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**Sh. Nirmal Singh Dhiman,**  
S/o Late Sh. Gurbax Singh,  
R/o H No 895, Phase XI, Sector 65,  
Mohali-160062.  
M: 9988163411

..Complainant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Under Secretary Revenue,  
Financial Commissioner,  
PB Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Joint Secretary Revenue,  
Financial Commissioner,  
PB Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

..respondent(s)

## Complaint Case No. 453 of 2023

**Present:-** None on behalf of the complainant.  
Sh. Ramandeep Kumar, Senior Assistant (8146700521) for the respondents.

### ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2023.

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. 28.03.2024.

3. The respondent submits that a reply has already been submitted to the Commission as per the previous order of the Commission dated 08.09.2023, which is taken on record. Further, he submits that

“ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ/ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ/ਅਹੁਦਾ ਇੰਨਕੁਆਰੀ ਦਾ ਸਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਕੇਸ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਮਿਸਲ ਨੰਬਰ ਆਦਿ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਰਸਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ।”,

so, the sought information has not been supplied. He further submits that in the absence of the details the office is unable to supply the information

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## Complaint Case No. 453 of 2023

4. Complainant is not present but he has sent his written submissions dated 25.03.2024, which is taken on record. But no clarification has been given by him to enable the respondent to supply the information. Last opportunity is awarded to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations along with the directions to supply the detail regarding the enquiry report as requested by the respondent before the next date of hearing, so that information could be furnished at the earliest.

5. Both the parties are directed to remain present for deliberations on the next date of hearing. In case of absence of any party, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **23.05.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :28.03.2024

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**(Inderpal Singh)**  
Chief Information Commissioner  
Punjab

After the hearing was over, appellant appeared and requested for an adjournment of the case. He was apprised with the proceedings of the case.

Date :28.03.2024

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## Sh. Gurmeet Singh,

S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh,  
R/o H No 46, Aman Colony,  
Defence Bandh, Sirhind,  
Tehsil & Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.  
M : 9872645290

..Complainant

Vs

## Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (SE), Fatehgarh Sahib.

## First Appellate Authority

O/o DPI (SE), PB, Mohali.

..respondent(s)

### Complaint Case No. 442 of 2023

Converted into appeal case

**Present:-** Sh. Gurmeet Singh, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Shamsheer Singh, Deputy DEO (SE), Fatehgarh Sahib (9501033350) and Sh.  
Gurjant Singh, Steno (8054161003)

### ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.09.2023.

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. 28.03.2024.
3. The respondent submits that the response regarding the sought information had already been sent to the appellant and the last response was sent to the appellant through registered post on 31.03.2023. A copy of which is available in the case file and is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order.
4. However, the appellant expressed his dissatisfaction and submits that there are ambiguities/deficiencies in the supplied information.
5. After hearing both the parties, the appellant is directed to send the point-wise deficiencies to the respondent PIO through email ID [deofgsahib@gmail.com](mailto:deofgsahib@gmail.com) with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing. Thereafter the respondent further assured that the deficiencies will be removed before the next date of hearing, if so received from the appellant.

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## Complaint Case No. 442 of 2023

Converted into appeal case

6. Both the parties are directed to remain present for deliberations on the next date of hearing. In case of absence of any party, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

Date :28.03.2024

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**Sh. Sudager Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Chajja Singh,  
R/o 855, Sector 70, SAS Nagar.

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Supdt, Accounts, Branch-1,  
General Administration Department, PB,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

**Public Information Officer**  
Cum Superintendent  
Establishment 1 Branch,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Chief Secretary, PB, Chandigarh.

..respondent(s)

## Appeal Case No. 4527 of 2023

**Present:-** None on behalf of the appellant.  
Ms. Nidhi, Senior Assistant (8591933780), Sh. Raj Kumar, Senior Assistant, Accounts Branch) (8427779039) and Sh. Vivek Swami (Senior Law Officer) (Retd.) (Third Party) on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.09.2023.

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. 28.03.2024.

3. Respondent, Ms. Nidhi submits that appointment letter has already been supplied to the appellant. Further, she submits that RTI application was transferred to the Accounts Branch, as partial information was related to the said Branch.

4. Respondent, Sh. Raj Kumar submits that sought information in connection with salary record of third party could not be supplied as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, as Sh. Vivek Swami had already denied disclosing his personal information.

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5. Also, Sh. Vivek Swami submits that he has already been made the submissions that his personal information may not be supplied to the appellant as no public interest is involved.
6. Neither the appellant is present nor has he sent any communication in this regard. The appellant was directed to establish the 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking third party personal information but no such submissions have been received from him. One last opportunity is granted to the appellant to establish the 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking 'third party' information to take the matter to its logical end.
7. Both the parties are directed to remain present for deliberations on the next date of hearing. In case of absence of any party, the case will be decided, on merit, ex parte.
8. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **06.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :28.03.2024  
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Chief Information Commissioner  
Punjab

After the hearing was over, appellant has appeared and he was apprised with the proceedings of the case.

