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## Ms. Gurpreet Kaur

House No. 115, Sector-123,  
New Sunny Enclave,  
Kharar, Mohali (SAS Nagar)  
(M:9814806149)

.....Appellant

Vs

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Director Public Instructions (SE),  
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector 62, Mohali (SAS Nagar)

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Director Public Instructions (SE),  
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector 62, Mohali (SAS Nagar)

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3553 of 2024

**Present :** Advocate, Sh. Bachan Singh (8427755237) on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Ashok Kumar, Superintendent (9815607202) and Sh. Gursewak Singh,  
Senior Assistant (9814614456) on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.11.2024.

2. The respondent submits that the information as has been sought by the appellant is not readily available in the office. With regard to the appellant the respondent submits that due to the lesser score i.e. 174 of the appellant she was unable to get an appointment as the appointment to the candidates was given having 176 marks.

3. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to allow the appellant to inspect the record related to the Recruitment of 6060, Master Cadre Recruitment, Advertisement dated 20.11.2015 of the candidates who have obtained the marks 176 (including five more candidates) with which the appellant agreed to. Also, the record related to any Court Case, in which, specific directions were issued by the Court to appoint the candidates be also made available to the appellant.

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## **Appeal Case No. 3553 of 2024**

4. The appellant can call Sh. Ashok Kumar (M:9815607202) before going to the respondent's office and can inspect the record between 10 working days from today between 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM and the appellant is at liberty to note, if anything important but she cannot take photograph(s) of the documents/file. The appellant is at liberty to inspect the record along with her Counsel, if so desires. The respondent PIO is directed to depute some person dedicatedly for vigilance while inspecting the record. Any, defiance of this order will be viewed seriously.

5. To come up on **27.03.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date:16.01.2025**

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

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**Sh. Manoj Kumar**

S/o Sh. Dharampal

#115A, Dayanand Nagar, Lawrence Road,

Amritsar-143001

(M:9814175675)

.....Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Amritsar

... Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 5859 of 2023

**Present :**

Sh. Manoj Kumar, the appellant.

Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Clerk (9814501399) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.11.2024.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

“Co-owner in land property at verka byepass, Amritsar

Smt. Lata, W/o Shri Dharampal, Resident of Lawrence Road, Amritsar

Part of land was acquired by NHAI through competent authority SDM-cum-Land Acquisition Collector, Amritsar through public notice published on 27/11/2008.

Property Details:

Name of District: Amritsar

Name of Tehsil/Taluka: Amritsar

Name of Village: Verka H.B. 281

Survey No./Khasra No.: 1034/3 min :1444 min

Type of land :Private :Private

Nature of land :Un-irrigated :Un-irrigated

Area:kanal/ :3 :2

Marla/ :17 :8

Square meters :1947 :1214

Name of Land Owners: Kanav Khanna and others

Land was co-owned by other holders without any division the claim was registered in name of Kanav Khanna, Resident of Basant Avenue, Amritsar and others.

At time of payment for such acquisition it was made solely to Shri Kanav Khanna whereas interests of other co-owners was not accounted equally as par with their holding percentage of ownership.

A sum of Inr:8,57,41,680/- Rupees (eight crores fifty seven lakhs forty one thousand six hundred eight only) was paid to Shri kanav khanna.

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## **Appeal Case No. 5859 of 2023**

Sir I request your office to kindly provide following information under RTI Act, Punjab.

1. Details of payments made to Shri Kanav Khanna
2. Consents of other co-owners
3. Objections received
4. Calculations and acquisition methodology used.
5. Interests of other co-owners accounted.”

