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Ms. Jatinder Pal Kaur,
W/o Late Sh. Gurbhajan Singh Sandhu,
1036, Sector 71, Mohali.
M : 8360363600, 9888420006

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation Office,
Nehru Garden Road, Central Town,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3, DakshinMarg,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3090 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Ravinder Kumar, ATP (9646938745)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.08.2025 vide which the respondent had brought the information and the same was handed over to Advocate Gurfateh Singh, Counsel for the appellant. Further Counsel for the appellant has sought some to go through the same.

2. Today the appellant is absent.
3. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file it is observed that the information has already been provided to the Counsel for the appellant during the last hearing. Today neither the appellant is present nor she has sent any reply. Even the last orders dated 12.08.2025 sent to him has not been returned undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. As the Appellant is absent and nothing has been heard from him regarding the receipt of information. Hence, it is presumed that he is satisfied with the information provided. In view of the above, no further cause of

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action is left. Hence, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :01.10.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Harvinder Singh Advocate,
Chamber No 7009, District Court,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Panchayat Samiti, Block-2,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 127 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Harvinder Singh the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary
(9779750953)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.08.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Harvinder Singh states that no information has been given to him so far. He further states that he has not been provided the reply within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. For this the appellant demands that the Respondent be penalized

3 Respondent states that he has brought reply today in the Commission.

4. The same is handed over to the appellant. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with the same. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed following RTI:-



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ਸੇਵਾ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ -
ਰਾਜਨ ਸਾਧਨ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ Block II
ਪੰਨਾ 123 ਜਾਂਚੀ ਕਰਨਾ II
ਸਿੱਖ ਪੰਨਾ 2633
ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ

RTI Act 2005 ਤਹਿਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ 2005
ਜੀ ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਤੇ ਇਹ ਤੇਜ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੀ
ਮਾਨੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ।

ਦੇਸ਼ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ EOPS LDM II ਕਾਨੂੰਨ Bhupinder Singh other
ਥਾ-ਮਾਧਿਅਮ D.O.P.O (Exercising Power of collector Ldh)
ਕਾਨੂੰਨ 22/10/2014 ਦੇ ਤਹਿਤ ਦੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਰਾਖੀ
ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ।

ਕਿਸ ਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਦੇ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ, ਤਾਜ਼ੇ
ਪੰਨਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਮਤੇ ਪੰਨਾ 123 ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਤੇ ਤੇਜ਼ੀਮੀ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਦੀ
ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਰਾਖੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ।

ਪੰਨਾ 123 ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚੀ ਕਰਨਾ 11K
ਪੰਨਾ ਪਾਠ 1. 1/1/21/1 ਮਤੇ ਪਾਠ 1. 6/1/1 ਦੇ ਤਹਿਤ
ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਮਤੇ ਪਾਠ 123 ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ

ਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਰਾਜਨ ਸਾਧਨ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ
ਤਾਜ਼ੇ ਪੰਨਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਮਤੇ ਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਦੇ ਤੇਜ਼ੀਮੀ
ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ / ਕਾਨੂੰਨ / ਪੰਨਾ ਦੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਰਾਖੀ
ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ।

4. ਪੰਨਾ 123 ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਦੀ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਜਾਂਚੀ ਕਰਨਾ 11K ਪੰਨਾ ਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ
ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਪੰਨਾ 123 ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਮਤੇ ਪਾਠ 123 ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ
ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਮਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਜਾਂਚੀ ਕਰਨਾ 11K
ਮਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਾ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ FIR ਦੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ
ਰਾਖੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ।

5. ਕਾਨੂੰਨ 1/1/2021 ਤੇ 31/8/23 ਤੇ ਪੰਨਾ 123 ਜਾਂਚੀ
ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ II ਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਸਾਧਨ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ [E.O] ਤੇ
ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ, ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਮਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ
ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਜਾਂਦੀ।

ਦੇਸ਼: IPO No 61F 592940
RS 10/-

18/9/23

ਕਾਨੂੰਨ 2021
H. Singh
ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ
ਕਾਨੂੰਨ 2021
7009 ਪੰਨਾ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ
ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ

