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Sh. Jasvir Singh

S/o Sh. Kabal Singh

Village & Post Office Jhingerkalan

Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur

(M:6284552191)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development &

Panchayat Officer, Dasuya,

District Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development &

Panchayat Officer, Dasuya,

Hoshiarpur

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1940 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jasvir Singh, the appellant .

Sh. Satnam Singh, SEPO (9463707298) and Sh. Jasinderjeet Singh, PO (9988571714) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.10.2023. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. However, the respondent submits that the sought information relates to third party and would like to file the written submissions in this regard and also requested to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted with the directions to submit his written submissions within 30 days from the issue of this order whether the said information can be supplied to the appellant or not. Thereafter, the appellant submits that he is primarily needs the information related to the letters issued to him by the BDPO, Dasuya.

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

4. To come up on **24.04.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:06.03.2025

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Subedar Major Balbir Singh

S/o Sh. Ram Kishan

Village Jamalpur, Post Office Umarpur,

Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur

(M:9464726538)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development &

Panchayat Officer, Dasuya,

District Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development &

Panchayat Officer, Dasuya,

Hoshiarpur

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2011 of 2023

Present : Subedar Major Balbir Singh, the appellant .
Sh. Sukhpreet Singh, BDPO, Mukerian (HSPR) (9888067743) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.10.2023. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, directions are issued to them to submit their final written submissions, if any, within 30 days from the date of issue of this order to adjudicate the matter.

3. To come up on **24.04.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 06.03.2025

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Sh. Rajpal Singh

S/o Sh. Madho Ram

Street No. 2, Near Gurudwara Sahib

Village Anoopgarh Urf Machhana

Tehsil & Distt. Bathinda

(M:9877744530)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Officer,

Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Senior Environmental Engineer,

Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Bathinda

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 700 of 2024

Present :

Sh. Rajpal Singh, the appellant.

Sh. Ravideep Singh Environmental Engineer (7087300282) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 20.09.2023 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 18.10.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 06.03.2025 i.e. today.

2. The appellant has sought the following information:

“ਬੀ.ਸੀ.ਐੱਲ ਪ੍ਰਾਇਵੇਟ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ, ਸੰਗਤ-ਮਛਾਣਾ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ ਹਵਾ, ਪਾਣੀ ਦੇ ਫੈਲ ਹੋਏ ਸੈਂਪਲਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।”

3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case. The appellant further submits that he is seeking the information related to M/s BCL Pvt. Ltd. Sangat Machhana, Bathinda as the said factory is situated in his own village. However the respondent reiterated the submissions already sent by the respondent PIO-cum-Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda vide which he has categorically submitted that such information regarding failed samples is not maintained separately.

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4. After hearing both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to file the submissions that in which order failed samples of water and air of the companies is being maintained in the office. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to file the submissions that in case the repeated samples of water and air are failed then what is the mechanism, in case the same is not being maintained separately.
5. In addition to the above, the respondent PIO is also directed to file the point wise reply in an annotated form before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.
6. In accordance with the Punjab RTI rules, M/s BCL Private Ltd, Sangat Machhana, Bathinda is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, the PIO, is directed to deliver a copy of this order to the concerned third party with the directions to file the reply, if any, that why the sought information pertaining to the M/s BCL Private Ltd. may not be supplied to the appellant.
7. To come up on **24.04.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 06.03.2025

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

CC:

M/s BCL Private Ltd,
Sangat Machhana,
Bathinda

Encl. RTI Application

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Village Anoopgarh Urf Machhana

Tehsil & Distt. Bathinda

(M:9877744530)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Officer,

Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Senior Environmental Engineer,

Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Bathinda

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 701 of 2024

Present : Sh. Rajpal Singh, the appellant.
Sh. Ravideep Singh Environmental Engineer (7087300282) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.09.2023 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 13.10.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 06.03.2025 i.e. today.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

"Please provide certified copy of Agenda Note prepared by the board in year 2017 to issue varied consent to operate for the industry namely D.K. Industries, Dabwali road, Village Gehri Gutter, Distt. Bathinda."