3. The brief of the case is that the appellant sought the information regarding payment made to Sh. Kanav Khanna, S/o Arun Khanna in lieu of land acquired at Jalandhar Amritsar section of the NHAI. The said land was acquired and a notice was issued by the Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Land Acquisition Officer, Amritsar-2 in which it is specifically mentioned the name of the land owner/interested person i.e. Sh. Kanav Khanna, S/o Sh. Arun Khanna and others. The appellant sought the information related to the payment made to Sh. Kanav Khanna, S/o Sh. Arun Khanna as the payment was released by the said office to Sh. Kanav khanna, S/o Sh. Arun Kahnna alone and no payment was released to joint owners of the property as per the jamabandi of the year 2016-17. He also submits that other joint owners have not been paid the land acquisition amount who are entitled to get the amount of land acquisition being the owner of the property. However, the respondent submits that with regard to information pertaining to 1 and 4 only a copy of disbursement register with regard to award dated 17.02.2009 and a copy of the disbursement register prepared by Revenue staff, is available on record which can be supplied to the appellant and the information pertaining to Point No. 2, 3 and 5 is not available on record so nothing can be supplied to the appellant. A photocopy of the information pertaining to Point No. 1 & 4 as has been submitted by the respondent is taken on record. The respondent further submits that whatever information is available on record, he will provide certified copy of the same to the appellant within a week and requested for a short adjournment in this case.

4. To come up on **30.01.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date:16.01.2025**

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Chief Information Commissioner  
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## Sh. Varun Goel

1188, Krishan Nagar (Chatti Gali)  
Railway Road, Jagraon,  
District Ludhiana-142026  
(M:9463886161)

.....Appellant

Vs

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Director Public Instructions (SE),  
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector 62, Mohali (SAS Nagar)

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Director Public Instructions (SE),  
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector 62, Mohali (SAS Nagar)

...Respondents

## Complaint Case No. 41 of 2023 (Converted into Appeal Case)

**Present :** Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant.  
Ms. Harleen Bedi, Deputy Director (9463444474) on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2024.

- At the outset, the respondent PIO, Ms. Harleen Bedi, Deputy Director submits that she has not received the earlier order and requested for a short adjournment in this case to file the specific reply. She also tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause which was issued to her in this case.
- Keeping in view the submissions made by her, the decision of the show cause issued to her will be taken on the next date of hearing.
- To come up on **19.03.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date:16.01.2025**

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CC:

## **Ms. Harleen Bedi**

Deputy Director (Grants-2 Branch)-cum-  
Public Information Officer  
O/o Director Public Instructions (SE),  
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector 62, Mohali (SAS Nagar)

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## Sh. Varun Goel

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Railway Road, Jagraon,  
District Ludhiana-142026  
(M:9463886161)

.....Appellant

Vs

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Administrator, GLADA,  
Ludhiana

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Administrator, GLADA,  
Ludhiana

... Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3931 of 2023

**Present :** Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant.  
Sh. Gurpreet Singh, PIO (9463233449) and Sh. Sunit Singal, Senior Assistant  
(9855531456) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2024.

2. The respondent submits that the written reply has already been sent to the appellant on 21.03.2024. However the appellant submits that he has already pointed out deficiencies on 07.10.2024. Thereafter, the respondent submits that they have already replied and in case any submission, the appellant would like to make, he may submit the same with which the appellant agreed to.

3. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to send the submissions, if any, in an annotated form within twenty days from today i.e. 16.01.2025 to the respondent with a copy to the Commission and the respondents are directed to submit the counter reply, if any, that too, in an annotated form and in case any information is not available in the official record and/or there is no directions to maintain the said record, then specific undertaking be filed.

4. Also, Sh. Sunit Singal, Senior Assistant filed the written submissions that he is neither the PIO nor the APIO in this case and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. After consideration, the show cause notice issued to him is hereby withdrawn.

5. To come up on **19.03.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Date:16.01.2025**

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**Chief Information Commissioner**  
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## Sh. Varun Goel

1188, Krishan Nagar (Chatti Gali)  
Railway Road, Jagraon,  
District Ludhiana-142026  
(M:9463886161)

.....Appellant

Vs

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Khalsa College of education,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Khalsa College of education,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib

... Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3929 of 2023

**Present :** Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant.  
Advocate, Ms. Lishika Mehta (8640001200) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2024.