Further the respondent has given the reply which is as under:-

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ਦਫਤਰ :- ਬਲਾਕ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਅਫਸਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ-2
ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਨੇਤੋ ਫੁਆਰਾ ਰੋਡ, ਸਿਵਲ ਲਾਇਨ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ। ਪਿੰਨ ਕੋਡ :-141001
Email id :- bdpoludhiana2@gmail.com

ਵੱਲ,
ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਐਡਵੋਕੇਟ,
ਵਾਸੀ ਗੋਬਿੰਦਗੜ, ਬਲਾਕ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ-2

ਨੰ. 3055 /ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ., ਮਿਤੀ 08-08-2025

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ :- ਅਪੀਲ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪ ਵਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੇਠ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੈਰਾ ਵਾਇਜ਼ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

1. ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 1 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਅਫਸਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਨਾਲ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।
2. ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 2 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਪੇਂਡੂ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਨਾਲ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।
3. ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 3 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਗਰਾਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਰਕਬਾ ਵੇਚਿਆ ਨਹੀਂ ਗਿਆ।
4. ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 4 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜਮੀਨ ਵੇਚਣ ਜਾਂ ਖਰੀਦਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਤੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਐਫ.ਆਈ.ਆਰ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਥਾਣੇ ਨਾਲ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।
5. ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 5 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੇਠ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ :-

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ	ਕਦੋਂ ਤੋਂ	ਕਦੋਂ ਤੱਕ
1	ਪਿਆਰ ਸਿੰਘ	01/01/2021	09/08/2021
2	ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ	09/08/2021	05/01/2022
3	ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰਤਾਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ	05/01/2022	11/04/2022
4	ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਗਟ	19/04/2022	13/10/2022
5	ਰੁਪਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ	01/11/2022	13/04/2023
6	ਸਿਮਰਤ ਕੌਰ	13/04/2023	31/08/2023

ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ-ਕਮ-
ਬਲਾਕ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਅਫਸਰ,
ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ-2

5. After hearing the respondent and going through the above said reply filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant.

6. The perusal of documents available on the case files, it is observed that the reply/information has been sent to the appellant but not within stipulated period as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. For this the respondent tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard, which reveals that the delay was not deliberate. Therefore this is not a fit case for imposition of penalty.



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7. It has also been noted that Hon'ble Delhi High Court in W.P.(C) 11271/2009 Registrar of Companies & Ors v. Dharmendra Kumar Garg & Anr. (delivered on: 01.06.2012) has held as under:

" 61. Even if it were to be assumed for the sake of argument, that the view taken by the learned Central Information Commissioner in the impugned order was correct, and that the PIOs were obliged to provide the information, which was otherwise retrievable by the querist by resort to Section 610 of the Companies Act, it could not be said that the information had been withheld malafide or deliberately without any reasonable cause. It can happen that the PIO may genuinely and bonafidely entertain the belief and hold the view that the information sought by the querist cannot be provided for one or the other reasons. Merely because the CIC eventually finds that the view taken by the PIO was not correct, it cannot automatically lead to issuance of a showcause notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act and the imposition of penalty. The legislature has cautiously provided that only in cases of malafides or unreasonable conduct, i.e., where the PIO, without reasonable cause refuses to receive the application, or provide the information, or knowingly gives incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroys the information, that the personal penalty on the PIO can be imposed. This was certainly not one such case. If the CIC starts imposing penalty on the PIOs in every other case, without any justification, it would instill a sense of constant apprehension in those functioning as PIOs in the public authorities, and would put undue pressure on them. They would not be able to fulfill their statutory duties under the RTI Act with an independent mind and with objectivity. Such consequences would not auger well for the future development and growth of the regime that the RTI Act seeks to bring in, and may lead to skewed and imbalanced decisions by the PIOs Appellate Authorities and the CIC. It may even lead to unreasonable and absurd orders and bring the institutions created by the RTI Act in disrepute."

