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**Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu**

S/o Sh. Jagdev Singh

R/o #236, Sector-21 A,

Chandigarh

(M:9815355655)

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Secretary Personnel

Punjab Civil Secretariat

Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Secretary Personnel,

Govt. of Punjab (PP-2),

Punjab Civil Secretariat

Chandigarh

...Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 5731 of 2024**

**Present :** None on behalf of the parties.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.03.2025.

2. The brief of this case is that the appellant sought the information related to the inquiries marked and pending with Sh. B.C Gupta, Additional District & Session Judge (Retd.) who is on the panel of Government of Punjab from 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2023 along with the inquiries decided by the said officer during the said period.

3. The appellant filed the request to the PIO-cum-Superintendent, O/o Secretary Personnel but due to non-providing of the information within stipulated period the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority, thereafter the appellant filed the second appeal due to non-satisfaction and accordingly a notice of hearing was issued to the parties. During the hearing, the appellant submits that earlier too he has sought the similar information from 01.01.2019 to 15.03.2020 which was supplied by the department but now the said department is not supplying the information and requested for the same. In support of his claim he has submitted two documents, the details of which are as follows:

“a) Letter No. PERS-PP/20RTI/6/2020-2PP2/30619 Dated 04.06.2019 (Letter addressed to Sh. B.C. Gupta)

a) Letter No. PERS-PP-20RTI/9/2020-2PP2/57846 dated 31.07.2020 and 12997 dated 27.02.2020 vide which the information was sent to the appellant.”

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4. Thereafter, the respondent made an unreasonable excuse and requested for an adjournment to make the written submissions in this case. After reasonable opportunity to the respondent, the respondent submitted a letter which was issued to Sh. B.C. Gupta, Additional District & Session Judge (Retd.), who was brought on the panel of Government of Punjab to conduct the inquiries under Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules 1970 by the Punjab Government to provide the details of the pending and decided inquiries from 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2023 but Sh. B.C. Gupta sent the written reply to the respondent and the relevant portion of which is as follows:

*"2. The respondent submits that a letter was issued to Sh. B.C. Gupta, Additional & Session Judge, Retired, who was brought on the panel of Inquiry Officers to conduct inquiries, under the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Act/Rules 1970 by the Punjab Government to provide the details of pending/decided inquiries from 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2023. She further submits that in response to the letter issued by the Government to Sh. B.C. Gupta, he has filed the reply, the relevant portion of which is as follows:*

*"Kindly refer to your letters dated 27.11.2024 followed by reminders dated 17.12.2022 and 20.12.2022 intimating that Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu, Additional Registrar filed an appeal No. 5731 of 2024 before the Hon'ble State Commission for information in which it was stated that Sh. Harinder Singh sought following information from the Government.*

*1) Number of enquiries marked and pending with Sh. B.C. Gupta, Additional District and Sessions Judge (Retd.) on the panel of Punjab Government from:-*

- a) 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020*
- b) 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021*
- c) 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022*
- d) 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023*

*2) Number of enquiries decided by Sh. B.C. Gupta, Additional District and Sessions Judge (Retd.) on the panel of Punjab Government from:*

- a) 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020*
- b) 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021*
- c) 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022*
- d) 01.01.2023 to 30.06.2023*

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*I was required by the Personnel Branch of the Personnel Department of the State of Punjab to supply this information to the Government, so that the same could be supplied to the Hon'ble Commission. It is not known as to when the original application was moved by Sh. Harinder Singh and what was the decision of that application against which an appeal has been preferred by him.*

*The Right to Information Act was enacted by the Parliament for setting up the practical regime of Right to Information for citizens to secure access of information under the control of public authorities and for matters connected therewith are incidental thereto and that, in Section 2 of the Act, appropriate Government has been defined as Central or State Government and information means any material in any form including records, documents etc. as mentioned in Section 2(f) of the Act and public authority has been defined in Section 2(h) of the Act. The record has been defined in Section 2(i) of the Act and the Right to Information has been defined in Section 2(j) of the Act.*

*In Section 4 of the Act, public authority has been required to maintain record due catalogued and indexed in a manner as prescribed and only public authority as defined in Section 2(h) is required to maintain this record. As and when, an application is moved every public authority shall supply the information to the applicant within the prescribed period and only that information can be supplied which is not exempt under Section 8 of the Act.*