- Ms. Lishika appearing on behalf of the respondent made a request for an adjournment. The appellant submits that it is a violation of order passed by the Commission but request made by the Counsel due to ailment of Advocate's mother, for an adjournment, is accepted with the directions to file the counter submissions, if any, on the rejoinder already filed by the appellant, failing which, the case will be decided as per the procedure established by Law. The present adjournment, which has been requested by respondent, will be treated as **last opportunity** to file the submission by the respondent PIO.
- To come up on **19.03.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:16.01.2025

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## Sh. Varun Goel

1188, Krishan Nagar (Chatti Gali)  
Railway Road, Jagraon,  
District Ludhiana-142026  
(M:9463886161)

.....Appellant

Vs

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Dashmesh Khalsa College,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Dashmesh Khalsa College,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib

... Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3930 of 2023

**Present :** Sh. Varun Goel, the appellant.  
Advocate, Ms. Lishika Mehta (8640001200) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2024.

- Ms. Lishika appearing on behalf of the respondent made a request for an adjournment. The appellant submits that it is a violation of order passed by the Commission but request made by the Counsel due to ailment of Advocate's mother, for an adjournment, is accepted with the directions to file the counter submissions, if any, on the rejoinder already filed by the appellant, failing which, the case will be decided as per the procedure established by Law. The present adjournment, which has been requested by respondent, will be treated as **last opportunity** to file the submission by the respondent PIO.
- To come up on **19.03.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:16.01.2025

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**Sh. Gursharan Singh,**  
# 133-L, Chandigarh Road,  
Near Namdev Bhawan,  
Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)  
(M: 9876400267)

.....Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o The Headmaster,  
Govt. High School,  
Bhadla Nicha, Ludhiana(Punjab)

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o The District Education Officer (SE),  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The District Education Officer (SE),  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 4247 of 2023**

Present : (i) Sh. Gursharan Singh, the appellant in person.  
(ii) Ms. Hardaljit Kaur(M.-6283021467), Headmistress ;  
(iii) Sh. Gurdarshan Singh(M.-9501866198), Clerk, for the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.11.2024.

2. Both the parties are present. The respondent submits that an inquiry has already been initiated against Sh. Jaswinder Singh, who has received the RTI application but has not dealt with the same within stipulated time till date. However, the appellant submits that the respondent has not filed any reply with regard to the RTI application. In addition, he has also made the written submission, copy of which is also handed over to the respondent PIO during the course of hearing. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to file the written reply with regard to the sought information, before the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI application is also attached herewith.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**  
R.S

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

**Enclosed: (RTI application Dated 02.11.2022)**

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**Sh. Uttam Singh**, S/o Sh. Arjun Singh,  
Village Rasulpur, Tehsil Jagraon, District Ludhiana.  
(M.9914394103)

.....Appellant

Vs

**Sh. Amarjeet Singh**, Public Information Officer-cum-  
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

## First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 994 of 2023

**Present:** None for the parties.

## ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.11.2024.

2. The appellant is absent but has sent a written submission that due to some unavoidable reason, he cannot attend today's hearing and has sought an adjournment. He has also informed the Commission that the order of the Commission dated 07.11.2024, has still not been complied with by the respondent.

3. The respondent is also absent for today's hearing without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of the previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. The perusal of the case file shows that a "Show Cause Notice" was also issued to the respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Ludhiana, Sh. Amarjeet Singh, vide order dated 07.11.2024.

4. Accordingly, **a final opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Ludhiana, Sh. Amarjeet Singh to remain present, on the next date of hearing, to take the matter to its logical end. A copy of the deficiencies also be sent to the respondent PIO with the directions to remove the same, before the next date of hearing.

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5. A copy of this order is being sent to the **Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Mohali** to ensure the presence of the concerned respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Ludhiana, Sh. Amarjeet Singh, on the next hearing. It is also clarified that in case of absence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing, his presence will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the procedure established by the Law.

6. With this, the case is adjourned to **03<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing, at Chandigarh.**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025  
R.S

(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC:

The Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayats,  
Mohali.

