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Sh. Gurinder Singh S/o sh. Harnek Singh, R/o Bhagta Bhaika, Tehsil Phul, Distt Bathinda.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP,

O/o SSP, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority, O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2616 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Gurinder Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Sh.Jasbir Singh, DSP-Rampuraphul for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 2.03.2020 has sought information regarding copies of log book of vehicle No.PB03A2329 from 01.09.2018 to 02.02.2019 as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Bathinda. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.07.2020 which took no decision on the appeal on 02.09.2020 with the decision that as per report of SSP Bathinda, the information cannot be provided since the said vehicle is being used by the Police Department for secret duties and for investigation of complicated cases and disclosure of information may hamper the investigation as well as risk to the life of witnesses.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda.

The Commission has received a reply of the PIO on 16.02.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **22.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

Chandigarh Dated :01.06.2021 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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... Appellant

Versus

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First Appellate Authority, O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2617 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Gurinder Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Sh.Jasbir Singh, DSP-Rampuraphul for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 17.02.2020 has sought information regarding case No.144 dated 21.10.2018 – date of SFL testing of empty bullet cartridges recovered during enquiry - RC number, Docket Number and deposit receipt of the cartridge along with final result as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Bathinda. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.07.2020 which disposed of the appeal on 02.09.2020 with the decision that as per the report of SSP Bathinda, since the SFL report has not yet been received and the case is still under investigation, the information cannot be provided.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda. The Commission has received a letter from the PIO on 16.02.2021 vide which the PIO has informed that since the SFL report relating to case No.144 was not received and the information was not provided. Thereafter the appellant filed the first appeal on 21.07.2020 which was disposed of by the First Appellate Authority on 02.09.2020.

As per the appellant, the PIO has given wrong information since the First Appellate Authority vide letter dated 02.09.2020 has stated that the SFL report has not been received whereas vide letter dated 09.10.2020, the PIO has informed that the empty cartridges are yet to be sent to SFL Lab for inspection.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to provide the following:

- 1. Date of sending of empty cartridge for testing in the SFL Lab
- 2. If the case is still under investigation at the time of the hearing, it may be held back

To come up for further hearing on **22.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority, O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2620 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Gurinder Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Sh.Jasbir Singh, DSP-Rampuraphul for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 03.03.2020 has sought information regarding the copy of DDR relating to case Jasbir Singh dated 21.10.2018 PS Diyalpura relating to departure, return etc. and other information as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Bathinda.. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 13.07.2020 whereby the PIO denied the information stating that since the information sought relates to case No.144/2018 which is pending for enquiry, the information cannot be provided. Thereafter the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.07.2020 which disposed of the appeal on 02.09.2020 upholding the PIOs view.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda. As per the respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant informed that he has received the information relating to the departure(Ravangi) of Jasbir Singh but information relating to his return(Vapsi) has not been provided.

The PIO is directed to provide the remaining information to the appellant within 10 days and send a compliance report to the commission.

To come up for further hearing on **22.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority, O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2627 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Gurinder Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Sh.Jasbir Singh, DSP-Rampuraphul for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 18.01.2020 has sought information regarding case No.144 dated 21.10.2018 – PS Dialpura – a copy of statement recorded under section 161 relating to recovery of the empty bullet as enumerated in the RTI application concerning the office of SSP Bathinda. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 21.07.2020 which disposed of the appeal on 02.09.2020 with the decision that as per the report of SSP Bathinda dated 14.08.2020, the enquiry is still pending, the information cannot be provided.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information.

The Commission has received a reply of the PIO on 16.02.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission. The reply is not justified since the appellant has sought a copy of the statement recorded under section 161 relating to the recovery of an empty bullet cartridge.

The respondent is willing to provide the information and has assured to provide the said document within 15 days.

The PIO is directed to provide information to the appellant within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

To come up for further hearing on **22.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda.

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Dated:01.06.2021

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Sh Pankaj Mittal, # 22009/B, Street NO-12/1, Power House Road, Bathinda.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSP,

Faridkot. ...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 607of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Pankaj Mittal as the Complainant

Sh.Ramesh Kumar, ASI O/o SSP (Vigilance) Faridkot

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 25.05.2020 has sought information regarding logbook of vehicle No.PB-03T-6492 from the office of DGP Punjab which transferred the same to AIG-cum-PIO-Vigilance Bureau, Punjab Mohali vide letter dated 16.06.2020 under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. The office of Joint Director Admn-cum-PIO Vigilance Bureau further referred the same vide letter dated 30.06.2020 to the office of SSP –Vigilance Bureau Bathinda. The SSP VB-Bathinda further transferred the same on 08.07.2020 to the office of SSP Faridkot u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act. The complainant was not provided with the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 02.09.2020.

The case first came up for hearing 19.01.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Sri Muktsar Sahib. The respondent present pleaded that the vehicle for which the appellant has sought information was allotted to Sh.Bhupinder Singh, PPS-Flying Squad Bathinda and after calling the report of Sh.Bhupinder Singh, they have sent a reply to the complainant vide letter dated 02.09.2020 with a copy to the Commission.

The Commission has received a letter from the PIO-cum-SSP Faridkot stating that the information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 02.09.2020.

Having gone through the letter, the Commission observed that the PIO has sent only the reply of Sh.Bhupinder Singh whereby Sh.Bhupinder Singh has stated that the said vehicle was used by him during his posting as DSP(Vigilance Bureau Bathinda) and on 17.01.2017, the said vehicle was deposited with MTO, CPO Punjab, Chandigarh and that the information relating to the logbook of the vehicle be obtained from SSP, Vigilance Bureau, Bathinda.

Keeping the above, the PIO-SSP(Vigilance Bureau), Bathinda was impleaded in the case and directed to ascertain that under whose custody the logbook of the vehicle exists and file a suitable reply at the next date of hearing.

Hearing dated 01.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Bathinda. The respondent present from the office of SSP(Vigilance) Bathinda pleaded that the information is not available in their office since the vehicle was directly allotted to Sh.Bhupinder Singh, PPC by the office of Director General Police Punjab Chandigarh. According to the, as per the statement of Sh. Bhupinder Singh, the said vehicle along with logbook was deposited by him with MTO-CPO on 17.01.2017. The PIO has sent a reply dated 16.02.2021 which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Complaint Case No. 607of 2020

In the reply, the PIO has also mentioned that the appellant had earlier filed an appeal case No.330 of 2020 for seeking some information including logbook of Vehicle No. 03T-6492 which was disposed of by Preety Chawla, State Information Commissioner on 25.11.2020 accepting the plea that the available information had been provided, and since the information relating to logbook of said vehicle is not available in their record, it cannot be provided.

For now, the question is that under whose custody the logbook lies . As per reply of the PIO, Sh.Bhupinder Singh, PPS in whose name the vehicle was allotted, had deposited the vehicle alongwith log book with MTO-PCO Punjab on 17.01.2017.

The PIO-MTO,CPO O/o DGP –Punjab, Chandigarh is impleaded in the case and directed to file suitable reply under whose custody the information lies.

To come up for further hearing on **22.09.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda. PIO-MTO O/o DGP to appear through VC at DAC Mohali.

Chandigarh Dated 01.06.2021

Sd/Khushwant Singh
State Information Commissioner

CC to: 1. PIO-SSP(Vigilance Bureau),

Bathinda Range, Bathidna.

2. PIO-MTO-CPO, Pb O/o Director General of Police,Pb Chandigarh.