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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o XEN, B&R, Zone B, MC, Ludhiana

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

Respondents

### APPEAL CASE NO. 514 OF 2024

Present:-

- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent :Sh. Ayush Bhardwaj, JE (7889101328)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 04.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- **3.** The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- 4. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. He further states that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous, hence he can inspect the record on any working day.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous. He may take note that there is the judgment of "The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education **Vs** Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under –

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(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 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 prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

- 6. In the above mentioned circumstances, the liberty is granted to the appellant to inspect the record in the office of the respondent on any working day and obtain the information within one month from the receipt of this order.
- 7. With this the above mentioned case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o XEN, B&R, Zone D, MC, Ludhiana

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

Respondents

#### APPEAL CASE NO. 515 OF 2024

Present:- (i

- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh. Pawan Preet Singh, JE (9888663023)

#### <u>ORDER</u>

The RTI application is dated 04.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- 4. Respondent states that information demanded by the appellant cannot be provided under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act. However, the appellant can inspect the record on any working day.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has sent reply to the appellant that information demanded by him certainly falls within the definition of information as per Section 2 (f) of the RTI Act 2005. The appellant may note that it is settled legal position that information that can be provided under the RTI Act is that which is already on record of the Public Authority. The PIO cannot

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be asked to create any record for answering the RTI questions. As per the Supreme Court decision in Khanapuram Gandaiah vs Administrative Officer & Ors on 4 January, 2010 in SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO.34868 OF 2009 the definition of information as given under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act 2005, shows that an applicant under Section 6 of the RTI Act can get any information which is already in existence and accessible to the public authority under law. Of course, under the RTI Act an applicant is entitled to get copy of the opinions, advices, circulars, orders, etc., but he cannot ask for any information as to why such opinions, advices, circulars, orders, etc. have been passed. Hence, the information sought by him cannot be supplied. The appeal is, therefore disposed of and closed. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to inspect the record in the office of the respondent on any working day and obtain the information within one month from the receipt of this order. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Appellant** 

Versus

Public Information Officer. O/o Commissioner, MC Moga

First Appellate Authority O/o Commissioner, MC Moga

Respondents

#### APPEAL CASE NO. 516 OF 2024

Present:-

- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent :Sh. Sanjay Singh, Head Draftsman and Sh. Prince, Draftsman

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 06.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- Respondent states that the reply has been sent to the appellant. 4.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through the reply filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant. The respondent also tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard.

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Dated: 10.09.2025



### APPEAL CASE NO. 516 OF 2024

6. Keeping in view the explanation given by the Respondent for the delay, and his overall demeanor, the Commission does not deem it a fit case for the imposition of penalty upon the Respondent PIO. However, the Respondent is warned to be careful in future while dealing with the RTI applications.

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

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Chairman, Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority O/o Chairman, Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

Respondents

### APPEAL CASE NO. 517 OF 2024

Present:-

- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh. Parveen Kumar, Junior Assistant (7986957157)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 06.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- Respondent states that the reply has been sent to the appellant. 4.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through the reply filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant. The respondent also tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard.

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Dated: 10.09.2025



### APPEAL CASE NO. 517 OF 2024

6. Keeping in view the explanation given by the Respondent for the delay, and his overall demeanor, the Commission does not deem it a fit case for the imposition of penalty upon the Respondent PIO However, the Respondent is warned to be careful in future while dealing with the RTI applications.

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

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**Appellant** 

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Mohali

Respondents

#### APPEAL CASE NO. 7 OF 2024

Present:- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh, HC (Incharge RTI) 7837741687)

#### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.07.2025vide which the appellant was not present and copy of the information, as submitted by the respondent was sent to the appellant. Further, he was advised to point out deficiencies, if any.

- 2. The appellant Sh. Gurmeet Singh is again absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- 3. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant.
- 4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing today in the Commission without any intimation, which transpires that his absence is intentional and wilful and/or and no submissions have been received from him in the titled case, which appears that either he has nothing to say in this case and/or does not intend to *pursue the case*



Date: 10.09.2025



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

Sd/-

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Sh. Gagandeep, S/o Sh. Balwinder Kumar, (M: 9646612769) VPO Nurpur, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar

Appellant

Versus Public Information Officer.