(for the compliance of this order)

Enclosed:  
A Letter Dated 26.02.2024

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**Sh. Pawan Kumar Verma**, S/o Sh. Baldev Raj,  
# 347-A, Surya Enclave, Near Ekta Nagar Railway Crossing,  
Jalandhar-1 (M.9888615433)  
RTI application No.57141.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Commissioner of Police,  
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 3539 of 2023

**Present :** None on behalf of the appellant.  
ASI Mangat Singh, on behalf of the respondent (M.9876622088).

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.03.23 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 01.05.23 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.05.23 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 16.01.2025.

2. The appellant is absent for today's hearing but he has sent the written submissions, which are taken on record.

3. The respondent PIO is present but has submitted a copy of letter of the ACP (Central) Jalandhar, mentioning therein that investigation has been done in a proper manner, so, there is no need to re-investigate the matter.

4. Since, the appellant is absent. One more opportunity is given to the appellant to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing, for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the written submission, submitted by the respondent, is being sent to the appellant along with the order of the Commission.

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**Appeal Case No. 3539 of 2023**

5. With this, the case is adjourned to **03<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing, at Chandigarh.**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025  
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**Ms. Kumari Navjot**, D/o Sh. Dharampal,  
Kala Chack, Tehsil and District Pathankot.  
(M.9815291064) RTI application No.140589.

....Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o Senior Superintending of Police,  
Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,  
Border Range, Amritsar.

.....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 6940 of 2024

**Present :** Sh. Suresh Kumar, (Husband), of the appellant. (M.9815291064)  
ASI, Jagdeep Singh on behalf of the respondent (M.9464380572).

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.08.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 24.09.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 16.01.2025.

2. At today's hearing, Sh. Suresh Kumar, Husband of the appellant is appearing on behalf of his wife Ms. Kumari Navjot and made written submissions, which are taken on record.
3. The respondent has also submitted written submissions, which are also taken on record.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties at today's hearing, an Order in this appeal case is '**Reserved**' and would be pronounced later on.

**Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**  
R.S

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

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**Sh. Suresh Kumar**, S/o Sh. Ram Dass  
Village Kala Chack, Sujjanpur, Abadgarh,  
Tehsil and District Pathankot.  
(M.7508044706) RTI application No.122788.

....Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o Senior Superintending of Police,  
Vigilance Bureau Range, Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Director, Vigilance Bureau,  
Punjab, Mohali.

.....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 4472 of 2024

**Present :** (i) Sh. Suresh Kumar, the appellant (9815291064).  
(ii) DSP, Sukhwinder Pal Singh O/o DSP, Vigilance Bureau, Pathankot  
(M.7696512319), along with SI Khushpal (M.9417401153)  
(iii) Inspector Amandeep Kaur O/o Hq. Vigilance Bureau, Mohali,  
(M.9876622088). the respondent

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.05.2024 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 18.05.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 16.01.2025.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has denied the sought information under Section 8(i)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005 and has requested that directions may please be issued to the respondent to provide the information at the earliest.

3. The respondent made a written submission, which is taken on record.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties at today's hearing, the Order in this appeal case is '**Reserved**' and would be pronounced later on.

**Dated:16<sup>th</sup> January,2025**  
R.S

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner**  
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**Ms. Kumari Navjot**, D/o Sh. Dharampal,  
Kala Chack, Tehsil and District Pathankot.  
(M.9815291064) RTI application No.75507.

.....Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Director,  
Public Insitructions (Sec), Pb,  
Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector:62, SAS Nagar. Mohali.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o District Education Officer (S.E),  
Pathankot.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Principal,  
Govt., Sr. Sec. School, Durang Khadd,  
Distt:Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o The Director,  
Public Insitructions (Sec), Pb,  
Vidya Bhawan, PSEB Complex,  
Sector:62, SAS Nagar. Mohali.

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5860 of 2023**

**Present :** Sh. Suresh Kumar (Husband) of the appellant.  
Sh. Rajesh Kumar, DEO (SE), Sh. Raj Deepak, Sr. Assistant along with Sh.  
Pardeep Kumar, Principal (M.9592587007) on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.11.2024.

