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## FINAL ORDER

**Sh. Mandeep Rai,**  
# 48/2, Model Town, Dinanagar,  
District Gurdaspur-143531

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Director, Health & Family Welfare Department Punjab,  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector-34 A, Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Director, Health & Family Welfare Department Punjab,  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector-34 A, Chandigarh.

### Complaint Case No. 351 of 2023

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **6.9.2023** and **9.11.2023**)

1. The complainant, **Mandeep Rai**, filed this RTI application dated **29.11.2022** and sought information regarding:

ਫਾਰਮੇਸੀ ਅਫ਼ਸਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਅਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਡੀ-ਰਿਜ਼ਰਵ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ  
ਉਪਰੰਤ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ 38 ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਯੁਕਤੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਮਿਤੀ 4/2/22 ਨੂੰ ਜ  
ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ, ਉਹਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਉਮਰਬਾ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ  
ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ ਜੀ ।  
→ (1) ਨਿਯੁਕਤੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 6, 8, 22, 25, 30, 31, ਅੰ  
ਲੜੀ ਨੰ: 33 ਵਿਚ ਦਰਜ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮੱਰਬ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ  
ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਉਮਰਬਾ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ੁਦਾ -  
ਕਾਪੀਆਂ । 6 ਕੁੱਲ 7 ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਉਮਰਬਾ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟਸ ।

from the PIO o/o **Director, Health & Family Welfare Department Punjab, Chandigarh**. When no information was received, the Complainant filed a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Commission on **31.5.2023**. The case was last heard on **9.11.2023**.

2. The Order in this Complaint Case was reserved on 9.11.2023, whereon the complainant had remained absent for the second successive Hearing. The complainant, Sh. Mandeep Rai, however, made a written submission via email on 3.11.2023, wherein he challenged the PIO's decision to withhold the information as 3<sup>rd</sup> party information, while also pointing out that the PIO had failed to follow the stipulated procedure, which is mandatory as per Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005, in order to claim exemption from disclosure.

3. The complainant has sought information regarding the qualifications and experience of 38 Pharmacy Officer appointed vide letters issued on 4.2.2022. As per the PIO, the information was withheld as 3<sup>rd</sup> party information and the complainant was duly informed vide three separate replies Letter No. ਈ-5(1)ਪੰ:2022/5419 Dated 20.12.2022, Letter No. 3237 Dated 31.1.2023, and Letter No. 1844 Dated 3.5.2023. It is also notable, that former State Information Commissioner Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon, has Disposed of and Closed an Appeal Case (No. 1684 of 2023) pertaining to the same RTI application, vide his Order of 8.5.2023. In said Order the Commission upheld the contention of the PIO that the information sought is personal to third parties, while also exempt as per Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Following that Order, Sh. Mandeep Rai, filed this Complaint Case under Section 18(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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## **Complaint Case No. 351 of 2023**

4. This is a Complaint Case, where the only question before the Commission is to determine whether there was any malafide intent on the part of the respondent PIO in denying or delaying the information sought by an applicant.

5. The respondent PIO did in fact provide a reply to the complainant vide Letter No. **ਈ-5(1)ਪੰ:2022/5419** Dated 20.12.2022, which was well within the stipulated 30 days period. Subsequently Sh. Mandeep Rai filed a Complaint to the Commission. The respondent PIO, attended all the Hearings in the Commission and provided further replies vide Letter No. 3237 Dated 31.1.2023, and Letter No. 1844 Dated 3.5.2023.

6. It is evident from the above, that there was no attempt to delay matters, on the part of the respondent PIO and there was no apparent malafide intent in the PIO's decision to withhold the information. It is also noteworthy that the Bench heard the Second Appeal filed by Sh. Mandeep Rai, also upheld the PIO's decision.

7. In view of the above, there is no further cause for action and the Complaint is **Disposed of**.

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.  
Chandigarh  
23.5.2024

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## FINAL ORDER

**Sh. Ashok Kumar,**  
S/o Sh. Lachhman Dass,  
R/o Regar Basti, Street No. 1,  
Jaitu, District Faridkot.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o District & Session Judge,  
District Faridkot.  
**First Appellate Authority-**  
o/o District & Session Judge,  
District Faridkot.