3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case. The appellant further submits that he is seeking the information related to D.K. Industries, Dabwali road, Village Gehri Gutter, Distt. Bathinda.

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However the respondent reiterated the submissions already sent by the respondent PIO-cum-Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda vide which it has informed that the information relates to third party which cannot be supplied as the consent of M/s D.K. Industries, Bathinda who have made the submissions that their information should not to be disclosed to the appellant. In addition the respondent, First Appellate Authority vide letter no. 3496-97 dated 09.11.2023, given the decision and the relevant portion of the same is as follows:

“Considering the details after examination of the case, it is observed that the appellant has sought agenda note of the industry which includes some personal and commercial trade secret information relating to the industry / owner of the industry i.e. equipments/ machinery installed by the industry, financial status / data of the industry as well as phone nos of the industry owner etc. This type of information is considered as third-party information and cannot be disclosed without prior permission / consent of the third party as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.”

4. Keeping in view the above, the respondent PIO is directed to classify the information which type of personal information is available in the agenda note as has been sought by the appellant. He is also directed to place on record, if any, Instructions/Guidelines issued by the Punjab Pollution Control Board to prepare an agenda note. The respondent PIO is also directed to file the point wise reply in an annotated form before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

5. In accordance with the Punjab RTI rules, D.K. Industries, Dabwali Road, Village Gehri Gutter, Distt. Bathinda is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, the PIO, is directed to deliver a copy of this order to the concerned third party with the directions to file the reply, if any, that why the sought information pertaining to the D.K. Industries, Dabwali Road, Village Gehri Gutter, Distt. Bathinda. may not be supplied to the appellant.

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6. To come up on **24.04.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 06.03.2025

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

D.K. Industries,
Dabwali road,
Village Gehri Gutter,
Distt. Bathinda

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Tehsil & Distt. Bathinda

(M:9877744530)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Officer,

Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Senior Environmental Engineer,

Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Bathinda

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 702 of 2024

Present : Sh. Rajpal Singh, the appellant.
Sh. Ravideep Singh Environmental Engineer (7087300282) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 27.08.2023 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 19.09.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 06.03.2025 i.e. today.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

“ਬੀ.ਸੀ.ਐੱਲ. ਪ੍ਰਾਇਵੇਟ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ, ਸੰਗਤ-ਮਛਾਨਾ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

- 1 ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ ਬੋਰਡ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਇਨਸਪੈਕਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਨਸਪੈਕਸ਼ਨ/ਵਿਜ਼ਟ/ਮੌਕਾ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।
2. NOC/Fresh/Renewal/Varied consent to operate ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਏਜੰਡਾ ਨੋਟ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ (ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ) ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

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3. ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਹਰਿੰਗਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case. The appellant further submits that he is seeking the information related to M/s BCL Pvt. Ltd. Sangat Machhana, Bathinda as the said factory is situated in his own village. However the respondent reiterated the submissions already sent by the respondent PIO-cum-Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda vide which he has directed the appellant to inspect the record as the sought information by the appellant is not clear and some information is not available. Also, the respondent present during the hearing made the submissions that the agenda note prepared by the office is third party information which cannot be supplied to the appellant.

4. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to submit the copies of the information which is available on record except third party information. Regarding the third party information, the respondent PIO is directed to classify which type of personal information, exist in the sought information. He is also directed to place on record, if any, Instructions/Guidelines issued by the Punjab Pollution Control Board to prepare an agenda note.

5. In addition to the above, the respondent PIO is also directed to file the point wise reply in an annotated form before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

6. In accordance with the Punjab RTI rules, M/s BCL Private Ltd, Sangat Machhana, Bathinda is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, the PIO, is directed to deliver a copy of this order to the concerned third party with the directions to file the reply, if any, that why the sought information pertaining to the M/s BCL Private Ltd. may not be supplied to the appellant.