2. The respondents state that the information as per official record has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 28.11.2024 by post.

3. Sh. Suresh Kumar, the Husband of the appellant states that he has received the same and has also pointed out deficiencies in the information to the Commission and no copy of the same has been sent to the respondent.

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## **Appeal Case No. 5860 of 2023**

4. The copy of the same is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing. **Last opportunity** is given to the respondent that whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the appellant should be made good before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action will be initiated.

5. With this, the case is adjourned to **03<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing, at Chandigarh.**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025  
R.S

(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner  
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**Sh. Deepak Kamboj** Jalandhari (M.9041380600)  
N.J-159, Mitha Bazaar,  
Jalandhar.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director General of Police,  
Punjab, Sector:09, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director General of Police,  
Punjab, Sector:09, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 6597 of 2023

Present : (i) None on behalf of the appellant.  
(ii) ASI Mangat Singh O/o DCP, Jalandhar (M.9876622088),  
(iii) Sh. Amrit Singh, (M.9873584262) along with S/Constable Sh. Narinder Singh  
(M.8727800286) O/o DGP, Pb, on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER

The RTI application is dated 20.06.2023 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 20.07.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.10.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 16.01.2025.

2. The appellant is absent. However, he made a request through an email that due to the death of his close relative, he is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought an adjournment. The respondent made a written submission, which is taken on record.

3. **One more opportunity** is given to the appellant to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing, for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. On the request of the appellant, the case is adjourned to **03<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025 at 11.30AM for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025  
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**Sh. Jaswinder Singh,**  
H.No.241, Dashmesh Enclave,  
Village and Post Office Alamgir,  
Ludhiana. (M.9914600673)

.....Complainant

Vs

**Sh.Gurpreet Singh,**  
Tehsildar(East)-cum-Public Information Officer,  
Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

## **Complaint Case No. 564 of 2023**

Present : (i) Sh. Jaswinder Singh, the complainant, in person.  
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 03.07.2024, 28.08.2024, 16.10.2024 and 05.12.2024. Vide an order dated 16.10.2024, the following order was passed by the Bench, which is as under:-

*2. The complainant submitted that he had visited the respondent's office many times as per the previous order of the Commission dated 09.05.2024 but no positive response had been received from the respondent PIO. Further, he has requested to direct the respondent PIO to supply the sought information. The complainant also submitted that the record related to the previous years was available in the office whereas the record related to the sought information was not available, which was not supplied to him and due to that there was a huge irreparable loss to him.*

*3. The respondent appeared and submitted that concerned person was on leave rather she also submitted that due to heavy rain in year 2011 particularly on 12.08.2011 record pertaining to the RTI application of the required information had been destroy due to heavy rain as record room was affected by rain water.*

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4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the Commission was of the view that, it was very necessary to find out about whereabouts of the record. Accordingly, Ms. Sakshi Sawhney, Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana was directed to constitute a Committee comprising Senior Officer(s) to enquire about the record pertaining to the RTI application and the said enquiry report be submitted to the Commission whether the sought information was available/traceable or not within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order. It was also to be determined that from which date, month, year and which record was not traceable/destroyed due to rain of the concerned office i.e. Tehsildar (East) Office, Ludhiana. After the enquiry whosoever be guilty, stringent action be taken against him. As per the submissions made by the respondent in case there was any report related to the damaged record of the O/o Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana as available in the office of DC, Ludhiana, the same may also be placed on record. Accordingly, the PIO, O/o DC, Ludhiana was also impleaded in this case to submit the same on or before the next date of hearing. He was also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing. Also, the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana was also directed to ensure the presence of the present PIOs concerned in this case.”

2. The representative of the respondent submits that a Committee was constituted by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana comprising SDM East Ludhiana, Tehsildar Ludhiana East and Superintendent Grade-2, o/o SDM, East, Ludhiana who was already enquiring the matter to trace the record. He had also requested for an adjournment of the case.