8 Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted in the matter and this Appeal stands **disposed and closed** accordingly. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :01.10.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (G), Ludhiana.

Respondents

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(9779750953)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.08.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. The appellant Sh. Harvinder Singh states that no information has been given to him so far. He further states that he has not been provided the reply within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. For this the appellant demands that the Respondent be penalized

3 Respondent states that today he has brought reply in the Commission.

4. The same is handed over to the appellant. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with the same. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed following RTI:-

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ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਮੁਕਤਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ-੨੨
ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਿਕਾਸ਼ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਰਿਤ ਮਾਮਲੇ
ਪ੍ਰਤਿਪਾਦਕ

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ਟੀ. ਐਚ. ੨੦੦੫ ਤਹਿਤ ਮੁਕਤਾ ਕੁਝੀ ਰੁਖਸਾਤ
ਜੀ
ਦਿਕਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਦੇਵਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਰਿ ਤੇ ਕੁਝੀ ਮੁਕਤਾ
ਅਸਲੇ ਅਧੀਨੀਆਂ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ ਜਾਂਦੇ।

ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਿਕਾਸ਼ ਮਿਤੀ 27/6/2023 (ਰੋਜ਼ 312) ਹਾਜ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ
6 ਰਾਸ਼ੀ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਾਜੀ ਪ੍ਰਿਤ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ ਹੁਕਮ ਦਿਕਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਜੀ ਦੇ
ਕੋਈ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਅਧੀਨਕਰ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੇ।

ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਿਕਾਸ਼ ਮਿਤੀ 6/6/2023 ਰੋਜ਼ 312 ਹਾਜ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ 5/0
ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਾਜੀ ਪ੍ਰਿਤ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ ਹੁਕਮ (ਜ਼ਾਪ) ਦਿਕਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਜੀ
ਕੋਈ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਅਧੀਨਕਰ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੇ।

ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਿਕਾਸ਼ ਮਿਤੀ 26/6/2023 (ਰੋਜ਼ 312) ਹਾਜ਼ੀ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ
ਕੋਈ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅਧੀਨੀ ਦਿਕਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਕੋਈ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ
ਦੀ ਅਧੀਨਕਰ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੇ।

ਦੀਨਿ: 110 No 61 F 542678
Rs 10/-

ਮਾਰੀ ਕਰਦਾਰੀ
Hmz
ਕਰਦਾਰੀ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ
ਮਿਤੀ 26/6/23

Further the respondent has given the reply which is as under:-



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ਦਫਤਰ :- ਬਲਾਕ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਅਫਸਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ-2
ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਨੇੜੇ ਫੁਆਰਾ ਚੌਕ, ਸਿਵਲ ਲਾਇਨ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ। ਪਿੰਨ ਕੋਡ :-141001
Email id :- bdpoludhiana2@gmail.com

ਵੱਲ,

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਐਡਵੋਕੇਟ,
ਵਾਸੀ ਗੋਬਿੰਦਗੜ, ਬਲਾਕ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ-2

ਨੰ. 3054 /ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ., ਮਿਤੀ 08-08-2025

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ :- ਅਪੀਲ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪ ਵਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਮਿਤੀ 09/09/2023 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੇਠ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੈਰਾ ਵਾਇਜ਼ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

1. ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 1 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ।
2. ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 2 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ।
3. ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ. 3 ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ।

ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ-ਕਮ-
ਬਲਾਕ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਅਫਸਰ,
ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ-2

5. After hearing the respondent and going through the above said reply filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant.

6 The perusal of documents available on the case files, it is observed that the reply/information has been sent to the appellant but not within stipulated period as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. For this the respondent tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard, which reveals that the delay was not deliberate. Therefore this is not a fit case for imposition of penalty.

