

Sl. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			<p>WPMS No.1583 of 2026 <u>Hon'ble Pankaj Purohit, J.</u></p> <p>Mr. Sagar Kothari, learned counsel for the petitioner.</p> <p>2. Petitioner has challenged the order dated 08.05.2026, Annexure-14 to the writ petition, pages 58 to 60, passed by the Chief Information Commissioner, Dehradun, in Appeal No. 44714 of 2026, under Section 19(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short, "the Act, 2005").</p> <p>3. According to the petitioner, he is a Professor and was the Head of the Department of Physiology in respondent no.4, Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali, Government Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Srinagar, (Garhwal) (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute"). Respondent no.5 was pursuing the M.D. Physiology (Post Graduate Degree) course from respondent no.4, and petitioner was appointed as the P.G. Guide of respondent no.5, along with Dr. Neha Aggarwal, Assistant Professor, Physiology, by the Principal of respondent no.4 vide order dated 05.03.2024.</p> <p>4. Respondent no.5, during the P.G. course, submitted his thesis. Petitioner made a complaint to respondent no. 4, the Principal of the Institute, stating that respondent no.5 had submitted the thesis after doing cut-and-paste work from some other research work, along with a letter sent by the petitioner on 01.09.2025.</p>

On the said complaint, a three-member committee was constituted on 12.09.2025, headed by Dr. Vineeta Rawat, Head of the Department of Microbiology.

5. According to petitioner, inquiry was concluded, and the petitioner made an application for supply of the report of the inquiry committee, but the same has not been supplied to him, resulting in the filing of a complaint before the Public Information Officer, respondent no. 2. The said complaint was dismissed by the Public Information Officer, stating that third-party information cannot be provided to the petitioner. Feeling aggrieved, petitioner preferred an appeal before the Appellate Authority under the Act, 2005, before respondent no.3, which too was dismissed. Feeling aggrieved by the aforesaid orders passed by respondent nos.2 and 3, the petitioner preferred an appeal under Section 19 of the Act, 2005 before respondent no. 1, which resulted in Appeal No. 44714 of 2026. In the said appeal, respondent no.1 passed the impugned order, whereby respondent no.4 was given liberty to conduct a fresh inquiry, and the appeal was adjourned to 27.07.2026. Feeling aggrieved by the aforesaid order, petitioner is before this Court.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that respondent no.1 has exceeded its jurisdiction while granting liberty to respondent no.4 to conduct a fresh inquiry, therefore, the order cannot be sustained.

7. This Court finds substance in the submission made

by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

8. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable within six weeks.

9. Steps shall be taken within one week.

10. List on 27.07.2026.

11. Respondents may file their counter affidavit in the meantime.

12. Till the next date of listing, the operation of the impugned order shall remain suspended, only to the extent whereby respondent no.4, Principal of the Institute, was given liberty to conduct a fresh inquiry.

13. Stay application (IA No.1/2026) stands disposed of accordingly.

(Pankaj Purohit, J.)

30.05.2026

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