### Appeal Case No. 3373 of 2022

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier order dated **25.1.2023**, **31.5.2023**, **7.7.2023**, and **29.8.2023**)

1. The appellant, through an RTI application dated **25.02.2022**, has sought information regarding:

Particulars of Information Required: 1) ਸਾਡੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਦੇ ਖੇਤਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਜੇ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ  
ਕੀ ਹਨ। 2) ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ।  
3) ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ।  
4) ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ।  
5) ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ।  
6) ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ।  
7) ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ।

as enumerated in the RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.3.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.7.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **29.8.2023**.

2. An Order in this Appeal Case was reserved on 29.8.2023, whereon the respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Iqbal Khan, AEC, had made a detailed written submission in response to the Commission's direction to provide a reply to point Nos. 7 and 8 of the RTI application. The reply is as under:

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## Appeal Case No. 3373 of 2022

*"In compliance with orders dated 07.07.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh, following is hereby submitted for the information sought by the appellant at point No.7 and point No. 8:-*

*It is submitted that in point No.7 the appellant sought the list of marks obtained by the selected candidates as mentioned in the merit list, and in Point No.8 the appellant sought, the application form, education certificates, caste certificates and residential certificates, knowledge of Punjabi language certificates of candidates selected on these posts mainly Abhishek Mishra son of Ram Saran Mishra and Anurag Mishra son of Ram Saran Mishra be supplied, but this information for Point No.7 and Point No.8 has not been supplied to the appellant because the said information being personal in nature by referring the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case No. SLP(Civil) No.2734 of 2012, titled as Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Versus Central Information Commission(copy attached) and judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil appeal No.10044 of 2010 titled as Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India Vs Subash Chandra Aggarwal, Notification of Punjab Government circulated vide Letter No.4/5/2021-4GR1/1/225467/2021 dated 09.08.2021 (copy attached), in which Punjab Government has defined "Personal information" under the Right Information Act, 2005 and the Rules applicable to this office framed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh titled as Punjab Subordinate Courts (Right to Information) Rules, 2007 (copy enclosed) wherein Volume-IV Chapter 5-F under the heading Exemption from disclosure of Information at point 4 it has been mentioned:-*

4. The information specified under Section 8 of the Act shall not be disclosed and made available and in particular the following information shall not be disclosed:-

1. The Information which relates to judicial functions and duties of the Court and matters incidental and ancillary thereto and of confidential nature shall not be disclosed in terms of Section 8(1)(b) of the Act. Provided that the question as to which information relates to judicial functions, duties of Court and matters incidental and ancillary or of confidentiality shall be decided by the Competent Authority or his delegate, whose decision shall be final.

(2) Any information affecting the confidentiality of any examination/selection process conducted by the District & Sessions Judge under Punjab Subordinate Courts Establishment (Recruitment and General Conditions of Service) Rules, 1997 as amended from time to time.

The question of confidentiality shall be decided by the Competent Authority and in case of the information relating to a Sessions Division by the Administrative Judge of the said Sessions Division acting as a delegate of the competent authority, whose decision shall be final.

*It is humbly submitted that the information sought at point No.7 and Point No.8 has not been supplied to the appellant on account of aforementioned Judgments/rules. However, if the Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh deems fit to pass further directions/orders in this regard, the same will be duly complied with in letter and spirit under intimation to the Hon'ble Commission."*

3. In view of the above the Commission concurs with the decision of the PIO to withhold the information sought at point Nos. 7 and 8 of the RTI application. There is no further cause for action and the Appeal is **Disposed of**.

Sd/-  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.  
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## FINAL ORDER

**Sh. Rakesh Kumar,**  
S/o Sh. Walaiti Ram,  
R/o 7788/3a/1, Guru Angad Dev Colony,  
Ludhiana.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o District Attorney Prosecution,  
Ludhiana.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director, Prosecution and Litigation, PB,  
Mohali.  
**Mrs. Renu Bala,**  
W/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar,  
R/o 204/17, Backside Gopal International,  
Near Telephone Exchange,  
Albert Road, Amritsar.

## Appeal Case No. 5276 of 2023

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier order on **22.11.2023**)

1. The RTI application is dated **12.5.2023** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding:

Subject:- Salary certificate issue

Sir, kindly provide me the latest gross salary certificate of my husband Rakesh Kumar S/o. Walaiti Ram working as Assistant District Attorney (ADA) in your office. Emp Id :- 223328. Kindly note the fact that it is not a third party information and the latest salary certificate is required for maintenance as my husband is not giving maintenance since August 2021. I and my three children are totally dependant on my husband and are currently without any financial support. Hence I may be given the latest salary certificate to claim maintenance at the earliest. Please provide the certificate via postal order of Rs.10 attached.