0/o SSP, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority 0/o SSP, Jalandhar

Respondents

#### APPEAL CASE NO. 3319 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent- Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, 9501945843

#### **ORDER**

Date: 10.09.2025

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.07.2025 vide which the appellant was not present and he was advised to point out deficiencies, if any.

- 2. The appellant is again absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence.
- 3. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. She further states that the appellant has not pointed out any deficiencies so far as directed by the Commission during the last hearing.
- After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the 4. appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing today in the Commission. He has even not pointed out any deficiencies so far. It is also a fact that the orders dated 15.07.2025 and the notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which appears that his absence is intentional and willful and does *not intends to pursue the* case
- 5. Keeping in view the above prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. As such, the present case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. Sd/-

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o EO, MC, Sahnewal, Distt Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

### APPEAL CASE NO. 527 OF 2024

Present:- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Tarndeep Singh, Junior Assistant (8872212320)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 12.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- 4. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant on 14.11.2023.
- After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 12.10.2023, further the respondent has sent reply to the appellant on 14.11.2023 within stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act

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2005. Hence, the abovesaid appeal case filed by the appellant in the Commission is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o EO, MC, Samrala, Distt Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

### APPEAL CASE NO. 525 OF 2024

Present:- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: (i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Clerk (9814853251)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 12.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

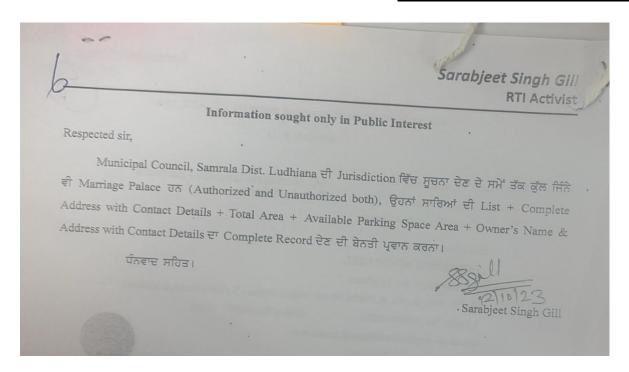
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- 4. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through case file, it is observed that the appellant demanded following information:-

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Further the respondent has sent the following reply:-

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	State Information Commissioner Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sec 16 Chandigarh.
ਵਿਸਾ:-	ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਐਕਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇ ਬਾਰੇ (ਕੇਸ ਨੂੰ 525 ਆਫ 2024)
ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਅ	ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਅਮਰਜੀਤ ਾਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਐਕਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ।
(1) ਸ਼ਾਹੀ ਪੈਲਸ, ਖੰਨਾ ਰੋਡ ਸਮਰਾਲਾ (2) ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪੈਲਸ, ਖੰਨਾ ਰੋਡ ਸਮਰਾਲਾ	
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- 6. In the abovementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant. Regarding remaining information , the same cannot be provided under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act 2005 and it should not be in the public domain as has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other Hon'ble Courts to avoid the humiliation and harassment. Allowing this kind of information will certainly strengthen the abuse of the process of law.
- 7. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o EO, MC, Sahnewal, Distt Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

### APPEAL CASE NO. 526 OF 2024

Present:- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Tarandeep Singh, Junior Assistant

(8872212320)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 12.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

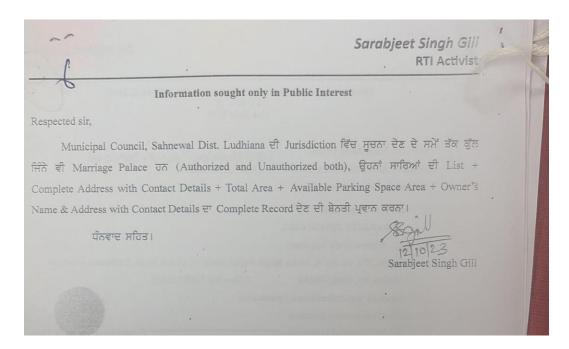
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through case file, it is observed that the appellant demanded following information:-