7. It has also been noted that Hon'ble Delhi High Court in W.P.(C) 11271/2009 Registrar of Companies & Ors v. Dharmendra Kumar Garg & Anr. (delivered on: 01.06.2012) has held as under:



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“ 61. Even if it were to be assumed for the sake of argument, that the view taken by the learned Central Information Commissioner in the impugned order was correct, and that the PIOs were obliged to provide the information, which was otherwise retrievable by the querist by resort to Section 610 of the Companies Act, it could not be said that the information had been withheld malafide or deliberately without any reasonable cause. It can happen that the PIO may genuinely and bonafidely entertain the belief and hold the view that the information sought by the querist cannot be provided for one or the other reasons. Merely because the CIC eventually finds that the view taken by the PIO was not correct, it cannot automatically lead to issuance of a showcase notice under Section 20 of the RTI Act and the imposition of penalty. The legislature has cautiously provided that only in cases of malafides or unreasonable conduct, i.e., where the PIO, without reasonable cause refuses to receive the application, or provide the information, or knowingly gives incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroys the information, that the personal penalty on the PIO can be imposed. This was certainly not one such case. If the CIC starts imposing penalty on the PIOs in every other case, without any justification, it would instill a sense of constant apprehension in those functioning as PIOs in the public authorities, and would put undue pressure on them. They would not be able to fulfill their statutory duties under the RTI Act with an independent mind and with objectivity. Such consequences would not auger well for the future development and growth of the regime that the RTI Act seeks to bring in, and may lead to skewed and imbalanced decisions by the PIOs Appellate Authorities and the CIC. It may even lead to unreasonable and absurd orders and bring the institutions created by the RTI Act in disrepute.”

8 Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted in the matter and this Appeal stands **disposed and closed** accordingly. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :01.10.2025

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Avinash Goyal, S/o Sh. Rajinder Goyal (M: 9357666000)
H. No. 341, Sector 4, Tehsil Amloh
Distt.Fatehgarh Sahib – 147301
(RTI application no. 90450)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation
Sector 34 A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o General Manager, Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation
Sector 34A, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.10 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Maninder Singh, PIO (9334300007), Sh. Manish Bansal, APIO (9914812444)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.08.2025 vide which the respondent had sought time to file an affidavit.

2. The appellant is absent today.
3. Respondent states that as directed during the last hearing, he has brought affidavit today in the Commission.
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the last order dated 14.08.2025 sent to the appellant was returned back from the postal authorities in the Commission office as “No such person in the address”. As per directions given by the Commission, the respondent has brought affidavit today in the Commission. After hearing the respondent and going through the affidavit filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply. ***Copy of the affidavit as submitted by the respondent be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.*** Since the order of the Commission has been

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complied with, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :01.10.2025

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Sh. Satish Kumar Bhiri, Advocate
Ward No. 10, Near Nehru Park, Jaito,
Distt. Faridkot

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
o/o EO, Nagar Council, Jaito
Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (G), Faridkot

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4702 of 2023

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh, Clerk (9646300756)

ORDER

1. The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commission, Punjab. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 12.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.10.2025 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. Respondent states that he has brought information today in the Commission.
5. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant demanded voluminous information and the respondent has brought the information today in the Commission, the same is taken on record. The appellant is advised to collect the same from Commission office within 15 days from the receipt of this order. With these directions, the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. However the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within

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one month in case he is not satisfied with the information. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :01.10.2025

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Ms. Sneh Lata, D/o Sh. Tirlok Chand
Village Bhana, Tehsil and Distt. Faridkot- 151203

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
O/o Director Technical Education,
Industrial Training, Sector 36, Punjab
Chandigarh
First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Technical Education,
Industrial Training, Sector 36, Punjab
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4691 of 2023

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Balwinder Singh, APIO (9914219912) and Sh.
Vikramjit Singh Bains, Clerk (7888834855)

ORDER

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commission, Punjab. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 30.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.10.2025 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today.
4. The Respondent states that the required information has already been given to the Appellant and has submitted the acknowledgment given by the Appellant in token of having received the information.
5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
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Ms. Sneh Lata, D/o Sh. Tirlok Chand
Village Bhana, Tehsil and Distt. Faridkot- 151203