ਮੈਂ ਮਨਮੋਹਨੀ ਕੌਰ, 22/11/23  
ਸ਼੍ਰੀ. ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੌਹਾਨ

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.6.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.8.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **22.11.2023**.

2. An Order in this Appeal Case was reserved on 22.11.2023. Prior to which the PIO has made a written submission Dated 17.11.2023, wherein he has stated as under:

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## Appeal Case No. 5276 of 2023

*“The First Appellate Authority rightly allowed the appeal of respondent no. 3 and passed the legal and reasoned order dated 3.8.2023 as per law and in compliance of the same, the information has already been supplied to Respondent no. 3. Therefore the present application has become infructuous.”*

3. The Commission concurs with the PIO that the Appeal has become infructuous. There is no further cause for action and the Appeal is **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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## FINAL ORDER

**Kuldeep Kumar,**  
# 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk,,  
F.G.C. Road, Amritsar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer-cum-XEN,**  
Drainage Division, Amritsar,  
**Incumbent Public Information Officer-cum-XEN,**  
Kandi Canal Division, Hoshiarpur.  
**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Executive Engineer,  
Bari Doab Drainage Division,  
Opp. Guru Harikrishan Public School,  
Model Town, G.T. Road, Amritsar.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Mining, Geology Halka,  
Amritsar.

## Appeal Case No. 3921 of 2022

ORDER:

*(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 2.12.2022, 23.2.2023, 17.3.2023, 21.4.2023, 9.5.2023, 8.6.2023, 18.07.2023, 15.9.2023, and 19.9.2023)*

1. The RTI application is dated **26.4.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information regarding:

a) Subject of Information: - APPLICATION FOR PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION :-

The information regarding untreated Sewerage entering into drain originally a rainwater drain, Tung Dhab storm water drain is being used to dump unchecked and untreated lethal industrial effluents for the past several years is now highly polluted with the potential to lead to several Chronic and Congenital disorders in Amritsar is required on the following context:-

1. Certified copy of order passed by the District Revenue Officer-cum- Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar regarding untreated Sewerage entering into Drains.
2. Certified copy of the letter, if any issued by the Executive Engineer Water Drainage Division to the Punjab Pollution Control Board, Amritsar regarding untreated Sewerage entering into drain and action taken by the Pollution Department. Despite investing Crores on the underground sewerage project funded by JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) the civic body continues to flout the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution ) Act-1974, as well as the National Green Tribunal orders, which clearly directed to immediately stop release of all forms of sewage into storm water drains.
3. Certified copy of the letter, if any issued by the Executive Engineer Water Drainage Division to the Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Amritsar for taking action for Sewerage water of Amritsar in accordance with The Punjab Municipal Corporation Act-1976 (Punjab Act 42 of 1976). The reply if any, received from the Corporation in this regard.
4. Certified copy of Status of discharge effluent sewerage in various drains as the industries are releasing the untreated effluents into it, if any received from Executive Engineer River Works sub Division, Amritsar.
5. Certified copies of all the details and name of Industry with locations discharging effluent sewerage into drains are operational and discharging untreated effluent into Tung Dhab drain.
6. Whether permission granted/NOC granted for treated/untreated effluent sewerage discharge in the drains or obtaining consent to establish under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act,1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and failing which any action initiated against the unit and its responsible authorities.

b) The period to which the information relates. : -2010-2021.

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c) Specific details of information required/sought:-

The circumstances leading to which the Sewerage water was allowed to discharged in various drains contrary to the Northern India Canal & Drainage Act-1873 and with the passage of time, foul smell emanating from the choked water drain has assumed alarming proportions. The Tung Dhab storm water drain was to be cleared from the release of city sewerage and industrial effluents, so far to establish the fact finding details through the provision contained in the Right to Information Act-2005.

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.6.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.8.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **19.9.2023**.

2. An Order in this Appeal Case was reserved on 19.9.2023, whereon the PIO-cum-XEN, Drainage Division, Amritsar, failed to comply with this Commission's Order to appear in person along with a written reply to the RTI application and information sought therein. Following this, the PIO submitted copy of a reply vide Letter No. 1768-69 Dated 28.9.2023, which was sent to the appellant by Registered Post along with information, as available in the records.