*I may bring to the notice of the Government that the undersigned after retirement was brought on the panel of Enquiry Officers to conduct enquiries under the Punishment and Appeal Rules, 1970 and these enquiries are entrusted to the Enquiry Officers in the panel by the punishing authority i.e. by the Administrative Secretaries or Heads of the Departments and the enquiries are required to be completed within a period of three months from the date of entrustment. According to the letter dated 09.08.2017 issued by the Personnel Department, secretarial assistance as well as a place to conduct day to day proceedings/hearings in the enquiries shall be made available to the Enquiry Officers by the concerned department and the secretarial assistance includes stationary, computer, computer operator and all documents, so that no difficulty is felt by the Enquiry Officer in conducting the enquiry.*

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*I may submit that under the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Enquiry Officer does not come within the definition of public authority and the information sought is not covered under the definition of information under Section 2(f) of the Act. Only in that information can be supplied which is covered under Section 2(f) of the Act and public authority is required to maintain the record as prescribed in Rule 2(f) of the Act. I have very carefully gone through the provisions of the Act and the Enquiry Officer who has retired from service does not come within the definition of public authority and that the information sought by Sh. Harinder Singh is also not covered under Section 2(f) of the Act.*

*I may submit that though the Enquiry Officers conducted the enquiries as and when entrusted by the punishing authority and after the completion of the enquiry, the whole original record is sent to the punishing authority alongwith the file and even, the original letter entrusting the enquiry is returned by the Enquiry Officer. It may be submitted that, no clerk, no peon, computer operator, computer stationary or any other article is provided to the Enquiry Officer by the Government and even, the pen/stationary etc. is used by the Enquiry Officer. As no secretarial assistance is provided to the Enquiry Officer and therefore, no record of the enquiries entrusted or decided by the Enquiry Officer is maintained. The whole record of the enquiries is available with the punishing authority and therefore, I am unable to provide any information as sought by Sh. Harinder Singh, Additional RCS, Punjab.*

*I have a vague memory that this information was also sought earlier 2-3 years back but, no such letter is available with me nor such information was supplied and hence, the Commission may kindly be informed accordingly. I may state that the Ld. Additional Chief Secretary, Punjab Co-operative Department entrusted three regular enquiries to the undersigned for conducting regular enquiries in respect of various allegations as contained in the charge-sheets on 30.10.2019, 16.12.2019, 30.10.2019. The evidence has been recorded in all the three enquiries and Sh. Harinder Singh has also submitted written defence version.*

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*However, the enquiry reports could not be submitted because the Hon'ble High Court in CM No. 5797-CWP of 2020 in CWP No. 598 of 2020 vide order dated 06.07.2020 required the Enquiry Officer to continue with the enquiries but final decision shall not be taken till the next date of hearing and that the stay of the Hon'ble High Court is still continuing though, now, it is 2025. I am unable to submit reports in all the three enquiries though, only arguments remain to be addressed by the PO and charged officer Sh. Harinder Singh, Additional RCS (since retired). I am mentioning this fact because it is evident from the letter that the application for information was given by Sh. Harinder Singh, Additional RCS, who is quite intelligent and well aware of the proceedings pending with me.*

*It is requested that the Hon'ble Commission may kindly be apprised the above mentioned facts."*

5. After hearing the submissions made by the respondent, the appellant placed on record a copy of Government instructions bearing number 3/54/91-2ਪੀਪੀ2/ਪ.ਫ.2013/216 dated 20.12.2019 issued by the Personnel Department (Personnel Policy-2 Branch) and the relevant portion of same is as follows:

