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Sh. Rohit Sabharwal (RTI Activist),
126, Model Gram,
Ludhiana-141002
Mob. No. 9417570000 & 9988251671

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana
First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer (By name)
-cum-Superintendent,
Treasurer Charitable Endowments, Punjab,
S.C.O. No. 2, Second Floor,
Old PUDA Building, Phase 1,
Mohali.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 76/2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Ms Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate on behalf of the appellant, on telephone.
Sh. Navdeep Singh, Sr. Asstt. 9888970171 on behalf of the respondents.
8054002351.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.3.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 26.4.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31.5.2021.

2. The appellant has sought the following information:-

1. Provide the Certified Copy of Information showing the Total Number of those Persons of Ludhiana (Punjab) who were awarded Tamar Patra by the Government of India.
2. Provide the Certified Copy of Information (whether in shape of list or any other format as available on the record of your Public Authority) showing the Names along with the Details of those Persons of Ludhiana (Punjab) who were awarded Tamar Patra by the Government of India.

3. The representative of the appellant Ms Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate sent the written submissions that she has received a letter duly signed by the Section Officer, Treasurer Charitable Endowments, Mohali bearing No. RTI/2021/11 dated 30.3.2021 & Letter No. RTI/2021/09 dated 30.3.2021 respectively, vide which after a delay of 7 (seven) months, sought information was provided, and the same stands to be satisfactory. She has further requested to penalize the respondent due to delay in supplying the information.

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4. The representative of the respondents states that the office is functioning with 50% staff as per the instructions issued by the Government of Punjab due to Covid 19 pandemic. He also states that the office was impleaded as necessary part in this case vide orders of the Commission dated 12.3.2021 and a prompt reply/information has been provided to the appellant vide letter bearing No. 11 dated 30.3.2021 and No. 9 dated 30.3.2021. He further requested to close the case.

5. Accordingly, the Commission observes that the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o Treasurer Charitable Endowments, Punjab has supplied the information in time. As far as the Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana is concerned, the said office has also given the reply to the appellant vide letter dated 23.9.2020 that the sought information is not available in their record and the appellant has been advised to contact the office of the Treasurer, Charitable Endowments Punjab. Although as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, the respondent-Public Information Officer should have transferred the RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the authority concerned.

6. It is a fact on record that the appellant has sought the information related to the year 1993, which is around 28 years old.

7. Due to covid 19 pandemic, instructions of the Government of Punjab to work with 50% staff and the submissions of the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana to the appellant to file an application to the authority concerned, the Commission further observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case as the complete information has already been supplied to the appellant to his entire satisfaction. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Sd/

(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 31.5.2021

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh 98882961907
Village Bholapur, Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Deputy Commissioner,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Deputy Commissioner
District Ludhiana

Public Information Officer
o/o the Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Ludhiana East,
District Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2915 of 2020
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.4.2021.

2. The appellant has sought the following information:-

“ਮੇਰੇ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਕ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਪੱਤਰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਡਾਕ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਮਿਤੀ 12/6/2020 ਨੂੰ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੀ ਸੀ। ਮੇਰੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਤੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਂ ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਮੁਕੰਮਲ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਤੇ ਦਫਤਰੀ ਨੋਟਿੰਗ ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।”

3. Appellant has sent the written submissions that he has received the information and no more information is required in this case. Copy of the submissions made by the appellant is taken on record.

4. According to the submissions made by the appellant, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 31.5.2021.

Sd/
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Sh. Rahul Gupta s/o Sh. Dharampal,
r/o H.No. 170, Street No. 6
Mohalla Hargobindpura, Jagraon,
District Ludhiana 9464137600

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Tehsildar,
Jagraon,
District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Jagraon, District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 965 of 2021

(Video Conference/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rahul Gupta, appellant on telephone

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.11.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) on 29.12.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.2.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.4.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was adjourned for today i.e. 31.5.2021.

2. The appellant has sought the following information related to the employees working in Tehsil Jagraon i.e. Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildar/Sub Registrar.:-

- 1) ਇਹ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਿੰਨੇ ਵੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਸਮੇਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਹਨ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ, ਪਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਹੁੱਦੇ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਨਕਲਾਂ।
- 2) ਇਹ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀਆਂ ਕਿੰਨੀ-2 ਯੋਗਤਾ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਭਰਤੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ (ਚਾਹੇ ਸਿੱਧੀ ਭਰਤੀ ਜਾਂ ਤਰਸ ਦੇ ਅਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਕਿਸਮ ਦੀ ਭਰਤੀ) ਯੋਗਤਾ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਨਕਲਾਂ।
- 4) ਇਹ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਦਫਤਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖੇ ਗਏ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਕਿਹੜੇ ਅਫਸਰ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੰਮ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਨਕਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਵਿਅਕਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਜੋ ਤਨਖਾਹ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਉਹ ਕਿਸ ਅਫਸਰ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਤੇ ਕਿਸ ਖਾਤੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਉਸਦੀ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਸਹਿਤ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ।
- 8) ਇਹ ਕਿ ਸਨੀਵਾਰ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਗਜ਼ਟਿਡ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫਤਰ ਦਾ ਮੁਲਾਜਮ (ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ) ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਆ ਕੇ ਕੰਮ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ, ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ।

3. The appellant has sent the written submissions that he is satisfied with the information and no further information is required in this case and requested to close the case. He also reiterated the same during the hearing. Since, the appellant has sent the written submissions to close the case, therefore, the respondent parties have been informed not to appear in this case.