3. In view of the above, the Appeal is **Disposed of**.

Sd/-

**(ASIT JOLLY)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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## FINAL ORDER

**Sh. Pradeep Kumar,**  
S/o Sh. Babu Ram,  
Ward No 5, Jogian Mohalla,  
Naraingarh, District Ambala-134203

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o SSP, Patiala.  
**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o DC, Patiala.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o IGP, Patiala Range, Patiala.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o DC, Patiala.

**Appeal Cases Nos. 3228/2023, 3481/2023, 4114/2023, 4131/2023, 4987/2023, 5048/2023, 5341/2023, & CC No. 532/2023 (Heard together)**

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on **20.7.2023, 12.9.2023, and 21.11.2023**)

1. The RTI applications are dated **28.2.2023** vide which the appellant has sought identical information as enumerated in his RTI applications. First Appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.3.2023** and Second Appeals were filed in the Commission on **16.5.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The cases were last heard on **21.11.2023**.

2. An Order in these Appeal Cases was reserved on 21.11.2023. The appellant Sh. Pradeep Kumar, had sought following information in his RTI applications:

### **AC No. 3228 of 2023**

(3) Particulars of information required:

- (i) Subject matter of information: Regarding Complaint lodged against ASI Gurmej Singh and my wife Roma vides Diary number 760P Dated 06.02.2023 of DC Office Ambala.
- (ii) The period to which the information relates: 2021

(iii) Description of the information required:

#### **BACKGROUND:**

An FIR No. 79 was lodged by my wife against me and my parents at Women Police Station Patiala on 18.10.2021 regarding Dowry Demand and Harassment. I lodged the complaint regarding that FIR for conducting unfair and biased investigation by ASI Gurmej Singh and providing undue favour to my Wife and her parents by not taken into account her statement of giving dowry articles beyond their capabilities in the marriage.

Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner Ambala took the cognizance of the said complaint and sent the complaint to your office vide its diary number 760P Dated 06.02.2023. The copy of the same is attached with this application.

In the light of the above mentioned background, please provide the following information under RTI act:

- 1) Kindly Provide the details of action taken against Roma and her parents for violating section (3) Dowry Prohibition Act 1961 by fulfilling dowry demand and giving Dowry Articles (Gold, Ornaments, Tata Tiago Car) in the marriage.
- 2) Provide details of documentary proof/conclusive evidence (Medical Report) on basis of which DSP (Crime Against Women Patiala), DSP Command Center Patiala submitted in their reports (599/C/D.S.P./C.A.W.+C, PTI: Dated 29.07.2021 and 03/C/D.S.P./Command Center Patiala dated 08.10.2021) in the FIR number 79 dated 18.10.2021 that Roma was tortured physically and mentally.
- 3) Photography Bills of the marriage were placed in the Dowry Article list in the said FIR. Kindly provide the certified copy of the rule which defines photography bills as Dowry items.
- 4) The Complainant (Roma) submitted in FIR about the expenses incurred (Rs. 15 Lakhs approx.) by her parents on her marriage and dowry articles beyond their capabilities which was confirmed by the DSP (Crime against Patiala). Kindly provide documentary proof of the said expenses.

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**Appeal Cases Nos. 3228/2023, 3481/2023, 4114/2023, 4131/2023, 4987/2023, 5048/2023, 5341/2023, & CC No. 532/2023 (Heard together)**

## AC No. 3481 of 2023

(i) Subject matter of Information: SP Patiala memo dated 14.01.2023 regarding biased proceedings by ASI Gurmej Singh in FIR No. 79 dated 18.10.2021 Women Police Station Patiala.

(ii) The period to which the information relates: 2021

(iii) Description of the information required:

### BACKGROUND:

An FIR No. 79 was lodged by my wife against me and my parents at Women Police Station Patiala on 18.10.2021 regarding Dowry Demand and Harassment. After investigation ASI Gurmej Singh submitted Fabricated and Frivolous Challan in the court which was objected by me and complaint was lodged on Punjab Grievance Portal. Grievance was assigned to SP City Patiala for examination. SP City Patiala upheld the investigation done by ASI Gurmej Singh and recommended to close the complaint vide its Office Memo dated 14.01.2023 on grounds that I could only present my case and the relevant facts in court and that no further action regarding my complaint was required.

