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Sh. Darbara Singh,  
H. No.212, Street No.12,  
Deep Nagar, PO Anaj Mandi,  
Patiala (Punjab)

.....Appellant

Vs.

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Hon'ble Minister,  
Social Security, Women and Child Welfare, PB.,  
Chandigarh.
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Hon'ble Minister,  
Rural Development and Panchayats, PB.,  
Chandigarh
- iii) The Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Hon'ble Minister,  
Social Security, Women and Child Welfare, PB.,  
Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 4210 of 2023**

Present : Sh. Darbara Singh, appellant alongwith Sh. Gurcharan Singh.  
i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Senior Assistant ;  
ii) Sh. Manjit Singh, Senior Assistant, for respondent.

#### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.09.2023.

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. 27.03.2024.

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3. The appellant sought the information from PIO office of Minister, Social Security, Women and Child Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh and the said office transferred the RTI application to the Minister, Rural Development and Panchayats Department, Punjab. Further, the respondent present brought to the notice that Minister, Rural Development and Panchayats Department, Punjab sent the application to the Finance Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayats and further the said office transferred the RTI application to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats Department, Punjab. He further requested to adjourn the case to file a reply/supply the information in this case.

4. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with the directions to the PIO office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats Department, Punjab, who is impleaded as necessary party in this case, to file a reply/supply the information as has been assured during the hearing.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024  
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Sh. Jaspal Singh  
S/o Sh. Maghar Singh,  
Village - Mattra, P.O. - Nadampur,  
Tehsil - Bhawanigarh,  
Distt. -Sangrur-148026(Punjab)

.....Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal,  
Govt. High School,  
Bamana, Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,  
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4232 of 2023**

Present : Sh. Jaspal Singh, appellant in person.  
i) Ms. Amanpreet Kaur, Headmistress of Govt. High School,  
Bamana;  
ii) Sh. Mangat Singh, School Incharge of Govt. High School,  
Bamana;  
iii) Ms. Daljit Kaur, Senior Assistant O/o D.P.I.(SE), Mohali, for respondent.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.09.2023.

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. 27.03.2024.

3. The appellant submits that he has received partial information pertaining to point no. 01, 05 and 06 of the RTI application. He has also submitted a copy of the deficiencies in the provided information, a copy of which is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing. After going through the same, the respondent requested for an adjournment in this case to remove the deficiencies. He further assured that the remaining information will be sent to the appellant through registered post.

4. Accordingly, the case is **adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)  
(M: 9876400267)

.....Appellant

Vs.

- i) Public Information Officer  
O/o The Headmaster, Govt. High School,  
Bhadla Nicha, Ludhiana(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer  
O/o The District Education Officer (SE),  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Education Officer (SE),  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4247 of 2023**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Ms. Hardaljit Kaur, Headmistress of Govt. High School, Bhadla Nicha, for  
respondent.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.09.2023.

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. 27.03.2024.

3. The appellant is absent. However, he has sent an e-mail, vide which he has submitted that he is unable to attend the hearing.

4. The respondent submitted that she has joined in the office recently and no such documents are available in the office related to the RTI application and requested for a copy of the same. She further requested for an adjournment in this case.

5. Accordingly a copy of the RTI request is handed over to the respondent during the course of the hearing with the directions to file a reply/supply the information, before the next date of hearing.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

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Sh. B.B. Rampal (Er. Retd. SE (CDC),  
S/o Late Sh. Tek Chand Rampal,  
R/o # 1001, Sector 2,  
Panchkula

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Personnel  
(PP-2 Branch)  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Personnel  
(PP-2 Branch),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

..Respondent(s)

**Appeal Case No. 4514 of 2023**

Present : Sh. B. B. Rampal, on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Bharat Rattan, Senior Assistant, for respondent.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.09.2023.

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. 27.03.2024.