- “2. ਇੱਕ ਪੜਤਾਲੀਆ ਅਫਸਰ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਕਲੰਡਰ ਸਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ 20 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਪੜਤਾਲਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਜੇਕਰ ਅਲੱਗ-ਅਲੱਗ ਵਿਭਾਗਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਪੜਤਾਲੀਆ ਅਫਸਰ ਕੋਲ 20 ਪੜਤਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਪੜਤਾਲਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਪੜਤਾਲੀਆ ਅਫਸਰ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਹੋਰ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਾ ਕਰਨ।
3. ਇਹ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਅ.ਵਿ.ਪੰ.ਨੰ:21/159/2008-3ਵਿਪ2/249 ਮਿਤੀ 28.11.2019 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਦੇ ਸਨਮੁੱਖ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ
4. ਇਹ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਜਿਹੜੀਆਂ ਪੜਤਾਲਾਂ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪੜਤਾਲੀਆ ਅਫਸਰ ਕੋਲ ਪੈਡਿੰਗ ਹਨ, ਉਹਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਇਹ ਵਾਧਾ ਲਾਗੂ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਾਨਕੋਟਾ ਮਿਤੀ 29 ਜਨਵਰੀ, 2015 ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੀ ਮਿਲਣਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।”

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## **Appeal Case No. 5731 of 2024**

6. The mandate of the RTI Act is transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority and in view of the 'Larger Public Interest' involved in seeking the information that no inquiry officer be entrusted more than 20 inquiries in a calendar year and in case he has received more than 20 inquiries then it is a responsibility of the Inquiry Officer not to receive the same as per the instructions issued by the Government.

7. Although it is a mandate of the RTI Act to provide the information which is existing on record but on the other hand in the case of respondent, earlier they have pleaded that the Personnel Department is just appointing the Inquiry Officers and they do not have any record related to the inquiries being conducted, finalized and pronounced which were marked to them by the different departments. On the other hand in the previous case of the appellant who sought the similar information, the same was supplied to the appellant but in the present case, in hand, the information is being denied. Only after submissions made by the appellant that the Government has issued the instructions to the Inquiry Officers that no officer will receive more than 20 inquiries then the respondent PIO initiated the process to get the information.

8. Section 5 (4) of the RTI act provides:

*"The Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, may seek the assistance of any other officer as he or she considers it necessary for the proper discharge of his or her duties."*

9. After going through the submissions sent by Sh. B.C. Gupta to the PP-2 Branch, submissions made by the respondent PIO and hearing the contentions made by the appellant and as per the provisions of the RTI Act, mentioned herein, and in the interests of natural justice and as the mandate of RTI Act is transparency and accountability, and in compliance with instructions issued by the Government of Punjab bearing no. 3/54/91-2PP2/PF2013/216 issued by the Personnel Department (PP-2 Branch) that no Inquiry Officer can be entrusted more than 20 inquiries. As such, Sh. B.C. Gupta, Additional District & Session Judge (Retd.) is impleaded as a necessary party being the custodian of the record. Accordingly, a copy of this order is **being sent** to him along with the RTI application through registered post.

It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.



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10. Also, a **last opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent, PP2-Branch to provide the information as per the instructions of the Government and adopt the appropriate measures to provide the information which is in the 'Larger Public Interest'.

11. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Chief Secretary Punjab to look into the matter as this is the matter regarding the compliance of the instructions which was issued by the Personnel Department and has to be complied with by the Personnel Department itself.

12. To come up on **08.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date: 03.04.2025**

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

**CC:**

**Sh. K.A.P. Sinha, IAS**  
Chief Secretary, Punjab  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Chandigarh

**(for the compliance of this order)**

**Sh. B.C Gupta**  
Additional & Session Judge (Retd.)  
House No. 601, Phase-2,  
Ajitgarh, Mohali

**Encl. RTI Application**

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## First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary Personnel,  
Govt. of Punjab (PP-2),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat  
Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5732 of 2024

**Present :** None on behalf of the parties

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.03.2025.

2. The respondent is absent but made a request to adjourn the case, which is allowed and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **08.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date: 03.04.2025**

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**Sh. Gulshan Kumar**

#854, Dayal Nagar,

Ghumar Mandi, Ludhiana

(M:9888482109)

..Appellant

Vs

**Sh. Kuldeep Singh**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o District Sports Officer

Ludhiana

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..respondent(s)

## **Appeal Case No. 5997 of 2023**

**Present :** Sh. Gulshan Kumar, the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.06.2024. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 03.04.2025.