7. To come up on **24.04.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 06.03.2025

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

M/s BCL Private Ltd,
Sangat Machhana,
Bathinda

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Sh. Manjit Singh, Advocate,

House No. 174, A, Shastri Nagar,

District Ludhiana-141002

M:9914514555

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,

Ludhiana

Public Information Officer,

-cum- Tehsildar (East),

Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,

Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant .

Sh. Inderjeet Singh (Clerk) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.12.2024 and fixed for hearing on 20.02.2025 but was not heard and fixed for hearing today i.e. 06.03.2025.

2. The respondent is present in person and made the submissions that complete information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant. With regard to the compensation amounting to Rs 20,000/- which has already been awarded in this case, the respondent requested for an adjournment as the necessary budget for the same has been demanded from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana which is yet to be received. He further assured that as soon as funds will be received the compensation will be paid to the appellant and requested for an adjournment in this case due to yearly closing on 31.03.2025. He further assured that he will be personally responsible to convey this order to the Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana and will be present along with the Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana on the next date of hearing whosoever will be posted at that point of time.

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Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023

3. According to the appellant, the case was listed through Video Conference facility and as per the telephonic call received from the appellant on the helpline number i.e. 0172-2864100, the appellant remained present there but due to leave of the concerned officials of the office of Deputy Commissioner i.e. Sh. Manjinder Singh, Senior Assistant, the case could not be heard through Video Conference. The submissions made by the appellant through email are taken on record. Also, the appellant made the submission that he has not received the legible information and also requested for the compensation, which has not paid to him.

4. Since, the respondent are replying that the information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant but the appellant contended that he has not received the legible copy of the same, therefore, the respondent PIO is directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing along with information complete in all respects, duly certified. Thereafter the respondent present during the hearing, Sh. Inderjit Singh assured that he will be present along with the PIO whosoever will be posted at that time. He further assured that he will brought the original record along with the custodian of the record on the next date of hearing. Further, he submits that the case may be listed in the month of May, so that necessary budget could be received from the concerned quarter as the letter has already been written to the Commissioner, Patiala through the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Accordingly, the PIO, O/o the Commissioner, Patiala Division, Patiala is impleaded as a necessary party in this case to take the matter to its logical end.

Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Commissioner, Patiala Division, Patiala and Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to monitor this case personally. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to submit the names, designations, mobile numbers and their present place of posting of the respondent PIO i.e. Tehsildar, (East), Ludhiana from the date of RTI application i.e. 18.07.2022 to date.

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Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023

5. To come up on **22.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 06.03.2025

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Daljit Singh Mangat, IAS
Commissioner,
Patiala Division, Patiala

Sh. Jitendra Jorwal IAS
Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana

Sh. Inderjit Singh, Clerk,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu
S/o Sh. Amar Singh,
Office No. 5017 A, 5th Floor,
District Courts, Ludhiana - 141001(Punjab)
(M.-8360396612)

.....Appellant

Vs

Ms. Madhu Bala,
Public Information Officer-cum-
Station House Officer,
Police Station – Haibowal,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Commisisoner of Police,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2018 of 2023

Present : Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sidhu, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Tarsem Singh(M.-9463202689), A. S. I. O/o C. P, Ludhiana ;
ii) Ms. Sandeep Kaur, Head (Lady) Constable, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.10.2023, which was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. A Lady Constable appeared on behalf of the respondent apprised the case in a very nice manner and assisted the Commission as per her ability and requested for an adjournment in this case.