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**Appeal Case No. 4514 of 2023**

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3. The appellant sought the following information :  
*“ Attested copy of proceedings of the meeting held on 12.07.2006 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Govt. Punjab, to discuss the similarly situated case of Er. B. B. Rampal, XEN, PWD (B&R) and action taken on thereafter, alongwith complete office correspondence and Noting file in pursuant to correspondence resting with your Department letter no. 12/24/04-5PP2 dated 14.07.2006 endorsed vide No. 12/24/05-5PP2/10361 dated 14.07.2006.”*
4. The appellant submits that the respondent department misplaced an important file which consists of proceeding of the meeting, held on 12.07.2006 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab to discuss similarly situated cases including the appellant. He also submits that there is a set procedure to send the file to the Record Section and in case, the file was not consigned to the record then how the respondents are submitting the report that the record is not available in the Record Room of the Punjab Civil Secretariat.
5. The respondent submits that the file is not traceable and nothing can be supplied. However, on asking the respondent, he is unable to clarify whether any FIR/DDR was lodged in this regard. It is also a fact on record that the respondent shows their inability to provide the information as the record concerning the RTI application has been misplaced. Also the First Appellate Authority passed the decision on 06.06.2023 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below :

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**Appeal Case No. 4514 of 2023**

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ਅਪੀਲ ਕਰਤਾ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬੀ.ਬੀ.ਰਾਮਪਾਲ, ਪੰਚਕੂਲਾ ਵਾਲੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਮਿਤੀ 13-03-2023 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ :-

Attested copy of proceedings of meeting held on 12.7.2006 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, to discuss the similarly situated case of Er. B.B. Rampal, XEN, PWD(B&R) and action taken on thereafter along with complete office correspondence and Noting file in pursuant to correspondence resting with your Department letter No. 12.824/2004-5PP2 dated 14.07.2006 endorsed vide No. 12/24/2005-5PP2/10361 dated 14.07.2006.

2. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬੀ.ਬੀ.ਰਾਮਪਾਲ ਵਲੋਂ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਨੈਕਟ 2005 ਅਧੀਨ ਮੰਗੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ-ਕਮ-ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ ਪੁਨੋਨਲ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਪੀ.ਪੀ-2 ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਮੰਗੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਕਾਫੀ ਪੁਰਾਣੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਰਹੀ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਅਸਮਰੱਥਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ।

3. ਇਸ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੱਤਰ ਮਿਤੀ 21-04-2023 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਅਪੀਲ ਦਾਇਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਜਿਸ ਸਨਮੁੱਖ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ। ਪਰੰਤੂ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਇਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਤੋਂ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਮਿਸਲਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਜਿਸ ਸਨਮੁੱਖ ਇਹ ਮਿਸਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਵੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ।

4. ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਸਥਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਚਾਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਸਲ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀ ਇੰਦਰਾਜ ਚਰਜ ਹੈ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟੀਕਰਨ ਮੰਗਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਆਦੇਸ਼ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ। ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਦੀ ਵੇਰਵੇਬਾਰੀ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਮਿਸਲ 12/24/04-5ਪੀਪੀ-2 ਅਤੇ 12/24/05-5ਪੀਪੀ-2 ਦੋਨੋਂ ਹੀ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਰਾਹੀਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨੰਬਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੱਗੇ ਮਿਸਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜਣ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਂ ਨਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਇੰਦਰਾਜ ਚਰਜ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬੀ.ਬੀ.ਰਾਮਪਾਲ

ਵਲੋਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ (12/24/06-5ਪੀਪੀ-2/10361-17/04/06) ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਡਿਸਪੋਰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਉਸ ਤੋਂ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਹੋ ਸਕੇ ਕਿ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਡਿਸਪੋਰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਵੀ ਪੇਸ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਡਿਸਪੋਰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਵੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਰਿਹਾ।

5. ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਦੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਪੇਸ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਦੀ ਗੰਭੀਰਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ ਨੂੰ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਮਿਸਲਾਂ/ਹੁਮ ਹੋਏ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਮਰੱਥ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆ ਕੇ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਹੁਕਮ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ।

6. ਜਿੱਥੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਅਪੀਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੰਗੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦਾ ਸਬੰਧ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ ਪੀ.ਪੀ-2 ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਇਹ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਰਿਹਾ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਅਸਮਰੱਥਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।



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6. From the perusal of the order of the First Appellate Authority, mentioned herein, it has transpired that there is no mention in the record register that either the file has been sent to the record room or has been destroyed. More so he has also written that concerned files should have in two branches. Further, he has written that even the despatch register is not available in the branch relating to the sought information.