2. The respondent is absent but made a request to adjourn the case at the eleventh hour with the excuse that Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab is visiting there, so he is unable to attend today's hearing. However, the appellant is present from Ludhiana. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is not sustainable. The appellant further submits that the respondent has not supplied any information in this case and a penalty amounting to Rs. 10,000/- has been imposed upon the PIO cum-District Sports Officer, Ludhiana and a compensation amounting to Rs. 5,000/- which was awarded in this case has not been paid so far.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, **Sh. Kuldeep Singh, District Sports Officer-cum-Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice, by name,** 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.

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## **Appeal Case No. 5997 of 2023**

4. 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 **last opportunity** is given to the District Sports Officer to deposit the penalty amounting to Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed on him vide order dated 25.06.2024. The amount of penalty will be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head	.. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head	.. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	.. 0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
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and a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Also, he is directed to pay the compensation amounting to Rs. 5,000/- from the State Exchequer, which was awarded to the appellant before the next date of hearing as per order of the Commission dated 25.06.2024.

He is also directed to bring the point-wise reply in an annotated form pertaining to the RTI application on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

6. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Director, Sports Punjab to take the strict action against the District Sports Officer, Ludhiana why he is not appearing before the Commission and to verify whether the request of the respondent PIO was genuine regarding visit of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab or not. He is further directed to submit a report in this regard on/or before the next date of hearing.

It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

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## Appeal Case No. 5997 of 2023

7. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date: 03.04.2025**

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

**CC:**

**Sh. Harpreet Singh Sudan, IAS**  
Director, Sports Punjab  
Sector 34A Rd, Sub. City Center,  
Sector 34A, Sector 34,  
Chandigarh-160022

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## **Appeal Case No. 6001 of 2023**

**Present :** Sh. Gulshan Kumar, the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

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2. The respondent is absent but made a request to adjourn the case at the eleventh hour with the excuse that Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab is visiting there, so he is unable to attend today's hearing. However, the appellant is present from Ludhiana. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is not sustainable. The appellant further submits that the respondent has not supplied any information in this case and a penalty amounting to Rs. 10,000/- has been imposed upon the PIO cum-District Sports Officer, Ludhiana.

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## **Appeal Case No. 6001 of 2023**

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.

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and a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

He is also directed to bring the point-wise reply in an annotated form pertaining to the RTI application on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

6. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Director, Sports Punjab to take the strict action against the District Sports Officer, Ludhiana why he is not appearing before the Commission and to verify whether the request of the respondent PIO was genuine regarding visit of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab or not. He is further directed to submit a report in this regard on/or before the next date of hearing.

It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

7. To come up on **21.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date:03.04.2025**

G

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

**CC:**

**Sh. Harpreet Singh Sudan, IAS**  
Director, Sports Punjab  
Sector 34A Rd, Sub. City Center,  
Sector 34A, Sector 34,  
Chandigarh-160022

**(For the compliance of this order)**

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**Sh. Kewal Kumar Goyal**

Flat No. 404, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Tower-E, Hermitage Park,  
Near K Area Road, Dhakoli  
Sub Tehsil-zirakpur,  
(M:9872112474)

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Additional Chief Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Home Affairs & Justice  
(Judicial 2 Branch)  
Punjab Civil Sectt.-1 Chandigarh

..respondent(s)

## **Complaint Case No. 77 of 2024**

**Present :** Sh. Kewal Kumar Goyal, the complainant.  
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9316014001) and Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO (9041938261) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 28.11.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application and complaint was filed in the Commission on 29.01.2024 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 03.04.2025 i.e. today.

2. The complainant submits that the respondent has not supplied the complete information in this case and requested that Director, Prosecution & litigation may also be impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the respondent PIO, O/o Director, Prosecution & litigation, Punjab along with RTI application to file the reply/supply the information in this case. So far as the respondent PIO-cum-Superintendent, Judicial-2 Branch is concerned, he is directed to file the detailed reply when he has received a copy of the RTI application from Chief Minister, Punjab along with the documentary evidences to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **10.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date:03.04.2025**

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

**CC:**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director,  
Prosecution & Litigation, Punjab,  
Education Department Building, Punjab,  
First Floor, Block-E, Phase-8,  
Sector-62, Mohali-160062

Encl. RTI Application

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Near K Area Road, Dhakoli  
Sub Tehsil-zirakpur,  
(M:9872112474)

..Appellant

Vs

**Sh. Harpal Singh**  
**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o District Manager,  
Markfed, Mansa

Encl. RTI Application

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Managing Director, Punjab  
Punjab State Co-op Supply &  
Marketing Federation Ltd.,  
Markfed House Plot No. 4, Dakshin Marg,  
Sector-35-B, Chandigarh

..respondent(s)

### Appeal Case No. 4018 of 2024

**Present :** Sh.Kewal Kumar Goyal, the appellant.  
Sh. Gurbant Bhullar, Junior Assistant (9888364664) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 08.05.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 03.04.2025 i.e. today.

