



**Sh. Bhagwan Dass, S/o Sh. Sadhu Ram**

R/o Gali No. 2, Angad Nagar  
Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar  
(7986056102)

.....Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer**

O/o State Health Agency, BSNL Building  
Sector 34, Punjab, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority-cum-CEO,**

O/o State Health Agency, Sector 34, Punjab,  
BSNL Building, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**Appeal case No. 1990 of 2021**

Present : (i) Sh. Bhagwan Dass the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Gursimran Riar, PIO, Sh. Amardeep Singh (OSD)

**ORDER**

The appellant, Sh. Bhagwan Dass, vide his RTI application dated 27.11.2020 sought information on eight points from the PIO o/o State Health Agency, BSNL Building, Punjab, Chandigarh. Not satisfied with the provided information, he preferred his first appeal before the First Appellate Authority, who, however, did not decide the appeal. Therefore, the appellant filed the above second appeal before the Commission.

2. This appeal case was allocated to the Bench of my predecessor, Sh. Khushwant Singh, State Information Commissioner. Through his orders dated 31.08.2022, he directed the PIO to provide point-wise information to the appellant. On his retirement, this case was reallocated to the Bench of the undersigned.

3. Accordingly, this case was fixed for hearing before the undersigned on 15.05.2023. Both the Respondent-PIO and the appellant came present. PIO vide his response dated 15.05.2023 has given point-wise reply to all the points mentioned in the RTI application.



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PIO has given full justification on all the points duly supported by various decisions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana. However, appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO. During the course of hearing of appeal, the appellant started misbehaving and calling the PIO by names. He used very filthy language. I condemn the attitude of the appellant for his irresponsible and abusive language used against the PIO, who is a very senior and responsible officer.

4. The appellant has also used un-parliamentary words and leveled uncalled for allegation against the undersigned alleging that the Commission was biased and favouring the respondent intentionally. This attitude of the appellant is beyond tolerance and does not behave like a civilized person. The language he has used was couched in a very indecent manner.

In *P. Jayasankar v Chief Secretary to Govt of Tamilnadu and Gunasellan, IPS* decided by Madras High Court on 18.02.2013, which was held that "no information seeker can be allowed to insinuate or defame the Commissioners in the guise of prosecuting their cases. Under such circumstances, when power is vested on the Commissioner and the Commission had proceeded against the information seeker, who had abused the Commissioner in the course of his proceedings, it will be open to the said authority to disqualify a particular information seeker by passing a speaking order.

5. In a similar case, the State Information Commission Tamil Nadu was forced to blacklist a petitioner from seeking any further information from the Commission and with a direction that the petitions made by the petitioner should not be entertained. This extreme decision was taken as the information seeker had misbehaved during the hearing and had made defamatory and insinuating remarks. Consequently, High Court of Madras in WP 3778 of 2013 had upheld the decision of the State Information Commission and observed: "*Henceforth no information seeker can be allowed to insinuate or defame the Commissioner in the guise of prosecuting their cases*"

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6. The vulnerability of this benevolent statute to such misuse cannot be allowed to perpetuate once Commission has taken cognizance of the intent of the RTI Applicant. The menace caused by vexatious/frivolous litigants is well recognized and if similar obstruction is faced by *quasi-judicial* bodies particularly with respect to statutes like the RTI Act, which is premised on bringing transparency and accountability in government functioning for the larger good of the public, it is only axiomatic that such misuse ought to be curbed.

7. The Commission advises the appellant, who is presumed to know the law, to be sane enough to see reason in not abusing the RTI and behave like a responsible citizen.

8. I have carefully gone through the contents of RTI application. I am fully satisfied with the information provided to the appellant by the PIO. No further action in this appeal case is called for. Accordingly the present Second Appeal being devoid of merits , are hereby **dismissed**.

Sd/-

**Dated : 15.05.2023**

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The District Industry Centre,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5152 of 2022**

Present: (i) None for the Appellant  
(ii) for the Respondent: Sh Balwinder Singh Sidhu, Functional Manager

### **ORDER**

The Abovementioned Appeal case has been re-allocated to this bench, from the bench of Former SIC Sh Khushwant Singh, after his retirement. The RTI application is dated 29.07.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.05.2023 in the Commission.