3. After deliberations with both the parties, Ms. Madhu Bala, S. H. O.-cum-PIO and Sh. Sukhwinder Singh MHC-1 of Police Station Haibowal alongwith Lady Constable, Ms. Sandeep Kaur, are directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply/information. It is also clarified that in case of absence of the respondent on the next date of hearing, penalty provisions will be invoked in this case.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 23rd April, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :6th March, 2025

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CC :

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, MHC-1,
O/o Sation House Officer,
Police Station – Haibowal, Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

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S/o Sh. Bhag Singh,
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Near Dugri By Pass,
Ludhiana - 141013 (Punjab)
(M.-9814802081)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Sec.),
Moga (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The District Education Officer(Sec.),
Moga (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4992 of 2023

Present : Sh. Amandeep Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Paramjit Singh(M.-8968300260), Senior Assistant, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.01.2025.

2. The respondent submitted a reply to the Commission and also hands over a copy to the appellant during the course of hearing. The appellant submitted that information/reply given by the respondent is still not complete.

3. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to file the point wise reply in an annotated form alongwith the information duly page numbered to the appellant within thirty days from the date of order with which the respondent agreed to. Also, the appellant is advised to file point wise deficiencies, if any, that too in an annotated form to take the matter to its logical end.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 21st May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :6th March, 2025
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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Penta Homes, Zirakpur,
Distt. – S. A.S. Nagar - 140603(Punjab)
(M : 9569806826)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Punjab School Education Board,
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Secretary,
Punjab School Education Board,
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1748 of 2024

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Bant Singh (M.-9915794661), Senior Assistant ;
ii) Sh. Sanjiv Puri (M.-9855184399), Senior Assistant ;
iii) Sh. Devinder Singh, Clerk (M.-9814644841), for the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.09.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 12.10.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.02.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant through telephonic communication has intimated that he is not able to attend today's hearing and seeks an adjournment in this case. The respondent submitted that response/information with regard to the RTI application has already been sent to the appellant. It is also a fact that the respondent mentioned that the information is available on the website, whereas, the appellant has sought the particular link, therefore, the respondent PIO is directed to provide the specific link of the website, where the sought information is available, before the next date of hearing, else supply the information.

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3. With regard to point no. 4, no such submissions have been received from the respondent PIO, therefore, he is also directed to place on record the information sent to the appellant, in case, no information was sent to the appellant in this regard then the same be sent to the appellant and the appellant is directed to file the deficiencies, if any, on receipt of the response/information from the respondent.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 6th March, 2025
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Chief Information Commissioner
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Flat No. 244, D2 Tower,
Penta Homes, Zirakpur,
Distt. – S. A.S. Nagar - 140603(Punjab)
(M : 9569806826)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer/DS Circle,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
(P. S. P. C. L)
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Chief Engineer (Operation),
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
(P. S. P. C. L)
Patiala (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1747 of 2024

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Hemant Kumar(M.9646115959), S.D.O.(Commercial),Sub Division, Zirakpur,
on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.09.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 12.10.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.02.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant through telephonic communication has intimated that he is not able to attend today's hearing and seeks an adjournment in this case. The respondent submitted that partial information has been given to the appellant but the information related to point no. 1 is 'third party' information and can not be provided to the appellant as they are huge in numbers and it is feasible to issue notices to all the parties under Section 11. He further submits that in case notices will be issued to the parties then the official work may suffer.

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3. After considering the contents of the reply, it is appropriate to mention the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal nos. 6454 of 2011 in a case ; Central Board of Secondary Education and another Versus Aditya Bandhopadhyay & Ors. before Ld. Judges - R. V. Raveendran and A. K. Patnaik and the relevant portion of the same is as follows :

“ 37..... Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be whatever converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties. ”

4. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to file deficiencies/submissions, if any, in the information already supplied to him by the respondent within thirty days from the date of the order.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :6th March, 2025

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.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Maharaja Ranjit Singh
Punjab Technical University,
Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o Maharaja Ranjit Singh
Punjab Technical University,
Bathinda (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1539 of 2024