Date :28.03.2024  
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Chief Information Commissioner  
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CC:

**Sh. Vivek Swami, Senior Law Officer (Retd.)**  
1544, India Enclave,  
Sector 51-B, Chandigarh

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**Sh. Amin Chand,**  
S/o Late Sh. Tek Chand,  
H No 205, Ghumar mandi, Ludhiana.  
M : 987678019

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana.

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

..respondent(s)

## Appeal Case No. 4544 of 2023

**Present:-** Sh. Amin Chand, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Khushkaran Singh (Clerk)

### 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. 28.03.2024.

3. The appellants submitted that the respondent PIO may be directed to supply the information pertaining to the registries as there are number of cases where two registries have been made instead of one. However, the respondent submitted a list of vasika number and a copy of the same is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After hearing both the parties the parties, respondent PIO is directed to file a counter reply regarding the submission made by the appellant regarding larger public interest involved in seeking the information. A copy of which is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing. Also, a copy of the same is **being sent** to the respondent PIO along with this order.

5. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party, the case will be decided on merit, ex parte.

6. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **20.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :28.03.2024  
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**Sh. P.C. Garg (Advocate),**  
# 638/1, Malerkotla House,  
Opp Old DMC Lines, Ludhiana.  
M : 9914522100

Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SDM West, Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4577 of 2023

**Present:-** None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent, Revenue (6003000012) on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

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

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. 28.03.2024.

3. The respondent submits that the sought information had already been supplied to the appellant. Further, he submits reply to the show cause notice along with supplied information, which was already sent to the appellant, which is taken on record. Further, he made the oral submissions and tenders unconditional apology for the delay occurred in this case. Also, he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. The decision regarding the show cause notice issued to Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent will be taken on the next date of hearing).

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 represent his case today.



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## Appeal Case No. 4577 of 2023

5. Both the parties are directed to remain present for the hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party, the case will be decided, on merit, ex parte.
6. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **23.05.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :28.03.2024

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**Sh. Jatinder Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,  
R/o House No 110, Type E-1,  
Punjab University Campus, Sector 14,  
Chandigarh-160014.  
M : 9530661455

Appellant

Vs

**Sh. L. Singh**  
**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DEO (SE), Gurdaspur.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DEO (SE), Gurdaspur.

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4585 of 2023

**Present:-** Sh. Jatinder Singh, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

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

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. 28.03.2024.

3. The respondent is absent but an email dated 26.03.2024 has been received from the respondent requesting therein to adjourn the matter as he is unable to present case today, due to election work, which is taken on record.

4. The appellant submits that the respondent PIO may be directed to get the information from the concerned school. However, the appellant was directed vide order dated 21.09.2023, to prove that the respondent school is a public authority but no submission has been received from him in this regard. One last opportunity is awarded to him to make submissions, if any before the next date of hearing. He is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

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## Appeal Case No. 4585 of 2023

5. Also, a response is available in the case file, that the said school is not getting any Government grant as such it is not a public authority as per the provisions of the RTI, Act, 2005.

6. The respondent PIO is also directed to file his reply as to whether the information sought by the appellant is available in the official record and in case the same is not available in the official record then an undertaking be filed on the next date of hearing. In case, the sought information is available in the official record, then the same be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

7. A copy of this order being sent to Sh. L. Singh, Deputy District Education Officer, Gurdaspur through Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Director, Public Instructions (SE), Punjab. As such a copy of being sent to him to comply with the order. He is also directed to ensure the presence of the present PIO office of District Education Officer, Gurdaspur, on the next date of hearing.

8. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **20.06.2024 at 11:30 A.M.** at Chandigarh.

Date :28.03.2024

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**(Inderpal Singh)**  
Chief Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Paramjeet Singh, IAS  
O/o Director Public Instructions (SE),  
Punjab, Mohali

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Sh. Naresh Johar,  
# 80, Rani Ka Bagh, Amritsar(Punajb)  
(M : 9814754142)

..Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chief Minister, Punjab  
PB Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.
- ii) Public Information Officer  
O/o The Chief Engineer,  
P.W.D (B&R),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
O/o The Chief Minister,  
PB Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

..respondent(s)

## **Appeal Case No. 4620 of 2023**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Gurjot Singh, Senior Assistant O/o C. M., Punjab ;
- ii) Sh. Manoj Kumar, Executive Engineer (Building) ;
- iii) Sh. Mohan Singh, Superintendent ;
- iv) Ms. Manjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.09.2023.

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. 28.03.2024.