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3. *The relevant portion of the response submitted by the SDM, Ludhiana (East) which is as under:-*

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਚੀਫ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਮਿਤੀ 3/7/2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਕ ਤਿੰਨ ਮੈਂਬਰੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਆਦੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਮੈਜਿਸਟਰੇਟ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ ਗਰੇਡ-2, ਦਫਤਰ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਮੈਜਿਸਟਰੇਟ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਨੂੰ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਤੋਂ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਲਈ ਗਈ। ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 88 ਮਿਤੀ 20/8/2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਭੇਜੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਜਸਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਕਨ ਨੰਬਰ 241, ਦਸਮੇਸ਼ ਇਨਕਲੇਵ, ਪਿੰਡ ਤੇ ਡਾਕਖਾਨਾ ਆਲਮਗੀਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਓ.ਬੀ.ਸੀ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਨੰਬਰ 478 ਮਿਤੀ 18/12/2009 ਨੂੰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੇ ਡਾਕੂਮੈਂਟ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ 2009 ਵਿੱਚ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਗਏ ਸਨ, ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਪ੍ਰੰਤੂ ਅਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੇ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕੇ।

ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਮਾਧਿਅਮ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਚੀਫ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਦਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਬੇਸਮੈਂਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਣਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਰਾਖੀ ਨੰਬਰ 851 ਮਿਤੀ 17/8/2011 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਮੀਂਹ ਆਉਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਬੇਸਮੈਂਟ ਅੰਦਰ 4-4 ਫੁਟ ਤੱਕ ਪਾਣੀ ਭਰ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਜਿਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਬੇਸਮੈਂਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਜਿਆਦਾਤਰ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਨੁਕਸਾਨਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੁੱਗਣ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦਾ ਕਾਫੀ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ। ਬਚੇ ਹੋਏ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਵੀ ਕਾਫੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਜਰਜਰ ਹਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਕਾਫੀ ਸਾਵਧਾਨੀ ਨਾਲ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੇ ਗਏ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਮਿਤੀ 6/8/2024 ਅਤੇ 7/8/2024 ਨੂੰ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਦਫਤਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਆ ਕੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਸਮੇਂ ਖੁਦ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਰਹੇ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੇ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਭਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਰਹੇ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਤਸੱਲੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਸਦੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਪੂਰਜੋਰ ਭਾਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਦੀ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਵੀ ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਡੀਲਿੰਗ ਹੈਂਡ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਅਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਵੀ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਵੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ ਅਪੀਲਕਰਤਾ ਦੀ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਰਸੀਦ ਜਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ (ਕਾਪੀ ਨੱਥੀ ਹੈ) ਪ੍ਰੰਤੂ ਸੇਵਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 568 ਮਿਤੀ 2/8/2024 ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

ਕ 2009 ਵਿੱਚ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਸੁਵਿਧਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸੇਵਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਪ੍ਰੰਤੂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਸੁਵਿਧਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਹੁਣ ਕਿੱਥੇ ਹੋ।

ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਚੀਫ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੇਸ ਦੀ ਅਗਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ 28/8/2024 ਨਿਯਤ ਹੈ। ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨਿਯਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੇ ਕੇਸ ਦੀ ਪੈਰਵਾਈ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਈ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਤੱਕ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਡੀਲਿੰਗ ਹੈਂਡ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਹੋਰ ਸਮਾਂ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਲਿਹਾਜ਼ਾ ਉਕਤ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

4. *After hearing both the parties, the directions were issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to file the written response regarding the where about of the record of Suvidha Kendra and who was the custodian of the record of the said Kendra. The respondent Public*