2. The respondent submits an authority letter of Sh. Ajitpal Singh, Senior Assistant to appear before the Commission but even though he is absent. Further, he submits that he came here on the instructions of the District Manager, Markfed, Mansa and after having detailed deliberations with the respondent, it transpires that he is not even aware with the facts of this case, which is only wastage of time and a delaying tactics, which is not acceptable in the eyes of Law. However, the appellant is present and requested that he has sought the information from the Managing Director, Markfed, Punjab and requested that they may also be impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, PIO, Managing Director, Markfed, Punjab is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, a copy of this order along with RTI application is **being sent** to him, through registered post to file the reply on/or before the next date of hearing.



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## **Appeal Case No. 4018 of 2024**

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, **Sh. Harpal Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-District Manager, is, thus, issued a show cause notice, by name,** 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.

4. To come up on **10.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date: 03.04.2025**

G

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

**CC:**

**Sh. Girish Dayalan, IAS**  
Managing Director,  
Markfed, Punjab  
No. 4, Markfed House,  
Dakhshin Marg,  
Sector 35 B, Chandigarh, 160035

**(For the compliance of this order)**

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**Sh. Mahesh Inder Singh**

S/o Sh. Sarban Singh

Diyalgarh Jejia,

Tehsil Dirba, Distt. Sangrur-148001

(M:8968505893)

..complainant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o BDPO, Dirba,

Distt. Sangrur

..respondent(s)

## **Complaint Case No. 59 of 2024**

**Present :** None on behalf of the parties.

### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 03.11.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application and complaint was filed in the Commission on 16.01.2024 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 03.04.2025 i.e. today.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent written request to adjourn the case. Also, the respondent is absent but a written response has been received from the respondent that the appellant has not deposited a documentation fee amounting to Rs. 5,000/-. Keeping in view, the above the appellant is directed to file the submissions, if any, on/or before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **03.09.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date:03.04.2025**

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## Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate

35, Near Post Office,  
Grain Market, Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt. Ludhiana-141101  
(M:9814924851)

.....Appellant

Vs

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Engineer (Civil)  
Punjab Mandi Board,  
District Mandi Bhawan,  
Gill Road, Ludhiana-141003

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
(Urban Development),  
Ludhiana

.....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5357 of 2022

**Present :** Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.  
Sh. sukhdeep Singh, Superintendent (7888313651),  
Sh. Dharminder Singh, XEN (9872995346)  
Sh. Gurjeet Singh (SDO) (9417425595) on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.01.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is as follows:

“2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions and also mentioned the parties in this case which are as follows:

The PIO, O/o Executive Engineer (Civil)  
Punjab Mandi Board, District Mandi Bhawan,  
Gill Road, Ludhiana (PB)-141003  
Email: [pmb.xencl@punjab.gov.in](mailto:pmb.xencl@punjab.gov.in), [pmb.xencl@punjabmail.gov.in](mailto:pmb.xencl@punjabmail.gov.in)

The Chief Engineer (South)-cum-First Appellate Authority,  
Punjab Mandi Board, Punjab Mandi Bhawan,  
Sector 65-A, SAS Nagar (Mohali)-160062  
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## Appeal Case No. 5357 of 2022

3. *It is appropriate to mention the relevant portion of the previous order dated 07.11.2024 passed by the Commission, which is as under:*

*“After perusal of the RTI application of the appellant, it is ascertained that the RTI application was addressed to the PIO O/o Executive Engineer (Civil) Punjab Mandi Board but the appellant filed the First Appeal to the Addl. D. C . (Urban)-cum-FAA, Ludhiana, mentioning that the first appeal has been filed against the PIO-cum-Municipal Council, Dakhan Further, while filing the second appeal, the appellant filed the case mentioning the parties i. e. PIO-cum-E.O., Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakhan and FAA i. e. Addl. D. C . (Urban, Ludhiana).”*