3. The appellant is absent without any intimation. However, the respondent office of Chief Minister, Punjab submits that the RTI application of the appellant has already been sent to the office of Financial Commissioner (Revenue). Further, the respondent PIO office of Financial Commissioner (Revenue), submits that the RTI application of the appellant has already been transferred to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(B &R) being the custodian of the record.

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## Appeal Case No. 4620 of 2023

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4. The respondent office of the Chief Engineer(Building), P.W.D.(B &R) submits that the RTI application of the appellant has already been sent to all the field offices as the information sought is not available on record in the Head Office as has been sought by the appellant. It is also a fact on record that number of Field Offices of the Department of P. W. D. (B & R) has sent the response to the appellant.

5. Since, the appellant is absent, one last opportunity is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations.

6. In case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing, the case will be decided ex-parte on merit.

7. With this, the case is adjourned to 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.

Date :28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Sh. Rajandeep Singh  
S/o Sh. Gulab Chand,  
# 31206, Street No 11-2,  
Paras Ram Nagar, Bathinda-151001(Punajb)  
(M : 9592791373)  
RTI Application No. 65416

..Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary,  
Punjab Vidhan Sabha,  
Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of General Administration  
(Accounts – 1 Branch),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh
- iii) Public Information Officer  
-cum-Superintendent  
Cabinet Affairs Branch,  
Deptt. of Gen. Admn.  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
O/o The Secretary,  
Punjab Vidhan Sabha,  
Chandigarh.

..respondent(s)

## **Appeal Case No. 4676 of 2023**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Jagjit Singh, Junior Assistant (Accounts Branch) ;
- ii) Sh. Jagtar Singh, Junior Assistant (Gen. Admn. Branch) ;
- iii) Chhotu Sharma, Superintendent O/o Pb. Vidhan Sabha, for respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2023.

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. 28.03.2024.

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## Appeal Case No. 4676 of 2023

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3. The representative of the respondent office of Punjab Vidhan Sabha, submits that the information as available in the record has already been supplied to the appellant pertaining to point no. (c) of the RTI application. He further submits that no other information is available on record which could be supplied to the appellant and requested to exempt office of Secretary, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Chandigarh from further appearance in this case. Accordingly, PIO office of Secretary, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Chandigarh is exempted from further appearance in this case.

4. With regard to point no. (a) and (b) , the representative of the respondent PIO office of Cabinet Affairs Branch, submits that the RTI application of the appellant further transferred to the General Administration Department, Secretariat Accounts – 1 Branch. Further, the representative of the respondent PIO office of the General Administration Department, Secretariat Accounts – 1 Branch, submits that the information sought relates to ‘third parties’ and they have made their submissions that information sought may not be supplied to the appellant.

5. Accordingly, the PIO office of Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of General Administration, Secretariat Accounts – 1 Branch is impleaded as necessary party in this case.

6. The appellant is absent but he has sent an e-mail vide which he has submitted that he is not well. Therefore, one last opportunity is granted to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberation. In case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

Date :28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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Chief Information Commissioner  
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Sh. Paramjit Singh Handa,  
House No 476,  
Shaheed Udham Singh Road,  
Sunam Udham Singh Wala, Sangrur.  
(M : 9501598939)

..Appellant

Vs

Sh. Harjinder Singh,  
Deputy Director(Establishment)-cum-  
Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director , Higher Education (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority  
O/o The Director , Higher Education (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

..Respondent(s)

## **Appeal Case No. 4592 of 2023**

Present : Sh. Paramjit Singh Handa, the appellant, in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2023.

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. 28.03.2024.

3. The appellant submits that he is not satisfied with the response of the respondent and he has submitted the deficiencies vide a letter dated 26.03.2024, which is taken on record.

4. However, none is present on behalf of the respondent PIO. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Sh. Harjinder Singh, Deputy Director(Establishment) -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.25,000/- 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.

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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. Further, the respondent PIO is also directed to file an affidavit pertaining to point no. 05 and 06 of the RTI application that the record is not traceable else supply the complete information in this regard. He is further directed that in case, the file is not traceable then action under rules to lodge a FIR/DDR be submitted on the next date of hearing. Regarding the remaining deficiencies, the respondent PIO is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing.**

Date :28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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..Appellant

Vs

Ms. Kamna Gupta,  
Deputy Director-cum-Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
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..Respondent(s)

## **Appeal Case No. 4619 of 2023**

Present : Sh. Anil Kumar, the appellant, in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.09.2023.

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. 28.03.2024.

3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer is absent without intimation but the response has already been received from him vide which he has sent the information, a copy of which is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. After going through the same the appellant submits that the same does not relates to his RTI application and requested to penalize the respondent-Public Information Officer. The appellant further submits that the enquiry report is being supplied which he has not sought for. Furthermore, he submits that the respondent PIO be directed to supply the enquiry report alongwith the complete information as has been sought by him.

