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Sh. Amit,
H. No. 99, Janta Colony,
Rahon Road,
Ludhiana (Punjab)
(M.-9780276776)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3636 of 2023

Present : Sh. Amit, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Daljeet Singh(M.-9878100468), A. S. I. ;
ii) Sh. Amandeep Kumar(M.-9781214149), Head Constable, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 12.01.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 20.02.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.06.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 22.01.2025.

2. The appellant submitted that the reply given to him is not according to the information sought by him through RTI request. The respondent requested for an adjournment in this case.

3. After deliberations with both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to file the point wise reply with regard to the RTI request on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

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

Date :22nd January, 2025
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Sh. Kuldip Kumar,
H. No. 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk,
F.G.C. Road,
Amritsar - 143001(Punjab)
(M.-7814348489)

.....Appellant

Vs

Sh. Jatinder Soni,
Public Information Officer,
-cum-Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Senior Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Amritsar (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1308 of 2023

Present : Sh. Kuldip Kumar, the appellant attended the hearing through Video Conference.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through Video Conference.

2. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.11.2024, which was heard through Video Conference .

3. The appellant submitted that reply given by the respondent is not satisfactory. The respondent PIO is absent but a written submission has already been received in the office vide which the respondent reiterated the submission already sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2547 dated 28.10.2022 but the appellant submits that he is not satisfied with the same and reiterated the deficiencies pointed out by him on 14.11.2022 and requested that the directions be issued to the respondent PIO to remove the same. A copy of the submissions of the appellant dated 14.11.2022 are **being sent** to the respondent alongwith this order.

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4. None is present from office of Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Amritsar. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Sh. Jatinder Soni, EE -cum- 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 and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

The respondent PIO is also directed to file the response in an annotated form.

5. **The respondent PIO is also directed to appear in person on 24th April, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh and the appellant is directed to represent the case through Video Conference Facility at 11:30 A. M. in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.**

Date :22nd January, 2025

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Sh. Yogesh Malhotra, Advocate
S/o Sh. H. L. Malhotra,
14, Shastri Market,
Jalandhar(Punjab)
(M.-9815963798)

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Phagwara(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar(Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2601 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Avtar Chand, Bill Clerk O/o M.C., Jalandhar ;
ii) Sh. Harpreet Singh (M.-9988349100), Inspector O/o M.C., Phagwara, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.11.2024.

2. The respondent O/o the M. C., Phagwara and Jalandhar are present. Also, the respondent PIO O/o M. C., Phagwara Submitted the reply alongwith the copy of the order passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in a C.W.P. 21758 of 2020 filed by Sh. Ashwani Kumar, information related to whom has been sought by the appellant. After going through the reply, the respondent PIO is directed to file a point wise reply in an annotated form with regard to point no. 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 11 and 12 for the consideration of the Commission. The respondent PIO is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, a punitive action will be initiated.

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Appeal Case No. 2601 of 2020

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3. In accordance with Punjab RTI Rules, 2017 and in the interest of natural justice, Sh. Ashwani Kumar, L. A. is impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the written submissions that why information related to him may not be supplied to the appellant. It is also clarified that in case no response is received from Sh. Ashwani Kumar, L. A., the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. The respondent PIO is directed to deliver a copy of this order to Sh. Ashwani Kumar, L. A., under intimation to the Commission.

5. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that last order was sent to him through registered post which appears that his absence is intentional and willful although a last opportunity was awarded to him. In the interest of natural justice, one **last opportunity** is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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

Date :22nd January, 2025
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Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC : Sh. Ashwani Kumar,
L. A.,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Phagwara(Punjab)

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Sh. Rajiv Singla
S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar Singla,
341, Ward No 9, Master Colony,
Peer Banna Banoai Road ,
Sunam-148028(Punjab)
(M : 9216813000)

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,
Boys School, Sunam – 148028,
Distt Sangrur(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The International Oxford School,
Day Care, Pre-Schooling to 5th
City Road to Cinema Road,
Sunam-148028, District - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,
Boys School, Sunam – 148028,
Distt Sangrur(Punjab)

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5569 of 2023

Present : Sh. Rajiv Singla, the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhinav Jaidka (M.-9855077877), B.P.E.O., Sunam, on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.11.2024.