In the light of the above mentioned background, please provide the following information under section 2(f) and 2(j) of the RTI act:

- 1) Kindly provide me the certified copy of the conclusive evidence (Medical Report) in support of claim of SP City Patiala in the Memo dated 14.01.2023 of physical and mental harassment of Roma (complainant) by her in laws.
- 2) Kindly provide me copy of the rule under which SP City Patiala said that I can present the relevant facts in court only.
- 3) Kindly provide the certified copy of the IPC rule/act/notification of Government of India under which Photography bills, Hotel expenses, Catering, Palace Decorations, Kariyana expenses are mentioned as Dowry articles by Patiala Police Officials.
- 4) As per section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act 1961, Giving and taking of Dowry is prohibited and punishable Offense. Kindly provide the details of Action taken on Roma and her parents for violating section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act 1961. The complaint regarding this is already been sent to your office through Registered Post on 17.11.2022 and copy of the said complaint is attached herewith this RTI application.

## AC No. 4114 of 2023

(i) Subject matter of Information: Regarding Memo dated 03-04-2023

(ii) The period to which the information relates: 2021

(iii) Description of the information required:

### BACKGROUND:

An FIR No. 79 was lodged by my wife against me and my parents at Women Police Station Patiala on 18.10.2021 regarding Dowry Demand and Harassment. I lodged the complaint regarding the FIR for conducting unfair and biased investigation through Punjab Citizen Grievance Portal. After which the DSP Patiala has marked the complaint as resolved vide Memo dated 03.04.2023.

DSP Patiala has described in the said memo that he has obtained detailed report from Women Police Station in-charge and has examined the report thoroughly. In the said FIR the complainant (Roma) admitted that her parents have given dowry articles and Tata Tiago Car in her marriage beyond their capabilities and also admitted that her parents fulfilled the Dowry Demand which was confirmed by DSP (Crime against women) Bindu Bala. Investigating Officer Gurmej Singh also mentioned the same as well as recovery of Dowry Articles in the Challan submitted in the court and now DSP Patiala has confirmed it vide his Memo dated 03.04.2023.

In the light of the above mentioned background, please provide the following information under RTI act:

- 1) Provide the details of Action taken Against Roma and her parents for violating section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act 1961 by giving dowry articles in her marriage? Copy of the said Act is attached with this RTI application. Complaint sent to SSP office vide Registered Post on 17.11.2022 is also attached.
- 2) Provide the conclusive evidence in support of report of physical and mental harassment of complainant Roma by her in laws i.e. Medical certificate of competent Authority.
- 3) Provide the details of TATA Tiago CAR mentioned by DSP Patiala as given in dowry i.e. purchase date, RC and owner name of the CAR.
- 4) Investigating Officer ASI Gurmej Singh mentioned Hotel F2G expenses, Kariyana Expenses, Lighting Bill, photograph bill etc as Dowry Articles. Kindly provide the certified copy of notification of Govt. of India or IPC Act or rule under which these expenses were listed as dowry articles or these expenses have any link with 498A.

## AC No. 4131 of 2023

(i) Subject matter of information: FIR number 79 dated 18.10.2021 lodged at Women Police Station Patiala.

(ii) The period to which the information relates: 2021

(iii) Description of the information required:

### BACKGROUND:

An FIR No. 79 was lodged by my wife against me and my parents at Women Police Station Patiala on 18.10.2021 regarding Dowry Demand and Harassment. After investigation ASI Gurmej Singh submitted challan in the court with a list of dowry articles allegedly given by Roma (complainant) in her marriage. After examining the dowry article list it has been observed that the Bill of Rs. 80000/- mentioned by Roma (complainant) was not held in the record. Also Copy of the bills of Catering, Palace Decoration, lighting and kariyana expenses were not held on record.

In the light of the above mentioned background, please provide the following information under section 2(f) and 2(j) of the RTI act:

- 1) Kindly provide me the certified copy of the Hotel F2G Expense Bill of Rs. 80000/- mentioned in the Dowry articles List.
- 2) Kindly provide the certified copy of the rule/act/notifications of Government of India under which hotel expenses, Catering, Palace Decorations, Kariyana expenses are mentioned as dowry articles.
- 3) As per Dowry Prohibition Act, Giving and taking of Dowry is prohibited and punishable under section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act 1961. Kindly provide the details of Action taken on Roma and her parents for violating section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act 1961. The complaint regarding this is already been sent to your office through Registered Post on 17.11.2022 and copy of the said complaint is attached herewith this RTI application.