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*Information Officer was also directed to bring the receipt register related to get the OBC certificate by Sh. Jaswinder Singh (appellant) s/o Sh. Harjinder Singh dated 18.12.2009 bearing No. 478 and in case no receipt register was maintained by the office for receipt of application for issuance of OBC certificate then an undertaking, duly sworn, be filed before the next date of hearing. It was also a fact that a report of the Patwari had been placed on record bearing No. 851 regarding the rain water and according to the said report Tehsil office had been informed accordingly, therefore, the Tehsildar, Ludhiana East-cum-Public Information Officer was also directed to submit an action taken by the then Tehsildar Ludhiana East on the report of the Patwari concerned.*

*5. It was also a fact that the respondent present during the hearing on 3.7.2024 categorically given the statement that the record had been destroyed due to heavy rain whereas as per the report of the then Patwari, which had now been submitted, the official record wet. Also, the Tehsildar East, Ludhiana was directed to lodge an FIR/DDR in respect of missing record, as per the Government Instructions/Rules and submit a copy of the same before the next date of hearing.*

*6. Also, the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana was directed to submit the up to date status of enquiry regarding the missing record/the details of record was has been affected by the rain water. In addition, she was also directed to send the details i.e. name, designation along with the official address of the custodian of the record related to Suvidha Kendra as the Manager Seva Kendra has already clarified that the record related to Suvidha Kendra is not available in the Seva Kendra.*

*7. The concerned Tehsildar, Ludhiana East, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, was also directed to comply with the order otherwise stringent action would be initiated against the concerned Tehsildar, even if, he was transferred.”*

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*2. At the outset, the respondent requested for an adjournment in this case as the office was unable to file the response due to Panchayat Elections.*

*3. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 at 11:30 A.M. for further hearing.*

2. At today's hearing, the complainant is present in person and states that direction may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information, as nothing has been given till date.

3. Neither the respondent PIO office of Tehsildar (East), Ludhiana is present nor has authorized any representative on his behalf for today's hearing. The respondent PIO has also not complied with any of the order passed by the Commission, which indicates the callous and irresponsible attitude of the PIO which has caused harassment to the complainant.

4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/-, 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.

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. Also, the Tehsildar, Ludhiana (East) is directed to made the submissions that what action has been taken by him to lodge an FIR/DDR in respect of missing record, as per the Govt. Instructions and Rules and submit a reply in this regard, in the Commission. In addition, he is also directed to file the specific factual reply as the respondent given the statement during the hearing on 03.07.2024 that the record has been destroyed due to heavily rain whereas at the later stage, the office submit the report/record of the Patwari according to which it is said to be wet.

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6. It is also a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana was directed to submit the up-to-date, status report of the inquiry regarding the record which is said to be affected by the rain water. Also, she was directed to send the details i.e. name, designation along with the official address of the custodian of the record related to Suvida Kendra, which was operational from 2009 to 2016 and after disclosure of the Seva Kendra were opened. But, no such report has been received from the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. **Therefore, one opportunity is granted to her to submit any documentary evidence which is available in the O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana regarding the rain water entered in the premises of the Tehsildar Ludhiana (East) along with the directions issued to hand over the record of the Suvidha Kendra to Seva Kendra, if any, else file, a specific undertaking in this regard that no instructions/directions were issued to the staff of the Suvidha Kendra to hand over the record to Seva Kendra from 2009 to 2016 when the Suvidha Kendra were operational, be sent to the Commission, failing which, she will be directed for personal appearance.**

7. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the **Financial Commissioner Revenue, Punjab**, who will ensure the presence of PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Ludhiana (East) on the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action will be taken against the PIO as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. It is also clarified that in case of absence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing, his presence will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the procedure established by the Law.

9. With this, the case is **adjourned to 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

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CC :

Sh. Anurag Verma, IAS  
The Financial Commissioner (Revenue),  
Punjab Civil Sectt-1, Chandigarh.