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4. According to the submissions made by the appellant, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 31.5.2021

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Sh. Surjit Singh Turna
VPO Mianwal Molvian,
Tehsil Shahkot
Distt. Jalandhar 144702 9855819313

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Shahkot, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Development and Panchayats Officer,
Jalandhar.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-
Public Information Officer
c/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer,
Block Shahkot, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2155 of 2020
(Cisco Webex/Telephone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Surjit Singh Turna, appellant at Chandigarh .
Shri Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary 9856600013, 9592855445.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.5.2021 vide which the titled case was closed to provide the information as the complete information has already been supplied to the appellant to his entire satisfaction and the case was adjourned to 31.5.2021 as the respondent-Public Information Officer-Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary was given an opportunity to file the reply regarding show cause notice issued to him in this case.

2. Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary has sent the submissions regarding show cause notice issued to him and he reiterated the same during the hearing. The reply given by the respondent-Public Information Officer is taken on record.

3. Keeping in view the submissions made by Sh. Balwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer, his request/submissions are accepted as it is a fact that the Government of Punjab has issued the instructions to work with 50% staff due to Covid 19 pandemic. It is also a fact that field officials have also assigned the additional duties related to Covid 19 pandemic. Therefore, after consideration of the reply given by the respondent-Public Information Officer, the show cause notice issued to him in this case is hereby withdrawn. Since, no further cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 31.5.2021

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh Lapran,
VPO Lapran,
Tehsil Payal,
Distt Ludhiana-141421.M : 9915299199

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Doraha, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Doraha, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2043/2020

(Video conference/Cisco Webex/on telephone proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Gurpreet Singh Lapran, appellant on telephone.

Sh. Harvinder Singh Steno 7973443157 8872119880, on telephone on behalf
of the respondents. 9815276062 8872119880

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.5.2021.

2. The appellant has sought the following information:-

1. ਬਲਕ ਚਾਇਤ ਦਫਤਰ ਦਰਾਜ਼ੀ ਦੀ ਪੁਰਾਣੀ ਜੀਪ PB550052 ਦੀ ਖਸਤਾ ਹਾਲਤ ਵਰ ਕਿਸ ਬੀ.ਡੀ.ਪੀ.ਓ ਦੇਰਾਹਾ ਨੇ ਕਿਸ ਸਾਲ ਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦ ਕੇ ਪੁਰਾਣੀ ਜੀ PB550052 ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਇਜਾਜਤ ਕਿਸ ਉੱਚ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਸੀ। ਉਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ(ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਮੰਗ ਪੱਤਰ) ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆਂ ਕਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣ।
2. ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪ PB550052 ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਅਫਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੰਡਮ ਹਾਲਤ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ।
3. ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਟਰਾਂਸਪੋਰਟ ਅਫਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪ PB550052 ਦੀ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਰਕਮ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆਂ ਕਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣ।
4. ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪ PB550052 ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਬੇਲੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਸਮੱਤੀ ਚ ਪਾਸ ਹੋਏ ਮੋਤ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ।
5. ਸਰਕਾਰੀ PB550052 ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਬੇਲੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਸ-ਕਿਸ ਅਖਬਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗੇ ਗਏ ਉਸ ਅਖਬਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆਂ ਕਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣ।
6. ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪ PB550052 ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਬੇਲੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਰਤੋਂ-ਕਿਰਤੋਂ ਖਰੀਦਦਾਰ ਹਾਜਰ ਹੋਏ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਹਾਜਰੀ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ, ਸੰਪਰਕ ਨੰ. ਅਤੇ ਪਤਾ ਆਦਿ ਮੁਹੱਈਆਂ ਕਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਵੇ।
7. ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪ PB550052 ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸ ਖਰੀਦਦਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਿਨ੍ਹੀ ਰਕਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਖਰੀਦਿਆ ਗਿਆ। ਖਰੀਦਦਾਰ ਦਾ ਪਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਨੰ. ਦੱਸਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ।
8. ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪ PB550052 ਦੀ ਬੇਲੀ ਕਿਸ ਉੱਚ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਹੇਠ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਬੇਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਹਾਜਰ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ, ਸੰਮਤੀ ਚੇਅਰਪਰਸਨ, ਬੀ.ਡੀ.ਪੀ.ਓ. ਅਤੇ ਸੰਮਤੀ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਾਜਰੀ ਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਮਤੇ ਦੀ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ।
9. ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪ PB550052 ਦੀ ਬੇਲੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਇਗੀ ਕਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਅਤੇ ਕਿਸ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਖਾਤੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਗਏ ਖਜਾਨੇ ਦੇ ਰਕਮ, ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਚਲਾਣ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ।

ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਲਾਪਰਾ

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3. The appellant states that he has received the complete information including a copy of the legible bank statement. He further states that he has no objection, if the case is closed. Also the representative of the respondents sent a copy of the bank statement pertaining to E.O. Doraha Panchayat, which is taken on record.