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## **AC No. 4987 of 2023**

An FIR number 79 was lodged by my wife (Roma) at Women Police Station Patiala against me and my parents for dowry demand and harassment. In the said FIR Roma (Complainant) has admitted that her parents has given dowry articles in her marriage beyond their capabilities and fulfil the dowry demands which is a clear violation of section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act 1961 and is a punishable offense. The complaint regarding this was sent to your office vide Registered Post letter dated 31.01.2023 bearing tracking number RH601054341IN.  
Kindly provide me details of Action taken against Roma and her parents for violating section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act 1961.

## **AC No. 5048 of 2023**

I am writing this FIR regarding the letter number 521/PHRC dated 19.04.2023 of SSP Patiala in which he submitted his report dated 03.04.2023 by ਉਪ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ to your office regarding my objections raised on tainted inquiry and biased proceedings by ASI Gurmej Singh of Women Police Station Patiala.  
(1) Kindly provide me the documentary proof regarding my address mentioned by ਉਪ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ in his report dated 03.04.2023 ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਸਿੰਡੀਕੇਟ ਬੈਂਕ, ਨਾਰਾਇਣ ਗੜ੍ਹ. As claimed by ਉਪ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ he has investigated the matter thoroughly. He must have reliable and documentary proof regarding his claim of mentioning ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਸਿੰਡੀਕੇਟ ਬੈਂਕ, ਨਾਰਾਇਣ ਗੜ੍ਹ in my address.  
(2) Kindly provide me the details of TATA Tiago CAR given as Dowry article as mentioned by ਉਪ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ in his report i.e. Purchase Date of the CAR, Registration number and owner of the CAR.  
(3) As per section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act 1961, giving and taking of Dowry articles is an punishable offense. Kindly provide details of Action taken on Roma and her parents for giving dowry articles in her marriage. The complaint regarding this was sent to your office on 31.01.2023 vide Registered post bearing tracking number RH60154341IN.

## **AC No. 5341 of 2023**

Patiala Police has lodged An FIR number 79 dated 18.10.2021 against me and my parents for physical and mental harassment of my wife Roma which was confirmed by DSP Crime against women Bindu Bala, officials of DSP command Center Patiala. My wife stated that her parents has incurred approximately 15 lakh rupees on her marriage for dowry items and other expenses which was also confirmed by the said officers Bindu Bala and DSP command center etc and ASI Gurmej Singh has investigated the matter and submitted the challan in the court. So in this regard Kindly provide me the details under RTI Act  
1. Certified copy of Bank Statement for transactions of Rs. 15 lakh made from the bank account of Mr. Suresh Pal (Father of Roma) for expenses in her marriage.  
2. Certified Copy of Medical Report of competent Authority in support of claim of Mental Harassment of Roma by her in laws.  
3. The said officials has mentioned my address as Ward No. 5, Jogian Mohalla ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਸਿੰਡੀਕੇਟ ਬੈਂਕ, Kindly provide the documentary proof or conclusive evidence of mentioning Syndicate Bank opposite to my house.

## **CC No. 532 of 2023**

Patiala Police has lodged An FIR number 79 dated 18.10.2021 against me and my parents for physical and mental harassment of my wife Roma which was confirmed by DSP Crime against women Bindu Bala, officials of DSP command Center Patiala. My wife stated that her parents has incurred approximately 15 lakh rupees on her marriage for dowry items and other expenses which was also confirmed by the said officers Bindu Bala and DSP command center etc and ASI Gurmej Singh has investigated the matter and submitted the challan in the court. So in this regard Kindly provide me the details under RTI Act 1. Certified copy of Bank Statement for transactions of Rs. 15 lakh made from the bank account of Mr. Suresh Pal (Father of Roma) for expenses in her marriage. 2. Certified Copy of Medical Report of competent Authority in support of claim of Mental Harassment of Roma by her in laws. 3. The said officials has mentioned my address as Ward No. 5, Jogian Mohalla ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਸਿੰਡੀਕੇਟ ਬੈਂਕ, Kindly provide the documentary proof or conclusive evidence of mentioning Syndicate Bank opposite to my house.

3. It is the considered view of this Commission, that none of the information requested in these RTI applications qualifies as "information" as defined by Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. The titled Appeals are, accordingly, **Disposed of**.

Sd/-  
(ASIT JOLLY)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.  
Chandigarh  
23.5.2024