Sh. Jitendra Jorwal, IAS,  
The Deputy Commissioner,  
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(M.-9888156211)

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Personnel (PP-1 Branch)  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Public Works (PWD B & R),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat -2, Chandigarh
- iii) First Appellate Authority  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Personnel (PP-1 Branch),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

..Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 4698 of 2023**

Present : Sh. B. B. Rampal, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2024 and the relevant portion of the same is as follows :

"This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2024 with the relevant portion of the same read as follows:-

"2. The appellant submits that he had full faith in the proceedings initiated by the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel to trace/reconstruct the original file. However, the respondent submitted a status report by way of an affidavit of Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel, in original, dated 02.09.2024 wherein the submissions made by the deponent in Para 4 and 5 are very appreciable and the para 4 & 5 of the deponent are reproduced as under:-

"4. It was submitted that during the course of hearing, the Appellant was apprised of all the efforts made by both the branches concerned so far in the present case. The Appellant was assured that the efforts to locate the file were still made and parallel files were traced out in order to reconstruct the original file so that the requisite information may be provided to him at the earliest. The Appellant was also assured that in case mala fide intention behind misplacement of the file was found, then in that case the person responsible would be proceeded against with stringent disciplinary action. The appellant desired his satisfaction upon the same.

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5. *It is also submitted that during the hearing given to the Appellant, he placed some documents relating to his case where a committee at the level of the then Chief Secretary was constituted and in light of these facts it was decided that a committee comprising of Special Secretary, Personnel and Under Secretaries of both branches (PP-I & PP-II), be constituted to inquire about the misplaced file and give its finding. That thereupon, the said committee has been constituted vide orders dated 02.09.2024.”*
3. *Further, the respondent handed over a copy of the same to the appellant during the course of hearing. Also, the respondent deponent made submissions and prayer to grant some more time, which was fairly very logical submission and sustainable for the justice in the eyes of Law especially when an earnest effort was made by the Administrative Secretary herself.*
4. *After going through the written submissions, a sincere effort made by Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, IAS, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Personnel to resolve the issue were appreciable. Therefore, the prayer of the respondent to grant more time in order to trace/locate the missing file and to conduct an inquiry for fixing the responsibility for the same was allowed in toto and the case was adjourned with which the appellant agreed to.*
5. *Also, the Public Information Officer-cum-Superintendent, PP1 Branch made the written submissions and at this stage, the same were taken on record.”*
2. *The appellant is absent for today’s hearing. However, he has informed the Bench that due to some personal reason, he cannot attend today’s hearing and has requested for an adjournment. The respondent has also informed telephonically for the same.*
3. *Nevertheless, **another opportunity** is given to both the parties to remain personally present, on the next date of hearing for deliberations.*
2. The appellant is present and requested that no submissions have been received from the PP-I Branch. In the interest of natural justice, the PIO O/o PP-1 Branch is directed to remain present on the next date alongwith the present status regarding the misplacement of file. He is also directed to reconstruct the file, if possible, which is said to be misplaced.
3. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab and Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Personnel, to look into the matter as an important two separate files of Personnel Department are missing in two branches i. e. PP – I and PP – II that too relates with the Chief Secretary’s meeting.
4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025  
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Chief Secretary Punjab  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
Chandigarh
  
- ii) Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, IAS  
Secretary to Government of Punjab,  
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Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

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O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Personnel (PP-2 Branch),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 4514 of 2023**

Present : Sh. B. B. Rampal, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Bharat Rattan (M.-9779523874), Senior Assistant (PP-II Branch), on behalf  
of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2024.

2. The appellant is present. However, the respondent submitted that two files related to the RTI application has been traced and a copy of the same has already been sent to the appellant but the appellant submitted that the important files related to the meeting of the Chief Secretary is not available in the office. Thereafter, the respondent clarified that due to misplacement of the file necessary action is being taken against the concerned. Also, the appellant showed his dissatisfaction with the same.

3. After detailed deliberation with both the parties the PIO is directed to put some more efforts to trace the file or to reconstruct the file, if possible. He is also directed to submit the action taken in this regard before the next date of hearing in addition to the action taken against the officer/official responsible for misplacement of file related to the Chief Secretary meeting.

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4. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab and Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Personnel, to look into the matter as an important two separate files of Personnel Department are missing in two branches i. e. PP-I and PP-II that too relates with the Chief Secretary's meeting.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

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