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
O/o Director Technical Education,
Industrial Training, Sector 36, Punjab
Chandigarh
First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Technical Education,
Industrial Training, Sector 36, Punjab
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4692 of 2023

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Balwinder Singh, APIO (9914219912) and Sh.
Vikramjit Singh Bains, Clerk (7888834855)

ORDER

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commission, Punjab. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 30.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.10.2025 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today.
4. The Respondent states that the required information has already been given to the Appellant and has submitted the acknowledgment given by the Appellant in token of having received the information.
5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Ms. Gagandeep (General) Secretary),
Volunteers for Social Justice,
Near Mandir Passian, New Bazar,
Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar-144410

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
o/o District Magistrate, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
o/o District Magistrate, Bathinda

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4697 of 2023

Present : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Shubham Bansal , Labour Inspector
(9877883583) and Sh. Ankit , Clerk (7307811110)

ORDER

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commission, Punjab. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 14.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.10.2025 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today. She has not informed the Commission about her absence for today's hearing.
4. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. He further states that he has also brought copy of information today in the Commission.
5. After hearing the respondent and going through the reply/information filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply /information. As per the respondent information/reply has already been sent to the appellant and he has also brought copy of the same today in the Commission. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to them through



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registered post but even though she is absent and no submissions has been received from the appellant, which appears that she has nothing to say in this regard in this case and/or she does not intend to pursue the case. ***However copy of the information as submitted by the respondent be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.***

6. Keeping in view the above prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. As such, the present case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :01.10.2025

Sd/-
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Sh.Phagan Singh, S/o
Sh. Puran Singh, VPO Joga,
Tehsil AndDistt. Mansa - 151510

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager,
PEPSU Road Transport Corporation,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o General Manager,
PEPSU Road Transport Corporation,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3402 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : ShRavinder Singh, Clerk (90233-05900)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025 vide which the appellant was directed to inspect the record in the O/o respondent and the respondent was directed to file his reply on affidavit.

2. The appellant is not present today.
3. The respondent states that, as directed the appellant did not appeared on 19.08.2025 for the inspection of record. He adds that the affidavit has also been provided to the appellant. He also files copy of the same today.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence. Further, the respondent states that the appellant has not inspected the record. He has also filed copy of the affidavit provided to the appellant which shows that the orders of the Commission have been

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complied with. Hence, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :01.10.2025

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Sh. VivekMarkanda,
Teacher Colony,
Nawanshar(Punjab)
M: 9814522666

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Nawanshahar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,
S.B.S. Nagar (Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3654 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : ShBalwinder Kumar, Clerk (94658-17830)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.08.2025 vide which the respondent was given an opportunity to provide complete information to the appellant within 15 days of receiving the orders.

2. The appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that as directed, the information has been provided to the appellant. He also files the copy of the information provided along with the copy of receiving given by the appellant in lieu of receiving the information.

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

Dated :01.10.2025

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ShManjit Singh,
S/o ShGurcharan Singh,
Village Manemajra,
Tehsil- Chamkaur Sahib, DisttRopar
(M-84274-98620)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.4703of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : ShRavinder Singh, JrAsstt. (85282-14311)

ORDER

The abovementioned case was earlier allocated to the Bench of SIC Sh Anumit Singh Sodhi. After his retirement, the said case was re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 26.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.10.2025 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today.
4. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is third-party information. Hence, the same cannot be provided u/s 8(1)(j).