3. The Appellant is not present today.

4. The Respondent states that the information sought by the Appellant has already been provided to him. Further, they have also filed their reply regarding the same vide Commission diary no. 7697 dated 24.03.2023 along with the copy of reply as sent to the Appellant which is as under:-



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ਵਲੋ  
 ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ,  
 ਪਬਲਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ-ਕਮ-ਜਨਰਲ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ,  
 ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਉਦਯੋਗ ਕੇਂਦਰ,  
 ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਰੋਹਿਤ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਿਨੋਦ ਕੁਮਾਰ,  
 ਨਿਸ਼ਨਾ ਬੁੱਕ ਸਾਪ, ਦਰਾਹਾ, ਤਹਿ ਪਾਇਲ,  
 ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

ਮੀਸੇ ਨੰ: ਜ਼ਿਉਕੋ/ਲਪਿ-3734  
 ਮਿਤੀ: 23-8-2022

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:-  
 ਆਨ ਲਾਈਨ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਨੰਬਰ-25407 ਸਬੰਧੀ।

ਹਵਾਲਾ ਆਪ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ,  
 ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ।

(1) ਆਪ ਵਲੋਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀਆਂ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੋਸਲ ਸਿਕਿਉਰਟੀ ਫੰਡ ਦਰਾਹਾ ਦੀ  
 ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੀ ਹੱਦ ਅੰਦਰ ਕਿੰਨੀ ਰਕਮ ਖਰਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਬਾਰੇ ਪੁੱਛਿਆ  
 ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

(i) Sportking Industry Doraha.  
 (ii) R.N. Gupta & Co., Doraha.  
 (iii) Bedi Steel (P) Ltd., Doraha.  
 (iv) Longo Walia Yarns Ltd., Doraha.  
 (v) Kundi Steel Forging, Doraha.  
 (vi) R.B. Knit & Parts, Doraha.  
 (vii) Yerik International, Doraha.  
 (viii) Freeman, Doraha.  
 (ix) Mitter Fastners, Doraha.  
 (x) Ralson (P) Ltd., Doraha.

(2) ਸਾਲ 2020-21, 21-22 ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿੰਨਾ ਫੰਡ ਖਰਚਨ ਦੇ ਪਾਬੰਦ ਹਨ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਇਕਾਈਆਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਹਨ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਨਹੀਂ  
 ਹੈ।

ਕੋਟ ਨੰ: ਜ਼ਿਉਕੋ/ਲਪਿ/ 3735

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਦਾ ਉਤਰਾ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਸਾਧ) ਨੂੰ  
 3 ਮੀਸੇ ਨੰ: 2979/ਪੀ.ਆਈ.ਓ./ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਮਿਤੀ 12-08-2022 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ  
 ਹਿਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਪਬਲਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ-ਕਮ-ਜਨਰਲ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ,  
 ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਉਦਯੋਗ ਕੇਂਦਰ,  
 ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

ਮਿਤੀ: 23-8-2022

ਪਬਲਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ-ਕਮ-ਜਨਰਲ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ,  
 ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਉਦਯੋਗ ਕੇਂਦਰ,  
 ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

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5. I have gone through the reply filed by the Respondent and have agreed with it. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left. Hence, the Appeal case filed by the Appellant is disposed off and closed. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Sd/-**

**Dated :15.05.2023**

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**



Harminder Singh  
S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh,  
V.P.O. – Khattria Chuhaaram,  
Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)  
(M : 9872929539)

....Complainant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The District Controller,  
Food and Civil Supplies, Punjab,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 736 of 2022**

Present: (i) Sh Harminder Singh, complainant  
(ii) for the Respondent: Sh kanhaya Lal, AFSSO and Sh Rajesh Kumar, Inspector

**ORDER**

1. The Abovementioned Complaint case has been re-allocated to this bench, from the bench of Former SIC Sh Khushwant Singh, after his retirement The RTI application is dated 26.07.2022 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 26.10.2022 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 15.05.2023 in the Commission.
3. The complainant states that no information has been provided to him till date.
4. The respondent states that the information sought by the complainant is third-party information and the so-called third party has also given his consent not to provide his personal information to anyone. The respondent has also filed his reply in this regard, which is taken on record.
5. The Complainant through his RTI application dated 26.07.2022 has sought the following information:-

“1. ਇਹ ਕਿ ਵੰਡ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਡੇਹਲੋਂ ਅਧੀਨ ਖਟੜਾ ਚੁਹਾਰਮ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੇ ਨੀਲਾ ਕਾਰਡ ਹੋਲਡਰ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲੈਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

2. ਇਹ ਕਿ ਵੰਡ ਕੇਂਦਰ PH ਨੀਲਾ ਰਾਸ਼ਟ ਕਾਰਡ ਡੇਹਲੋਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਦੀ D (1) ਫਾਰਮ ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸੁਦਾ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀ ਲੈਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

3. ਇਹ ਕਿ ਰਾਣਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਖਟੜਾ ਚੁਹਾਰਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਬਣੇ ਇਹ ਰਾਸ਼ਟ ਕਾਰਡ ਨੰਬਰ: 030001782023.

4. ਇਹ ਰਾਸ਼ਟ ਕਾਰਡ ਕਿਹੜੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ, ਅਤੇ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਬਣਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਮਹੀਨਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਕਣਕ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ।

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**Complaint Case No. 736 of 2022**

After going through the RTI application of the Complainant and the reply filed by the Respondent, it is ascertained that the information sought by the Complainant is third-party information and the same cannot be provided to him u/s 8(i)(j) of the RTI Act. . Hence, the contention of the Respondent is upheld.

