Officer and the disclosure could not have been directed to be made without the consent of the



said Law Officer. It is further contended that there is no public interest shown by the respondents for disclosure of such information. He further submits that all bills which are paid are paid after due verification and scrutiny by the concerned finance department which verifies the order sheets and the presence of counsel prior to the disbursal of any fee is concerned. Further it is contended that the disclosure of the information is exempted under the provision of Section 8 of the Act. It is submitted that the information cannot be disclosed as to the number of cases and the kind of matters which are being dealt with by the said Law Officer.

Issue notice to the respondent no. 2, returnable on 24.04.2017.

Till the next date of hearing, the operation of order dated 01.11.2016 shall remain stayed.

Order *dasti* under signatures of the Court Master.

**SANJEEV SACHDEVA, J**

**JANUARY 09, 2017**  
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