2. The appellant stated that the record which is lying with the Principal of the School under her supervision and control may please be provided to the appellant. The respondent Principal of International Oxford School, Day Care, Pre-Schooling to 5th, Sunam is absent but the written submissions have been received from her through an e-mail. After going through the same, she is directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and file an affidavit, duly sworn, that original record related to the sought information is not available on record. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, a stringent action will be taken in this case as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. With this, the case is **adjourned to 9th July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :22nd January, 2025
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Sh. Gurpreet Guri Singh
S/o Sh. Mewa Singh,
V.P.O.- Sheron, Tehsil- Sunam,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148106(Punjab)
(M.-9501557415)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Instructor,
Language Department, Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The District Language Officer,
Language Department, Sangrur (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1722 of 2024

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Ranjodh Singh (M.-9779295500), D.L.O., Sangrur, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. The respondent pleaded that the information sought can not be supplied to the appellant in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil appeal 10044 of 2010 titled Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India V/s Subash Chandra Agarwal and the relevant portion of the same is as follows :

“Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as Personal Information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings etc. are all Personal Information’. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, detail of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are Personal Information’. Such ‘Personal Information’ is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation invasion ‘Larger Public Interest’ is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive.”

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Appeal Case No. 1722 of 2024

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3. However, the Counsel of the appellant contended that the sought information related to the name and designation of the Instructor is not 'third party' information as has been claimed by the respondent. He further submits that the sought information has to be published by the public authority in compliance with Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005 which deals with the mandatory disclosures and requested that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the information. With regard to the students, the Counsel of the appellant submits that their name must be supplied without their Roll Numbers and addresses as its disclosures would not cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual. As such the request of the appellant is accepted and the directions are being issued to the respondent PIO to supply the names of the students.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 27th March, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :22nd January, 2025
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Sh. Gurcharan Singh
S/o Sh. Bhagwant Singh
House No. 143, Village Manouli,
Mohali-140306
(M:9872914474)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5888 of 2023

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun
Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior
Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh,
S/o Sh. Mangat Ram,
Kot Shamir Bathinda-151001
M : 9781970189
RTI Application No 98054

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1115 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh

S/o Sh. Mewa Singh
VPO Sheron Patti Amra
Tehsil Sunam, Distt. Sangrur-148106
(M:9501557415)

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1168 of 2024

Present:- Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh,

S/o Sh. Mangat Ram,

Kot Shamir, Tehsil & Distt Bathinda-151001.

M : 9781970189

RTI Application No 98647

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1166 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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Sh. Tarsem Singh,

S/o Sh. Ajaib Singh, VPO Bir Behman,
Tehsil & Distt Bathinda.-151001.

M : 9464222946

RTI Application No 97505

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1276 of 2024

Present : Sh. Tarsem Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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Sh. Gurpal Singh,

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Moosapur Road, Nawanshahar.
M : 9779795341

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1111 of 2024

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun
Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior
Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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Sh. Tarsem Singh,

S/o Sh. Ajaib Singh,

VPO Bir Behman, Tehsil & Distt Bathinda.-151001.

M : 9464222946

RTI Application No 104130

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, SSSB, Punjab,

Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, O/o SSSB, Punjab,

Mohali

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1824 of 2024

Present : Sh. Tarsem Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh,

S/o Sh. Mangat Ram,

Kot Shamir, Tehsil & Distt Bathinda-151001.

M : 9781970189

RTI Application No 108073

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,

Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,

Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1770 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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Sh. Sukh Pal Singh,
S/o Sh. Besant Singh,
29273, Gali No 5, Janta Nagar, Bathinda-151001.
M : 9463336660
RTI Application No 98632

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2677 of 2024

Present : Sh. Sukhpal Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

Date:22.01.2025

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RTI Application No 94050

Appellant

v/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 344 of 2024

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun
Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior
Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. The respondent reiterated their submissions dated 26.12.2024 already sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. However, the appellant submits that each and every point of the RTI application is self explanatory but the department taken a plea that the sought information is not specific. With regard to Point No. 1 and 2, the Counsel of the appellant submits that two mistakes of word “ **ਭੁਲਾਂਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਲਈ** ” has been marked as mistakes by the Instructor and the Instructor who checked the paper (offline) has corrected the word “ **ਭੁੱਲਾਂਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਲਈ** ” and has sought the information on what basis/rules Instructor has marked the words “ **ਭੁਲਾਂਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਲਈ** ” as mistakes. The Counsel of the appellant also contended that the appellant failed in qualifying the test just because of 02 mistakes and the information pertaining to Point No. 1 and 2 is very crucial and requested that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the documentary evidence/source/base of these two words on the basis of which the words typed by the appellant i.e. “ **ਭੁਲਾਂਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਲਈ** ” marked as mistakes.