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. (Dr.) Jagseer Singh (M.-9463076677) PIO, in person ;
- ii) Sh. Arshinder Singh(M.-9417940065), APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.09.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 11.01.2024 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.02.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant through telephonic communication has intimated that he is not able to attend today's hearing and seeks an adjournment in this case. The respondent submitted that the required information has already been supplied to the appellant through an e-mail. The appellant is advised to file deficiencies, if any, through email to the respondent within thirty days from the date of the order.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :6th March, 2025
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Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu
S/o Late Sh. Jagdev Singh,
H. No. 236, Sector 21 A,
Chandigarh
(M.-9815355655)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Personnel,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Personnel,
(PP – 2 Branch),
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5732 of 2024

Present : Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu, the appellant in person.
Ms. Gagandeep Kaur (M.-8556849806), Senior Assistant, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.01.2025, through which the hearing was adjourned for 19.02.2025 and on 19.02.2025 the hearing could not held and the case is fixed for today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant submitted that he has not received any information from the respondent till date and a penal action should be taken against the concerned respondent PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act for causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to him. However, the respondent seeks one weeks' time. Accordingly, the request of the PIO is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 19th March, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date : 6th March, 2025
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H. No. 236, Sector 21 A,
Chandigarh
(M.-9815355655)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Personnel,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Personnel,
(PP – 2 Branch),
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5731 of 2024

Present : Sh. Harinder Singh Sidhu, the appellant in person.
Ms. Gagandeep Kaur (M.-8556849806), Senior Assistant, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.01.2025, through which the hearing was adjourned for 19.02.2025 and on 19.02.2025 the hearing could not held and the case is fixed for today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant submitted that he has not received any information from the respondent till date and a penal action should be taken against the concerned respondent PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act for causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to him. However, the respondent seeks one weeks' time. Accordingly, the request of the PIO is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 19th March, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at**

Chandigarh.

Date : 6th March, 2025
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Sh. Sohan Lal Jain,
H. No. 221, Street – 11,
Manjit Nagar, Bhadson Road,
Patiala - 147001 (Punjab)
(M.- 9417939487)

.....Appellant

Vs

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Medical Education & Research,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o Government Medical College,
Sangrur Road, Patiala (Punjab)

Encl: RTI request

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Medical Education & Research,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1227 of 2022

Present : Sh. Sohan Lal Jain, the appellant in person.
Sh. Shaminder Singh(M.-97812102290, Senior Assistant, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2023, which was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which was fixed for 19.02.2025 and on 19.02.2025, the hearing could not held and the case is fixed for today i. e. 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant submitted that he has not received any information from the respondent and requested for the same. However, the respondent submits that the appellant sought the information from the Chief Minister regarding his representation dated 13.01.2021. The said office transferred the RTI application to the Medical Education and Research Department, which was further transferred to the PIO O/o Medical Education and Research Department. The said RTI application was further transferred to the PIO O/o Government Medical College, Sangrur Road, Patiala as the said office is the custodian of the record related

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to the sought information, The respondent further submits that he has received a correspondence from the Government Medical College, Sangrur Road, Patiala alongwith the receipt, given by the appellant, of the information which has been sought by him in the titled appeal. But the appellant denied the fact that he has not received the same.

3. After hearing both the parties, the respondent PIO O/o the Government Medical College, Sangrur Road, Patiala, is impleaded as necessary party in this case. The PIO is also directed to remain present, in person, alongwith the original receipt given by the appellant in lieu of the information supplied in this case. He is also directed to bring the original file related to the appellant to enable him to inspect the record related to the sought information, which relates to his representation dated 13.01.2021, which was sent by registered post on 15.01.2021.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 21st May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :6th March, 2025
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Encl: RTI request

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Sh. Rajnish Bharara
520, Preet Colony, Zirakpur,
Distt. -S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
(M:9918896100)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Naib Tehsildar,
Zirakpur,
Distt. -S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Derabassi,
Distt. -S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2676 of 2023

