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ShriPrem Kumar Rattan, (85095 80002)

R/o House No. 78/8, Park Road,
NaviMandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,
O/oRegional Transport Authority,
Patiala.**

**First Appellate Authority,
O/oRegional Transport Authority,
Patiala.**

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2738 OF 2023

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Present: Appellant: ShriPrem Kumar Rattan
Respondent: Sh. Tirath Singh (Jr. Asst.)

ORDER :

This order may be read in reference to the **last order dated 13.11.2025.**

2. The appellant had sought information under the RTI Act, 2005, broadly seeking **certified copies of actions taken, decisions/orders passed, and all related records such as orders, notings, correspondence and reports pertaining to the relevant subject matter for the past 10–12/20 years, as applicable**, with a further request that in case the information was held by another public authority, the application be transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, and reasons be supplied wherever the information was not available.
3. **Today, both parties are present.** The respondent, **Sh. Tirath Singh**, has submitted a **written submission** on behalf of the PIO before the Commission, with a copy thereof supplied to the appellant.
4. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions made by both parties and perused the material available on record, including the written submission filed by the respondent PIO. The appellant had sought certified copies of actions taken, decisions/orders passed and all connected records for an extended period of 10–12/20 years, as applicable.
5. The respondent PIO has categorically submitted that sincere and reasonable efforts were made to trace the old and relevant record; however, the same could not be located. The Commission notes that the RTI Act, 2005 mandates disclosure of information **available and held** by the public authority. The Act does not cast an obligation upon the public authority to create information or to reconstruct records which are not available on record.
6. The Commission further notes that, as per the available record pertaining to stage carriage permits, the respondent has already supplied the information regarding stage carriage permits held by **M/s Karamgarh Cooperative Transport Society Ltd.,**

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Bhadour to the appellant vide letter No. **176 dated 04.02.2025**, a copy of which has also been placed on record and supplied to the appellant.

7. In the absence of any material on record to show that the remaining information sought is deliberately withheld, and in view of the categorical stand of the respondent that the old record is not traceable despite due diligence, the Commission finds no ground to issue any further direction to the respondent at this stage.
8. However, the respondent PIO is advised to ensure proper maintenance, preservation and indexing of records in accordance with the applicable rules so as to facilitate timely disclosure of information under the RTI Act in future.
9. Accordingly, the appeal is **DISPOSED OFF**.

Chandigarh
18.12.2025

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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O/o Tehsildar,

Dhuri, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Dhuri, District Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2867 OF 2022

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Present:

Appellant: Shri Prem Kumar Rattan

Respondent: Ms. Manjit Kaur, Superintendent, and

Sh. Gurmail Singh, Jr. Assistant

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 13.11.2025.
2. The matter was taken up for hearing today. The **appellant is present**. On behalf of the respondent PIO, **Ms. Manjit Kaur, Superintendent, and Sh. Gurmail Singh, Jr. Assistant**, are present. The respondent has placed on record a **detailed written submission vide letter No. 895 dated 02.12.2025 comprising 37 pages**, a copy of which has been provided to the appellant.
3. The respondent, through the written submission, has submitted that the RTI application was duly processed and that replies were furnished to the appellant on several occasions vide letters dated **16.09.2022, 21.09.2022, 20.12.2022, 09.06.2023, 12.07.2023, 18.10.2023, 29.05.2025 and 02.12.2025**. It has been categorically stated that **all information available on record has already been supplied** and that **no further information is available** with the public authority.
4. The appellant, during the hearing, expressed dissatisfaction with the replies furnished and reiterated that complete information has not been supplied to him.
5. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions of both parties and has perused the entire material available on record, including the detailed written submission filed by the respondent. The Commission observes that the queries raised by the appellant pertain to **rules/guidelines, disposal of files/complaints, action taken records, and availability of records** for a specified period.
6. The Commission notes that the respondent has consistently maintained, both through written replies and during the hearing, that the **available records have already been disclosed** to the appellant and that **no additional record exists**. The appellant has not been able to point out any specific item of information which is available on record but has been withheld by the respondent.
7. It is a settled position of law that under the RTI Act, 2005, a Public Information Officer is required to provide **only such information as is available and existing on record**, and

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the Act does not oblige a public authority to create information, conduct investigations, or supply explanations or justifications beyond the record.

8. In view of the above facts and circumstances, and considering that the respondent has furnished replies on multiple occasions and has placed a comprehensive written submission on record, the Commission is satisfied that **no further intervention is required in the matter.**
9. Accordingly, the appeal is **disposed off.**

Chandigarh
18.12.2025

Sd/-
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Public Information Officer,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Urban Development, Sangrur.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Dhuri

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,

Department of Local Government, Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2102 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: ShriPrem Kumar Rattan

Respondent: ShriGurinder Singh (EO, Dhuri),

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 13.12.2025, Today, both parties are present.**
- The Respondent PIO representative, ShriGurinder Singh (EO, Dhuri), submitted that vide letter No. **3260 dated 15.12.2025**, it was informed that the information sought by the appellant in RTI Appeal Case No. 2102 of 2023 pertains to the service record of Shri Ravi Kumar, Executive Officer, who is currently posted at Nagar PanchayatGharua, which falls under the jurisdiction of Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Mohali. It was further submitted that a communication was sent vide letter No. **3257 dated 15.12.2025** to Shri Ravi Kumar, EO, Municipal Council, Gharuan, requesting him to provide the information sought by the appellant.
- The Commission notes that service record information of a government official, including transfers, postings, and related personal details, is **sensitive in nature**. Disclosure of such personal information is generally **restricted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005**, unless it is directly related to public activity or interest.
- Keeping this in view**, the appellant is advised to approach the competent authority, i.e., **Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Mohali**, for seeking the required information regarding the service record of Shri Ravi Kumar, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act.
- The matter is **disposed off** with the above direction.

Chandigarh
18.12.2025

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.