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4. It is also a fact that the appellant sought the information vide his RTI application dated 28.04.2023. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Ms. Kamna Gupta, Deputy Director-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 her 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. She may take a note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. Also, a copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Public Instructions (Colleges) to ensure the presence of the respondent-Public Information Officer on the next date of hearing failing which he will be directed for personal appearance in this case.

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

Date :28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024  
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.....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 2777 of 2023**

Present : Sh. Anil Kumar, the appellant, in person.  
Sh. Gurdeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2024.

2. The respondent submits that the deficiencies have been pointed out by the appellant during the last date of hearing, which were removed and submits a copy of the information which is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

3. After going through the same, the appellant submits that he is satisfied regarding point no. 02 of the deficiencies pointed out by him. With regard to point no. 01, he submits that the respondent PIO be directed to provide the information i. e. a copy of letters/references written to the D.P.I.(Colleges) prior to the date of his termination i. e. 02.05.2022/date of relieving i. e. 20.09.2022. With regard to point no. 03, the appellant submits that no document has been supplied. With regard to point no. 04, the appellant submits that only eight pages have been supplied. With regard to point no. 05, the appellant submits that he has sought the copies of reply given by him concerning warning letters/show-cause notices/ explanations but no letters are traceable as the Superintendent is on long leave. However, the respondent pleaded that the sought information pertaining to the appellant himself and he should have the same in his custody.

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4. After deliberations with both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to provide a copy of letters/references written to the D.P.I.(Colleges) prior to the date of his termination i. e. 02.05.2022/date of relieving i. e. 20.09.2022 concerning point no. 01 of the deficiencies submitted by him. With regard to point no. 03, the respondent PIO is directed to provide a copy of warning letters issued to the appellant and in case no warning letter was issued then a specific undertaking be filed on the next date of hearing. With regard to point no. 04, the respondent PIO is directed to provide complete information else, file an undertaking that only eight pages relating to point no. 04 of the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant are available and nothing more is available on record. With regard to point no. 05, the response of the respondent PIO is accepted. Therefore, no directions are given to the respondent PIO in this regard.

5. The respondent PIO is directed to place on record a copy of the leave taken by the Superintendent as has been mentioned in the letter dated 26.03.2024.

6. Also, a show-cause notice was issued to Ms. Sudesh Bhalla, Principal, S. D. P. College for Women, Ludhiana but no response has been received from her. One last opportunity is granted to her to file her reply in regard to show cause notice issued to her, failing which a decision will be taken ex-parte on merit.

7. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Ms. Neetu Ohri, Principal, S. D. P. College for Women, Ludhiana to deliver a copy of the same to Ms. Sudesh Bhalla under intimation to the Commission.

8. Also, Ms. Neetu Ohri, Principal, S. D. P. College for Women, Ludhiana is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

Date :28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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..Respondent(s)

## **Appeal Case No. 2923 of 2023**

Present : Sh. Anil Kumar, the appellant, in person.  
Sh. Gurdeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2024.

2. The respondent submits that the deficiencies have been pointed out by the appellant during the last date of hearing, which were removed and submits a copy of the information which is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

3. After going through the same, the appellant submits that he is satisfied regarding point no. 02 of the deficiencies pointed out by him. With regard to point no. 01, he submits that the respondent PIO be directed to provide the information i. e. a copy of letters/references written to the D.P.I.(Colleges) prior to the date of his termination i. e. 02.05.2022/date of relieving i. e. 20.09.2022. With regard to point no. 03, the appellant submits that no document has been supplied. With regard to point no. 04, the appellant submits that only eight pages have been supplied. With regard to point no. 05, the appellant submits that he has sought the copies of reply given by him concerning warning letters/show-cause notices/ explanations but no letters are traceable as the Superintendent is on long leave. However, the respondent pleaded that the sought information pertaining to the appellant himself and he should have the same in his custody.

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4. After deliberations with both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to provide a copy of letters/references written to the D.P.I.(Colleges) prior to the date of his termination i. e. 02.05.2022/date of relieving i. e. 20.09.2022 concerning point no. 01 of the deficiencies submitted by him. With regard to point no. 03, the respondent PIO is directed to provide a copy of warning letters issued to the appellant and in case no warning letter was issued then a specific undertaking be filed on the next date of hearing. With regard to point no. 04, the respondent PIO is directed to provide complete information else, file an undertaking that only eight pages relating to point no. 04 of the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant are available and nothing more is available on record. With regard to point no. 05, the response of the respondent PIO is accepted. Therefore, no directions are given to the respondent PIO in this regard.

5. The respondent PIO is directed to place on record a copy of the leave taken by the Superintendent as has been mentioned in the letter dated 26.03.2024.

6. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Ms. Neetu Ohri, Principal, S. D. P. College for Women, Ludhiana to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. In case of absence of any party on the next date of hearing, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

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