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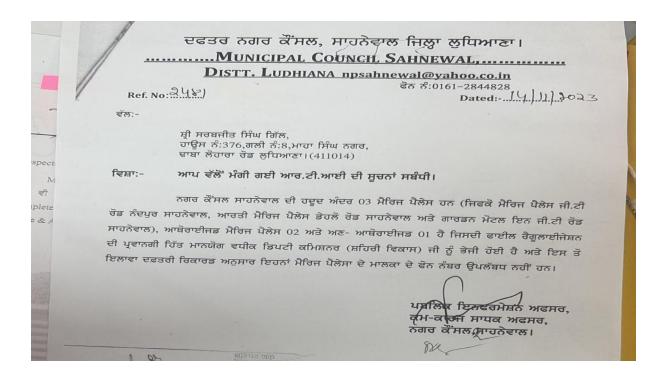
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Further the respondent has sent the following reply:-



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Dated: 10.09.2025



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- 5. In the abovementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant. Regarding remaining information , the same cannot be provided under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act 2005 and it should not be in the public domain as has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other Hon'ble Courts to avoid the humiliation and harassment. Allowing this kind of information will certainly strengthen the abuse of the process of law.
- 6. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Appellant** 

Versus

Public Information Officer. O/o EO, MC, Samrala, Distt Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

# APPEAL CASE NO. 524 OF 2024

(i) None is present on behalf of the appellant Present:-

(ii) For the respondent: (i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Clerk (9814853251)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 12.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. 4.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through the reply filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant. *Copy of the reply, as submitted, by the respondent* be sent to the appellant along with these orders.

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6. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is disposed of and closed. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth) **State Information Commissioner** Dated: 10.09.2025 Punjab

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Appellant

Versus

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First Appellate Authority O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

Respondents

### APPEAL CASE NO. 530 OF 2024

Present:-

- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent (i) Sh. Amrit pal Singh, SDO (9915950301)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 13.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- 4. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. He further states that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous, hence he can inspect the record on any working day.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous. He may take note that there is the judgment of "The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central

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#### APPEAL CASE NO. 530 OF 2024

Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under -

(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 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 prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

- 6. In the above mentioned circumstances, the liberty is granted to the appellant to inspect the record in the office of the respondent on any working day and obtain the information within one month from the receipt of this order.
- 7. With this the above mentioned case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 10.09.2025

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o XEN B&R, Zone C MC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

Respondents

#### APPEAL CASE NO. 531 OF 2024

Present:- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Amrit Pal Singh, SDO (9915950301)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 13.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
- 4. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. He further states that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous, hence he can inspect the record on any working day.
- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous. He may take note that there is the judgment of "The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central

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Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under -

(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 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 prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

- 6. In the above mentioned circumstances, the liberty is granted to the appellant to inspect the record in the office of the respondent on any working day and obtain the information within one month from the receipt of this order.
- 7. With this the above mentioned case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 10.09.2025

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o XEN, B&R, Zone A, MC, Ludhiana

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

Respondents

### APPEAL CASE NO. 513 OF 2024

Present :-

- (i) None for the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent :Sh Prince Saini, JE (94172-31091)

#### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 04.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 10.09.2025 in the Commission.
- 3. The appellant is not present today.
- 4. The respondent states that they had sent their reply to the appellant dated 28.10.2023 through which they had demanded requisite fee from the appellant but the appellant has failed to deposit the same till date. Hence, the information has not been provided.
- 5. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. Further, the respondent has

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informed that the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee, as demanded from him

hence, the information has not been provided. The respondent has also filed the copy of the

reply sent to the appellant. After going through the same, it has been ascertained that the

appellant has demanded information, through his RTI application on 04.10.2023 and the

respondent has demanded the requisite fee vide letter dated 28.10.2023, which is well

within the time period, as determined by the Act. Hence, the appellant is advised to pay the

requisite fee and obtain the information, if he wishes to.

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case

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

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

Dated :10.09.2025