7. Therefore, a copy of this order is being sent to Ms. Shruti Singh, IAS, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel to fix responsibility and appropriate action be taken regarding misplacement of an important file related to the sought information, mentioned above under the rules. She is further directed to submit the action taken report in this regard before the next date of hearing.

8. During the last hearing, an adjournment was given to the respondent on his request to trace the file or to file an affidavit, duly sworn, in this regard but no such affidavit has been filed by the respondent PIO. One last opportunity is being given to the respondent PIO to place on record the action taken upto date with regard to the misplacement of file from the date of passing the order by First Appellate Authority on 06.06.2023 or supply the sought information, failing which the punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.

9. One last opportunity is granted to the respondent PIO to trace the file and in case the same is not available then directions are hereby given to file an affidavit, duly sworn before or on the next date of hearing, failing which the decision will be taken on merits.

10. With this, the case is **adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024  
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**(Inderpal Singh)**  
Chief Information Commissioner  
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CC : Ms. Shruti Singh, IAS,  
Secretary to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Personnel,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat - 1, Chandigarh



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..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

..Respondent(s)

### **Appeal Case No. 4285 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 14.09.2023.

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. 27.03.2024.

3. Both the parties are absent without any intimation.

4. As other cases of the appellant listed for hearing, in which the respondent remain the same are fixed for hearing tomorrow i. e. 28.03.2024, hence, this case will be taken up on 28.03.2024 alongwith other cases.

5. Accordingly, the case is **adjourned to 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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M : 9814326220

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DPI (SE), PB, Mohali.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal Secretary ,  
School Education, Education 4 Branch,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DPI (SE), PB, Mohali.

..Respondent(s)

**Appeal Case No. 4476 of 2023**

**Present:-** None on behalf of the appellant.  
Ms. Ramandeep Kaur, Senior Assistant (8194980111) for the respondents.

**ORDER**

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 27.03.2024.
3. The appellant is not present for today's hearing but an email dated 26.03.2024 has been received from her stating therein that complete enquiry report be provided to her comprising 09 pages related to Sh. Prabhjot Singh, which is taken on record.
4. Last opportunity is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.
5. The respondent submits that complete enquiry report had already been supplied to the appellant through registered post on 06.10.2023, as per the directions of the Commission vide order dated 15.09.2023.

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6. Respondent PIO is directed to file a written reply before the next date of hearing stating therein that the sought information had already been supplied to the appellant along with details of postal receipt/challan book, to take the matter to the logical end.
7. Both the parties are directed to remain present for the hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party, ex parte, on merit.
8. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **06.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date : 27.03.2024

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**Sh. Ravindar Singh**

S/o Sh. Gurdeo Singh,  
C/o Sh. Darshan Singh # Freedom Fighter ,  
# Village Harchiwal, Tehsil Batala,  
Distt Gurdaspur.  
M : 8826462038  
RTI Application No 63653

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Financial Commissioner Revenue,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Financial Commissioner Revenue,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

..Respondent(s)

**Appeal Case No. 4463 of 2023**

**Present:-** None on behalf of the appellant.  
Ms. Manju Bala, Senior Assistant (7696558849) for the respondents.

**ORDER**

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 27.03.2024.

3. The respondent submits that the sought information was sent to the appellant by registered post through the Copy Branch of Punjab Civil Secretariat-I, Chandigarh. Further, she has also submitted a copy of the supplied information, which is taken on record.

4. Neither the appellant is present nor has he sent any communication in this regard. Last opportunity is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte, as he is unable to avail the given opportunities on the previous hearing and today as well.