4. *Keeping in view the above, the appellant is directed to send the written submissions whether his RTI application/second appeal is sustainable in the eyes of Law when he has filed the RTI application to the one Public Authority and filed the First Appeal with the other department's First Appellate Authority. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present for deliberations on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.”*

2. The respondent PIO has demanded Rs. 340/- from the appellant in lieu of providing/giving the sought information but at this stage, receiving of RTI application by the respondent PIO as well as giving the notice to the appellant both dates has to be computed to ascertain that demand of the fee of Rs. 340/- is genuine or not.

3. The appellant is at liberty to prove when RTI application has been received at O/o, respondent PIO so that issue can be resolved and thereafter the Commission will proceed to decide the matter.

4. Thereafter, the appellant is ready to deposit Rs. 340/- under protest to get the sought information in case he is at fault as the fee was demanded after 30 days which is contrary to the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. On asking particularly that deposited fee will not be refundable then the appellant gives his consent that he will deposit the same and will not raise any demand of Rs. 340/-, in future. The appellant is also directed to send the written submissions, if any, with regard to the order dated 30.01.2025,

5. To come up on **09.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 03.04.2025

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**Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh**

S/o Sh. Jaswant Singh  
#2988, Old Gate, Jandiala Guru,  
Tehsil & District Amritsar  
(M:8360055001)  
RTI Application No. 72447

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer-cum**

**-Incharge, HRC Branch**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar

**Encl.** RTI Application

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar

..respondent(s)

## **Appeal Case No. 6069 of 2023**

**Present :** None on behalf of the parties.

### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 21.06.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 26.07.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.09.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 03.04.2025 i.e. today.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submission that he is unable to attend the hearing due to health issues. With regard to the sought information, the appellant sent the written submission that he has not received the complete information.

3. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a letter has been received from him which was sent to the officer In-charge, HRC Branch, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar but none is present on behalf of him.

4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, **In-charge, HRC Branch-cum-Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice, by name**, 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.

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## **Appeal Case No. 6069 of 2023**

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. The respondent PIO-cum-District Revenue Officer, Amritsar is also directed to send the communication to any branch, in future, mentioning his name, designation and mobile number so that the appropriate orders can be issued to the custodian of the record.

6. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner to ensure the presence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

7. To come up on **03.09.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date: 03.04.2025**

G

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

CC:

**Ms. Sakshi Sahwney, IAS**

Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar

**District Revenue Officer-**

-cum-Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar

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**Sh. Karamjeet Singh**

S/o Sh. Maghar Singh

# 1169, Khanna Nagar,

Ward No. 12, Bye Pass Road,

Lehragagga, District Sangrur

(M:9463962995)

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Director, SCERT,

Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8,

Mohali

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director, SCERT,

Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8,

Mohali

..respondent(s)

## **Appeal Case No. 6110 of 2023**

**Present :** Sh. Karamjeet Singh, the appellant.

Sh. Vikasjeet Singh, Senior Assistant (9501073273) on behalf of the respondent.

## **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 03.12.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.02.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 03.04.2025 i.e. today.

2. The appellant is directed to file the deficiencies within 30 days to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the deficiency and/or file the written submission in this case. He is at liberty to transfer the particular Point of RTI application in case the information relates to any other Public Authority under intimation to the Commission. It is also clarified that RTI application of the appellant should not be transferred to more than one Public Authority as per the provisions of the RTI act, 2005.

3. To come up on **03.09.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date:03.04.2025**

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**Sh. Sandeep Mann,**

H.No. 2928,

Sector 66 SAS Nagar

9417058040

..appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer**

O/o District Education Officer (SE)

SAS Nagar (Mohali)

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Principal, St. Mary's School,

Management by Orthodox

Syrian Church Society (Regd.)

Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director Public Instructions (Sec.), Punjab,

Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,

Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

..respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5485 of 2022**

**Present :** Sh. Sandeep Mann, the appellant.

Advocate, Sh. Deepak Saini (9988889989) on behalf of the respondent.

## **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.01.2025 and the case fixed for further hearing on 27.02.2025 but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for today i.e. 03.04.2025.

