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Sh.Harmesh Singh, S/o Sh. Darshan  
Singh, VPO Littra, Tehsil Nakodar  
Distt. Jalandhar - 144043

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SMO, CHC, Nakodar  
Distt. Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SMO, CHC, Nakodar,  
Distt. Jalandhar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4300 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Harmesh Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Dr. Rajnesh Gupta, MO ( 9814655086), Dr. Ramneet Singh, MO ( 9888487380) and Sh. Amrit Pal , Clerk (9915467117)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 18.02.2025 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 23.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.02.2026 in the Commission.

3. Today the appellant Sh.Harmesh Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. Respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant is third party information, hence cannot be provided. He further states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant on 15.03.2025.

5. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant demanded information of Sh.Somnath on 18.02.2025. Further the respondent has given reply to the appellant on 15.03.2025 that the information demanded by the appellant



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is third party hence cannot be provided within stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. This objection of the respondent is upheld.

The appellant may take note that there is the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP no. 27734 of 2012 titled Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs Cen. Information Commr. & Ors and another in its order on 03.10.2012 has held as under:-

*(13. We are in agreement with the CIC and the courts below that the details called for by the petitioner i.e. copies of all memos issued to the third respondent, show cause notices and orders of censure/punishment etc. are qualified to be personal information as defined in clause (j) of Section 8(1) of the RTI Act. The performance of an employee/officer in an organization is primarily a matter between the employee and the employer and normally those aspects are governed by the service rules which fall under the expression "personal information", the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or public interest. On the other hand, the disclosure of which would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of that individual. Of course, in a given case, if the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer of the Appellate Authority is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information, appropriate orders could be passed but the petitioner cannot claim those details as a matter of right).*

6. Hence, the information seeks personal information of Sh. Somnath, which cannot be provided to him as per above said law/directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Therefore the present appeal filed by the applicant stands **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date :03.02.2026