Present : Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sarabjit Singh(M.-836017942), Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.01.2025,

2. The appellant submits that he has received the information pertaining to point no. 1 and 2 which is incomplete and with regard to the information pertaining to point no. 3, 4, 5 & 6, he has requested that the directions be issued to the respondent to give the statement in the form of an affidavit. The appellant also requested that the respondent may be directed to pay the compensation amounting to Rs. 10,000/- However, the respondent present during the hearing made the submissions that to pay the compensation, a request to allot the budget has been sent to the Commissioner, Roopnagar Division, Roopnagar through the Deputy Commissioner, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) and also place on record the submissions in this case alongwith the letter sent to the Commissioner, Roopnagar Division, Roopnagar. He further submits that Sh. Jagpal Singh Naib Tehsildar, Zirakpur now has been posted as Naib Tehsildar, Mansa from whom a penalty amounting to Rs. 5000/- is to be recovered as has been imposed in this case.

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3. The respondent present submitted that the compensation will be paid to the appellant well before the next date of hearing and requested for an adjournment. With regard to the information at point no. 3, 4, 5 & 6, the respondent submits that the specific reply as per the official record has already been sent to the appellant and nothing more is available on record which could be supplied to the appellant as such the request made by the appellant to issue the directions to the respondent PIO to give the statement in the form of an affidavit is not tenable. With regard to point no. 1 and 2, the appellant is directed to establish the larger public interest involved in seeking the information to take the matter to its logical end.

4. Accordingly, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Financial Commissioner(Revenue) and Deputy Commissioner, Mansa to deliver a copy of this order to Sh. Jagpal Singh, Naib Tehsildar, Mansa. The Deputy Commissioner, Mansa is also directed to deduct the penalty amounting to Rs. 5000/- and the said penalty be deposited under the relevant head i. e.

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Subj-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

A compliance i. e. a copy of challan in this regard be sent to the Commission for record.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 22nd May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :6th March, 2025
R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

- i) Sh. Anurag Verma, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh
- ii) The Deputy Commissioner,
Mansa (Punjab)

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Sh. Ajit Singh
S/o Sh. Tarlok Singh
H. No. 289, New Patel Nagar,
Nabha, Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)
(M.-9464533987)

.. Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.)
Sangrur(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer
O/o The District Education Officer(Sec.)
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The District Education Officer(EE)
Sangrur(Punjab)

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3380 of 2019

Present : Sh. Ajit Singh, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Sandeep Nagar(M.-9814856100), Principal, DIET, Nabha ;
ii) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar (M.-9914655346), Senior Assistant ;
iii) Sh. Sushil Nath(M.-7717334317) O/o D.E.O.(Sec.), SriFatehgarh Sahib ;
iv) Sh. Swarath Dutt (M.-8360705556) O/o D.E.O.(Sec.), , Patiala ;
v) Sh. Tara Singh(M.-7340984714), Superintendent (Retd.), O/o DEO (Sec.), Patiala, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.12.2024.

2. The District Education Officer(Sec.), SriFatehgarh Sahib requested for an adjournment in this case with which the appellant agreed to. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.

3. The decision regarding show cause notice issued to Sh. Tara Singh (Retd.) Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o District Education Officer(Sec.), Patiala, will be taken on the next date of hearing.

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4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 24th April, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :6th March, 2025
R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC ;

- i) Sh. Sushil Nath,
District Education Officer(Sec.)
SriFatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)
- ii) Sh. Sanjeev Sharma
O/o District Education Officer(Sec.)
Patiala (Punjab)
- iii) Ms. Baljinder Kaur
District Education Officer(Elem.),
Sangrur (Punjab)
- iv) Sh. Sandeep Nagar
Principal,
DIET, Nabha (Punjab)
- v) Sh. Tara Singh (Retd.)
Superintendent-cum-PIO
O/o District Education Officer(Sec.)
Patiala (Punjab)