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1. ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਐਕਟ, 2005 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 3 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹਰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੰਗ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਪਰੰਤੂ ਜੇਕਰ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੀਸਰੇ ਪੱਖ (ਜਿਵੇਂ ਮਾਤਾ, ਪਿਤਾ, ਪਤਨੀ ਆਦਿ) ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਧਾਰਾ 8(1)(j) ਲਾਗੂ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੇਣ ਤੋਂ ਇਨਕਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ, ਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਵੱਡੇ ਜਨਹਿਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਾ ਹੋਵੇ ਜਾਂ ਅਪਲੀਕੈਂਟ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਹੱਕਦਾਰ ਨਾ ਹੋਵੇ।
2. ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਨੇ Girish Ramchandra Deshpande vs CIC & Ors., (2013) 1 SCC 2012 ਵਿੱਚ ਤੀਜੇ ਧਿਰ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨਾ ਦੇਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਤੇ CPIO, Supreme Court of India vs Subhash Chandra Agarwal, (2019) 16 SCC 192 ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਜਾਂ ਉਸਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਕ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜੀ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਧਾਰਾ 8(1)(j) ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹਿਮਤੀ ਦੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ।
3. ਇਸ ਲਈ ਜੇਕਰ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਕਰਤਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਾਤਾ ਦੀ ਫ਼ਾਇਲ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਲੈਣੀ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਾਤਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਪੱਤਰ (Authorization Letter) ਜਾਂ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ (Legal Heirship Proof ਆਦਿ) ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਜੀ ।

ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਗ਼ੈਰ, ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇਣਾ ਧਾਰਾ 8(1)(j) RTI Act, 2005 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸੰਭਵ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ।

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After going through the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has adequately addressed the RTI of the appellant. Hence, the appellant may deposit the authorization letter or Legal Heirship proof, as demanded by the respondent and obtain the information. Hence, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :01.10.2025

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Sh.S.K. Nagesh (Scientist)
C/o Sh. Ram Charanderji,
CPO Office, # 2823/3,
Karnail Singh, IshruBhawan, Indra Nagar
Near Bus Stand Ludhiana -141001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Food and Drugs Administration, Pb.
Phase -9, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, Pb.
Phase 9, Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3680 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. S.K Nagesh, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : ShRajwinder Singh, Supdt (9888882650) and
ShMandeep Singh, Dealing Asstt. (941700-6389)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025 vide which the appellant was directed to justify what public interest is involved in the information asked for.

2. The respondent states that the attested copy of information pertaining to point no. 1 has been provided to the appellant. However, rest of the information cannot be provided.

3. As directed, the appellant has filed his reply. The same is taken on record.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has filed his reply. The Commission has examined the reply which adequately addresses the RTI application. The contention of the respondent is upheld. Further, the appellant may take note that RTI Act has been passed to enable a citizen to access information. But the fact remains that RTI act is information sharing forum and not a problem solving mechanism. Under the RTI Act information can be accessed by a citizen but for redressal of his grievance recourse lies somewhere else. The Commission advises the appellant to

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approach the competent forum or Court for redressal of his grievance as it is unable to go outside the jurisdiction stipulated by the RTI Act. In wake of aforementioned, this Appeal Case is hereby devoid of merit and hence **closed and disposed of**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :01.10.2025

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Sh. S.K Nagesh (Scientist)

C/o Sh. Ram Charanderji

CPI Office, # 2823/3,

Karnail Singh, IshruBhawan,

IndraNagar, Near Bus Stand, Ludhiana -141001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Food and Drugs Administration

Phase 9, Mohali (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration,

Phase 9, Mohali (Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3679 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. S.K Nagesh, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh Rajwinder Singh, Supdt (9888882650) and
ShMandeep Singh, Dealing Asstt. (941700-6389)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025 vide which the appellant was directed to file his rejoinder again.

2. Today the respondent states that the information demanded is third-party information.

3. The appellant has filed his rejoinder.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that as directed, the appellant has filed his rejoinder. After going through the same, the contention of the respondent is overruled and the respondent is directed to inspect the record, as demanded through his RTI application.

The appellant is directed to visit the O/o respondent on 14.10.2025 at 11:30AM and inspect the record. The appellant may contact Sh Rajwinder Singh, Supdt on his mobile no. 9888882650 for inspection on the said date. The respondent-PIO is also directed to facilitate the appellant regarding the inspection of record. With these directions, the appeal

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case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :01.10.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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