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**Appeal Case No. 4463 of 2023**

5. Respondent PIO is directed to file an affidavit, duly sworn before the next date of hearing stating therein that the sought information had already been supplied to the appellant through registered post along with the postal receipt. In addition, he has to file the undertaking that nothing more is available of record which could be supplied to the appellant.
6. Both the parties are directed to remain present for the hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party, ex parte, on merit.
7. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **06.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date: 27.03.2024  
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**Sh. Harwinder Singh Advocate,**  
# 7009, 7th Floor, District Court,  
Ludhiana.

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Naib Tehsildar,  
Sahnewal

**Sh. Jagdeep Inder Singh**  
Public Information Officer, O/o Naib Tehsildar, Koom Kalan,  
Now Tehsildar, Malerkotla

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DC, Ludhiana.

..Respondent(s)

**Appeal Case No. 4364 of 2023**

**Present:-** Sh. J. K. Khetarpal on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Jagdeep Inder Singh Sodhi, Naib Tehsildar (9814039922) for the respondents.

**ORDER**

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.09.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 27.03.2024.

3. The respondent submits that RTI application was filed to the respondent PIO, O/o Naib Tehsildar, Koom Kalan, District Ludhiana instead of respondent PIO, O/o Naib Tehsildar, Sahnewal, District Ludhiana, who is the custodian of the record. He further clarified that the area of the sought information falls under the jurisdiction of the Naib Tehsildar, Sahnewal. He further submits that he was having the additional charge of PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Sahnewal, District Ludhiana. Furthermore, he submits that nothing is available on record in the office of Tehsildar, Sahnewal pertaining to the RTI application. Therefore, he has already filed an affidavit in this regard. After hearing the contentions made by the respondent, the representative of the appellant requested for a copy of an affidavit, which is handed over to him during the course of hearing.

4. Accordingly, after hearing both the parties, the appellant is given an opportunity to file a counter reply, if any, before the next date of hearing with a copy to the respondent to take the matter to its logical end.

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**Appeal Case No. 4364 of 2023**

2. Sh. Jagdeep Inder Singh Sodhi also requested that a show-cause notice was issued to him as he was having the the additional charge of Naib Tehsildar, Sahnewal. He also made written submissions, and tenders unconditional apology. He further requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. After hearing the contentions made by Sh. Jagdeep Inder Singh Sodhi and going through the case file, the show cause notice issued to him is hereby withdrawn.

3. Both the parties are directed to remain present for the hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party, ex parte, on merit.

4. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **06.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

**Date: 27.03.2024**

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**Sh. Vihaan Kanwal,**  
S/o Sh. Parveen Kanwal,  
Sulekh Ram Building ,  
Near Indian Overseas Bank  
GT Road, Tehsil Khanna,  
Distt Ludhiana-141401.  
M : 9988555776  
RTI Application No 63541

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DC, Ludhiana.

**Sh. Abhishek Bansal (ATO)**  
**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DC, Ludhiana.

..respondent(s)

**Appeal Case No. 4106 of 2023**

**Present:-** None for the parties.

## **ORDER**

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.08.2023.

2. Earlier the case was heard by Sh. Suresh Arora, the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted office on 25.9.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this bench and fixed for hearing today i.e. 27.03.2024.

3. Neither the appellant is present nor has he sent any communication in this regard. Last opportunity is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte, as he is unable to avail the given opportunities on the previous hearing and today as well.

4. Also, the respondent PIO is absent without any intimation, which shows negligence and carelessness towards the orders of the Commission.



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**Appeal Case No. 4106 of 2023**

Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, **Sh. Abhishek Bansal, ATO-cum- Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice** to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. A copy of this order is being sent to Sh. Moneesh Kumar, IAS, State Transport Commissioner, Punjab to ensure the presence of PIO and supply the complete information in this case before the next date of hearing, failing which he will be directed for personal appearance.

6. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **06.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date: 27.03.2024

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Chief Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC:

**Sh. Moneesh Kumar, IAS**  
State Transport Commissioner,  
Sector-17, Chandigarh