2. The Counsel of the third party filed the written submissions and a copy of the same is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. Also, the appellant reiterated the submissions already made by him in this case.

3. After hearing the parties concerned, the directions are issued to them to file their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today to take the matter to logical end.

4. An order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

**Date: 03.04.2025**

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**Sh. Simranjit Singh**

S/o Sh. Maninderpal Singh

Village Jhande,

Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana

(M:9872256445)

RTI Application No. 49121, 49123

..Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o GLADA, Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o GLADA, Ludhiana

..respondent(s)

**Appeal Case No. 2545 of 2023 &**

**Appeal Case No. 2544 of 2023**

**Heard through Video Conference**

**Present :** Sh. Simranjit Singh, the appellant through VC.  
Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Junior Assistant (9803814780) at PSIC Office, on behalf of the respondent.

## **ORDER**

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.06.2024. Earlier, the cases were heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter the cases were allocated to this Bench, which are fixed for hearing today i. e. 03.04.2025.

2. The respondent reiterated the submissions sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.03.2025 bearing no. 487-89. The appellant submits that he has received the said letter and would like to submit the deficiency in this case. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted.

3. With regard to the penalty already imposed in these cases that is amounting to Rs. 10,000/- and a compensation amounting to Rs. 10,000/- which was awarded in favour of the appellant, the respondent assured to comply with the order before the next date of hearing. Accordingly, the case is adjourned. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Chief Administrator, GLADA to ensure the compliance of this order.

4. To come up on **23.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference Facility available at O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.**

**Date:03.04.2025**

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

**CC:**

**Sh. Harpreet Singh, IAS**  
Chief Administrator  
GLADA, Ludhiana

**(For the compliance of this order)**

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**Sh. Bhagwant Rai**

S/o Sh. Lachmi Narain,

R/o H. No. BXI-3764, Corner Backside,

Dr. Harvinder Homeopathy,

New Bus Stand Road, Barnala-148101

...Appellant

Vs.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Tehsildar, Barnala

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o SDM, Barnala

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2844 of 2023**  
**Heard through Video Conference**

**Present :** Sh. Bhagwant Rai, the appellant through VC.  
Sh. Pardeep Kumar, Tehsildar through VC,  
Counsel of the third parties, Sh. Ankush Aggarwal (9646000141) at PSIC Office,  
on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.01.2025.

2. At the outset, the Counsel of the third parties i.e. Aastha Enclave (South) Barnala, Aastha Enclave (East), Dream City Barnala and Barnala Builders, Barnala requested for an adjournment in this case to file the written reply. Also, the appellant has sent the written submission with regard to the Public Interest, which is taken on record. .

3. To come up on **09.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference Facility available in the O/o Deputy Commissioner, Barnala.**

**Date:03.04.2025**

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**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner**  
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Sh. Jaswant Kumar Madaan,  
H. No.167, Old Post Office Street  
Near Hira Mandi,  
Ferozepur City-152002 (Punjab)  
(M : 9988990985)

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University,  
Ferozepur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority  
O/o The Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University,  
Ferozepur(Punjab)

....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 6124 of 2023**

Present : Sh. Jaswant Kumar Madaan, the appellant in person.  
i) Sh. (Dr.) Amit Grover(M.-9988168581), PIO ;  
ii) Sh. Nirmal Singh(M.-9463786971), APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 24.05.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 10.07.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.09.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 03.04.2025.

2. The appellant submits that the information sought does not relate to 'third party' and requested for the complete information, which is in the 'larger public interest'. However, the respondent submits that the information has been denied U/s 8 (1) (d) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. After hearing both the parties, the appellant is directed to file the 'larger public interest' involved in seeking the information. Also, the PIO is directed to remain present alongwith the Chief Financial Officer to explain how the information falls U/s 8(1) (d). The respondents are at liberty to file any additional submissions in this regard, if any.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025  
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Sh. (Dr.) Harpreet Singh Kahlon,  
MS Civil Surgeon (Retd.),  
Kahlon Hospital, Model Town,  
Jalandhar(Punjab)  
(M.-9814680904)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Kalanaur, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

.....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4844 of 2023

Present : Sh. (Dr.) Harpreet Singh Kahlon, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Jai Singh (M.-7087824846), Panchayat Secretary, for the respondent.