4. Keeping in view the submissions made by the appellant, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed. A copy of the bank statement is also being **sent** along with this order to the appellant.

Dated: 31.5.2021

Sd/
(Suresh Arora)
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..Appellant

Vs

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O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana
First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer (By name)
-cum-Superintendent,
Treasurer Charitable Endowments, Punjab,
S.C.O. No. 2, Second Floor,
Old PUDA Building, Phase 1,
Mohali.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 79/2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Ms Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate on behalf of the appellant, on telephone.
Sh. Navdeep Singh, Sr. Asstt. 9888970171 on behalf of the respondents.
8054002351.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.3.2021 vide which the case was adjourned for 26.4.2021 but due to administrative reasons the case was further adjourned for today i.e. 31.5.2021.

2. The appellant has sought the following information:-

My grandfather Late. Sh. Kundan Lal Sabharwal S/o. Sh. Radha Krishan was a freedom fighter. He belonged to the Ludhiana (Punjab). He was awarded Tamar Patra by the Government of India.

In this regard, refer the certificate which was issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana bearing No. 657/CEA dated 17.09.1993 in which it has been mentioned that Mr. Rohit Kumar son of Sh. Vijay Kumar Sabharwal is grandson of freedom fighter Late. Sh. Kundan Lal Sabharwal, who was awarded Tamar Patra by the Government of India (Copy of the Certificate issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana & Tamar Patra is enclosed herewith for your kind reference).

Thus, in this regard, in capacity of being a citizen of India within the meaning of Section 3 of The Right to Information Act, 2005, following information is being sought under The Right to Information Act, 2005.

1. Provide the Certified Copy of those Documents as Information (whether in shape of list or any other format as available on the record of your Public Authority) by the virtue of which Sh. Kundan Lal Sabharwal S/o. Sh. Radha Krishan was declared as a Freedom Fighter.

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2) Provide the Certified Copy of those Documents as Information by the virtue of which Name of Sh. Kundan Lal Sabharwal S/o. Sh. Radha Krishan was recommended for the Tamar Patra by the Competent Authority.

3) As per the records available in your Public Authority, Provide the Information showing the Name & the Designation of that Person/Officer who handed over the Tamar Patra to my late grandfather.

4. Provide Certified Copy of Complete Information (falling within the meaning of Section- 2 (f) read with Section- 2 (j) of the RTI Act, 2005) as available on the records of your Public Authority regarding my late grandfather Sh. Kundan Lal Sabharwal S/o. Sh. Radha Krishan.

2. The representative of the appellant Ms Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate sent the written submissions that she has received a letter duly signed by the Section Officer, Treasurer Charitable Endowments, Mohali bearing No. RTI/2021/11 dated 30.3.2021 & Letter No. RTI/2021/09 dated 30.3.2021 respectively, vide which after a delay of 7 (seven) months, sought information was provided, and the same stands to be satisfactory. She has further requested to penalize the respondent due to delay in supplying the information.

3. The representative of the respondents states that the office is functioning with 50% staff as per the instructions issued by the Government of Punjab due to Covid 19 pandemic. He also states that the office was impleaded as necessary part in this case vide orders of the Commission dated 12.3.2021 and a prompt reply/information has been provided to the appellant vide letter bearing No. 11 dated 30.3.2021 and No. 9 dated 30.3.2021. He further requested to close the case.

4. Accordingly, the Commission observes that the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o Treasurer Charitable Endowments, Punjab has supplied the information in time. As far as the Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana is concerned, the said office has also given the reply to the appellant vide letter dated 23.9.2020 that the sought information is not available in their record and the appellant has been advised to contact the office of the Treasurer, Charitable Endowments Punjab. Although as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, the respondent-Public Information Officer should have transferred the RTI application under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the authority concerned.

5. It is a fact on record that the appellant has sought the information related to the year 1993, which is around 28 years old.

6. Due to covid 19 pandemic, instructions of the Government of Punjab to work with 50% staff and the submissions of the respondent-Public Information Officer o/o the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana to the appellant to file an application to the authority concerned, the Commission further observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case as the complete information has already been supplied to the appellant to his entire satisfaction. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

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(Suresh Arora)

Dated: 31.5.2021

Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.