In view of the above, the Complaint case filed by the Complainant is **disposed off and closed**.

Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Sd/-**

Dated :15.05.2023

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**



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....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Food Civil Supplies &  
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,  
CPA Branch, Pb. Civil Secretariat,  
Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Food Civil Supplies &  
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,  
CPA Branch, Pb. Civil Secretariat,  
Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4808 of 2022**

Present: (i) None for the Appellant  
(ii) **for the Respondent:** PIO-Ms Anju Bala, Supdt. And Charanjit Singh, Sr Asstt.

**ORDER**

1. The Abovementioned Appeal case has been re-allocated to this bench, from the bench of Former SIC Sh Khushwant Singh, after his retirement. The RTI application is dated 12.05.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.05.2023 in the Commission.
3. The Appellant is not present today. However, the Appellant has sent email requesting that his case may be heard through Video-Conferencing facility. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. The Respondent has filed their point-wise specific reply, along with the copy of information.
5. After perusing the case file, it is ascertained that, the Appellant is not present today. He has requested to conduct his hearing through Video-Conferencing facility. However, the Appellant may note that the cases of this bench are heard through personal hearings only. Hence, the request of the

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appellant is rejected. Further, the Respondent has filed their point-wise specific reply along with the copy of information. I have gone through the same and have agreed with it. Hence, the copy of information as filed by the Respondent, be sent to the Appellant along with these orders. Since, the requisite information stands provided to the Appellant, therefore no further cause of action is left. Hence, the appeal case filed by the Appellant is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Sd/-**

**Dated :15.05.2023**

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**



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Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,  
P.O. Ramgarh, District – Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab)  
(98882-96107)

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Civil Surgeon,  
Bathinda (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Civil Surgeon,  
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5079 of 2022**

Present: (i) Sh Jasbir Singh, Appellant  
(ii) For the Respondent: Sh Navdeep Singh, FSO (9653747007)

**ORDER**

The Abovementioned Appeal case has been re-allocated to this bench, from the bench of Former SIC Sh Khushwant Singh, after his retirement The RTI application is dated 25.07.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.05.2023 in the Commission.
  3. The Respondent states that the information has been provided to the Appellant.
  4. The Appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied with it.
  5. Since the information stands provided to the Appellant therefore, no further cause of action is left.
- Hence, the Appeal case filed by the Appellant is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Sd/-**

**Dated :15.05.2023**

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**



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Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,  
P.O. Ramgarh,  
District – Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab)  
(98882-96107)

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Phagwara, Distt. - Kapurthala(Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Phagwara, Distt. - Kapurthala(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5012 of 2022**

Present: (i) Sh Jasbir Singh, Appellant  
(ii) None for the Respondent

**ORDER**

The Abovementioned Appeal case has been re-allocated to this bench, from the bench of Former SIC Sh Khushwant Singh, after his retirement. The RTI application is dated 16.05.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.05.2023 in the Commission.
  3. No one has appeared on behalf of the Respondent today.
  4. The Appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied with it.
  5. Since the information stands provided to the Appellant therefore, no further cause of action is left.
- Hence, the Appeal case filed by the Appellant is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Sd/-**

**Dated :15.05.2023**

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage,  
Division No. 01, Patiala (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage,  
Division, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4767 of 2022

Present: (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) **for the Respondent:** Sh Ashish kumar, Supdt (98158-02388)

ORDER

The Abovementioned Appeal case has been re-allocated to this bench, from the bench of Former SIC Sh Khushwant Singh, after his retirement The RTI application is dated 25.05.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.05.2023 in the Commission.
3. The Appellant is not present today.
4. Sh Ashish Kumar, Supdt is appearing on behalf of the Respondent today. He states that the information has already been provided to the Appellant. He has also brought a copy of the information today.
5. The perusal of the file shows that the Appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The Respondent states that the information has been provided to the Appellant. He has also brought a copy of the same today. I have gone through the same

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and have ascertained that the requisite information stands provided to the Appellant. However, the copy of information is taken on record, the appellant may collect the same on any working day, if he wishes to. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left. Hence, the appeal case filed by the Appellant is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**Dated :15.05.2023**

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**



Bhushan Jain,  
392, Nirmal Nagar,  
Dugri, Ludhiana (Punjab)  
(M. – 8146300392)

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Civil Surgeon,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Civil Surgeon,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4795 of 2022**

Present: None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The Abovementioned Appeal case has been re-allocated to this bench, from the bench of Former SIC Sh Khushwant Singh, after his retirement. The RTI application is dated 20.05.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 15.05.2023 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the Appellant nor the Respondent is present. However, the Appellant has sent an e-mail mentioning therein that he has received the information. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. Since the appellant is satisfied with the information provided, therefore, no further cause of action is left. Hence, the Appeal case filed by the Appellant is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Sd/-**

**Dated :15.05.2023**

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**