### ORDER

The respondent brought the original record related to the RTI application for the inspection of the record. After the inspection of the record the respondent handed over a photo copy of cash book, stock register, proceeding register. The relevant portion of the submissions made by the respondent is as follows :

“ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੇਸ ਨੰਬਰ 4844 ਆਫ 2023 ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਹਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਹਲੋਂ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਦਸਤਵੇਜ਼ ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਕਰ ਕੇ ਅੱਜ ਮੇਰੇ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 03/04/2025 ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਦੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ      ਕਿਤਾਬ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ

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| 01. | ਕੈਸ਼ ਬੁੱਕ  | 01-01-2019 ਤੋਂ ਸਮਾ 31-01-2022 ਤੱਕ ਲੜੀ ਨੰ 01 ਤੋ 39 ਤੱਕ 40 ਤੱਕ |
| 02. | ਸਟਾਕਰਜਿ:   | 12-03-2019 ਤੋਂ ਸਮਾ 30-12-2021ਤੱਕ ਲੜੀ ਨੰ 01 ਤੋ ਲੈ ਕੇ 07ਤੱਕ    |
| 03. | ਕਾਰਵਾਈਰਜਿ: | 12-02-2019 ਤੋਂ ਸਮਾ25-05-2020ਤੱਕ ਲੜੀ ਨੰ 01 ਤੋ 22 ਤੱਕ          |
| 04. | ਕਾਰਵਾਈਰਜਿ: | 15-04-2020ਤੋਂ ਸਮਾ 01-01-2022 ਤੱਕ ਲੜੀ ਨੰ 01 ਤੋ 56 ਤੱਕ         |

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜੋ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਮਾ 01-04-2017 ਤੋ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸਾਲ 31-01-2022 ਤੱਕ ਮੰਗੀ ਸੀ ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚੋ ਸਮਾ 01-01-2019 ਤੋ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸਮਾ 31-02-2022 ਤੱਕ ਮੇਰੇ ਵੱਲੋ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਜਦ ਕਿ ਸਮਾ 01-04-2017 ਤੋ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸਮਾ 31-12-2018 ਤਕ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਰਾਜਬੀਰ ਕੋਲੋ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਨਹੀ ਸੀ ਹੋਈਆਂ।  
ਰਿਪੋਟ ਆਪਜੀ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹਿਤ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੈ ਜੀ।”

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2. From the perusal of the submissions it is ascertained that Sh. Rajvir Singh Former Panchayat Secretary has not handed over the record to the present incumbent i. e. Sh. Jai Singh, Panchayat Secretary from 01.04.2017 to 31.12.2018. The respondent Panchayat Secretary further assured that he will get the related record from the former Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Rajvir Singh and the necessary documents pertaining to the RTI application will be supplied to the appellant within twenty days from today.

3. Since the record is not handed over to the present incumbent, therefore, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Mohali to look into the matter and take appropriate measure to hand over the record to enable the present Panchayat Secretary to provide the information.

4. The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Ms. Neeru Bala, Kalanaur is also directed to monitor the case and ensure that necessary record be handed over to the present incumbent to enable him to supply the information. It is also clarified that in case the record is missing then appropriate action to file an FIR/DDR etc. be taken as per the instructions/rules of the Government of Punjab.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

**Date : 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025**  
R

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

CC :

- i) The Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Ms. Neeru Bala,  
The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
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(M.-8146000420)  
RTI Application No. 62339

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Central Jail,  
Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority  
O/o The Central Jail,  
Bathinda (Punjab)

.....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 4652 of 2023**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This case was fixed for 12.03.2025 but due to administrative reasons, the case could not be heard and further the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 03.04.2025.

2. The appellant is not present today. He has neither informed nor he has appeared, which shows the carelessness. As the demanded information has been given to the appellant because it has been sent to the Commission through post and it prima facie seems that there is nothing to be given by the respondent as demanded information has been given to the appellant so last opportunity is given to the appellant to file the submissions, if any.

3. The respondent is not present although the information has been provided, it is the duty of the PIO to send someone to plead the case.

4. Accordingly, both the parties are also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025  
R

(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner  
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