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Sh. Ashwani Kumar

S/o Sh. Deep Chand,
H No 559, New Ashok Nagar
B Salem Tabri, Village Jassian,
Tehsil & Distt Ludhiana-141008(Punjab)
(M : 9988311600)
RTI Application No 68038

..Appellant

Vs

- i) **Public Information Officer**
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana(Punjab)
- ii) **Public Information Officer**
O/o The Sub Registrar
Ludhiana West, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

..Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 4742 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.09.2023.

2. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 03.04.2024.

3. None is present on behalf of the parties. Since no response has been received from the appellant although a notice/order was sent to the appellant through registered post. The absence of the appellant without intimation transpires that the appellant does not wish to pursue his case or he is satisfied.

4. Keeping in view the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case, hence the case is **disposed and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within four weeks, in case, he has any submission to make.

Date :3rd April, 2024

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Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Ranvir Singh

S/o Sh. Hari Singh, # 7,
GOH (172), Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana(Punjab)
(M : 7087859505)
RTI Application No 65909

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4874 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harinder Singh office of B.D.P.O., Khanna, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.05.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 05.06.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 03.04.2024.

2. The respondent submits that the sought information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant and nothing more is available on record, which could be supplied to the appellant. He also submits a copy of the receipt of the appellant vide which he has made a submission that complete information has been supplied to him and also requested to close the case. Similarly, a request of the appellant has also been received through an-email.

3. According to the submission made by the appellant, Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed and closed.**

Date :3rd April, 2024

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Sh. Jagtar Singh,

S/o Sh. Balvir Singh,
House No 2028, Sector 66,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab) -160062.
(M : 9463064909)

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Addl. Chief Secretary, Pb.
School Education Department,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Addl. Chief Secretary, Pb.
School Education Department,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh

..respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 4684 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jagtar Singh, the appellant in person.
Ms. Neha Gupta, Senior Assistant, O/o DPI (Elem.) and Ms. Kulwant Kaur,
Steno, O/o DEO (Elem) on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.09.2023. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 03.04.2024.

2. The appellant submits that the respondent PIO may be directed to supply the complete information in this case. However, the respondent submits that the appellant filed the RTI application to the Chief Secretary office and the said office transferred the RTI application to the Education Department u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. The respondent O/o the Director, Public Instructions (Elementary), Mohali submits that he has filed the similar RTI application in another case which is being heard by the commission separately. Also, the respondent O/o District Education Officer (Elementary) submits that the appellant also sought the similar information from the office and the action taken has already been supplied to the appellant. She has also handed over a copy of the same to the appellant during the course of hearing comprising 07 pages.

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4. Also, the appellant given acknowledgement of the sought information during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.
5. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, no further directions are being given to the respondent PIO in this case with which the appellant agreed to.
6. Keeping in view of the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed of & closed**.

Date :03.04.2024
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..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Education and Recruitment Directorate,
Microsoft Building, Phase 3 B 1,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director,
Education and Recruitment Directorate,
Microsoft Building, Phase 3 B 1,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

..respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 4685 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jagtar Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Shingara Singh, Senior Assistant on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.09.2023. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, Chief Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 25.09.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 03.04.2024.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

ਸੂਚਨਾ: ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 01.07.2018 ਤੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 10.12.2022/ਇਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਭਰਤੀਆਂ/ਆਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ, ਭਾਰਤੀ ਫੌਜ (ਥਲ ਸੈਨਾ, ਹਵਾਈ ਸੈਨਾ, ਜਲ ਸੈਨਾ) ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ੇਨਲ ਮੰਤਰਾਲੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਪਬਲਿਕ ਗ੍ਰੀਵੈਂਸ ਐਂਡ ਪੌਸ਼ਨ (ਡਿਪਾਰਟਮੈਂਟ ਆਫ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ੇਨਲ ਐਂਡ ਟ੍ਰੈਨਿੰਗ) ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 15012 8/82/ਈਐਸਟੀ(ਡੀ) ਮਿਤੀ 12 ਫਰਵਰੀ 1986 (ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੰ 09 ਨਵੀ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਸ਼ਨਿੱਚਰਵਾਰ 01 ਮਾਰਚ 1986, ਪਾਰਟ-II ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ 3 ਸਬ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ-1) ਤਹਿਤ ਜਾਰੀ ਆਰਮਡ ਫੋਰਸਸ ਸੇਵਾ, ਗ੍ਰੈਜੂਏਸ਼ਨ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ/ਭਰਤੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰਾਂ/ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ



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3. The respondent submits that reply regarding the sought information had already been sent to the appellant dated 26.03.2024 with a copy to the Commission and the relevant portion of the same is as under:

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਤੇ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਮਿਤੀ 01/07/2018 ਤੋਂ 10/12/2022 ਤੱਕ ਕੀਤੀਆ ਗਈਆ ਭਰਤੀਆ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਿਲੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਸੂਚੀਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਇਟ www.educationrecruitmentboard.com ਤੇ ਉਪਲੱਬਧ ਹਨ, ਚੈੱਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਜਿਥੇ ਤੱਕ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ /ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਸ਼ਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆ ਦਾ ਸਬੰਧ ਹੈ ਉਹ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕਿ ਸੁਧਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਜਨਤਕ ਸਿਕਾਇਤਾਂ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕਿ ਸੁਧਾਰ-1 ਬਰਾਂਚ) ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ. 4/5/2021-4 GR /1/1/2254487/2021 ਮਿਤੀ 09-08-2021 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਆਫ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਿਵਲ ਅਪੀਲ ਨੰ. 10044 ਆਫ 2019 ਸੈਂਟਰਲ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਇੰਨਫਾਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਫਸਰ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਆਫ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਬਨਾਮ ਚੰਦਰਾ ਅਗਰਵਾਲ ਦੇ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 13-11-2019 ਦੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਦੇ ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 59 ਦੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਪਰਸਨਲ ਇੰਨਫਾਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ।

The appellant submits he has already received the same.

4. It is pertinent to mention the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal nos. 6454 of 2011 in a case, Central Board of Secondary Education and another Versus Aditya Bandhopadhyay & Ors. and the relevant portion of the same is as under

"The right to information is a cherished right. Information and right to information are intended to be formidable tools in the hands of responsible citizens to fight corruption and to bring in transparency and accountability. The provisions of RTI Act should be enforced strictly and all efforts should be made to bring to light the necessary information under clause (b) of section 4(1) of the Act which relates to securing transparency and accountability in the working of public authorities and in discouraging corruption. But in

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regard to other information, (that is information other than those enumerated in section 4(1) (b) and (c) of the Act), equal importance and emphasis are given to other public interests (like confidentiality of sensitive information, fidelity and fiduciary relationships, efficient operation of governments, etc.). Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be whatever converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties."

5. After having the detailed deliberations with both the parties, the submissions made by the respondent mentioned above are accepted.
6. Keeping in view of the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is **disposed of & closed**.

Date :03.04.2024
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