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3. The respondent while filing the written reply with regard to Point No. 3 claimed the exemption u/s 8 (1) (g) & (j) and in accordance with Para 59 of the decision passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010 titled as Central Public Information Officer vs. Subhash Chandra Agarwal. The relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

“59. Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, details of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are personal information. Such personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive.”

However, the Counsel of the appellant contended that the said information is not covered under Para 59 of the judgment mentioned by the respondent PIO rather the said judgment is in the favour of the appellant, the relevant portion of the said judgment mentioned by the Counsel of the appellant is as follows:

“241 Clause (j) of clause (1) of Section 8 requires the Information Officer to weigh the “public interest” in disclosure against the privacy harm. The disclosure of different documents in different circumstances will give rise to unique “public interest” factors in favour of disclosure. However, a few broad



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principles may be laid out as to how the phrase “public interest” is to be understood. Where factors fall within this interpretation “public interest” so interpreted, they are factors that weigh in favour of disclosure. The principles are as follows:

(i) to (iv)...

(v) As an indicative list, information concerning the accountability of officials, public expenditure, the performance of public duties, the handling of complaints, the existence of any wrongdoing by a public official, inefficiency in public administration and unfairness in public administration all possess public interest value, their relative strength to be determined on a case by case basis;

(vi) to (vii)....”

“242 We have adverted to the substantive content of personal information and “public interest” as distinct factors to be considered by the Information Officer when arriving at a determination under clause (j) of clause (1) of Section 8. In the present case, the information sought by the respondent raises both considerations of “public interest” and “personal information”. The text of clause (j) requires the Information Officer to make a determination whether the “larger public interest justifies the disclosure” of personal information sought. The Information Officer must conduct balancing or weighing of interests in making a determination in favour of disclosure or non-disclosure. The Information Officer must be cognisant that any determination under clause (j) of clause (1) of Section 8 implicates the right to information and the right to privacy as constitutional rights. Reason forms the heart of the law and



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the decision of the Information Officer must provide cogent and articulate reasons for the factors considered and conclusions arrived at in balancing the two interests. In answering the third referral question in its entirety, this Court would be remiss in not setting out the analytical approach to be applied by the Information Officer in balancing the interests in disclosure with the countervailing privacy interests. Justice S C Agrawal speaking for a Constitution Bench of this Court in S N Mukherjee v Union of India observed:

“9. The object underlying the rules of natural justice “is to prevent miscarriage of justice” and secure “fair play in action”. As pointed out earlier the requirement about recording of reasons for its decision by an administrative authority exercising quasi-judicial functions achieves this object by excluding chances of arbitrariness and ensuring a degree of fairness in the process of decision-making. Keeping in view the expanding horizon of the principles of natural justice, we are of the opinion, that the requirement to record reason can be regarded as one of the principles of natural justice which govern exercise of power by administrative authorities. The rules of natural justice are not embodied rules.”

(Emphasis supplied)

The requirement to record reasons is a principle of natural justice and a check against the arbitrary exercise of power by judicial and quasi-judicial bodies. In making a determination under clause (j) of clause (1) of Section 8 in a given case, it would not be satisfactory if an Information Officer were merely to record that the privacy interest outweighed the public interest. Something more is required. By providing an analytical

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framework to address the two interests to be weighed and requiring the Information Officer record detailed reasons within this framework, the arbitrary exercise or discretion of the Information Officer is guarded against.”

With regard to Point No. 3, the appellant further submits that the said information must be supplied which is in the Larger Public Interest as the said paper which was checked/marked by the Instructor through offline mode in which he has marked two mistakes of word typed by the appellant i.e. “ **ਭੁਲਾਂਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਲਈ** “. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to make the final submission, in this regard for the consideration.

4. With regard to Point Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, the Counsel of the appellant submits that the information has specifically been sought, which is very clear and respondent PIO be directed to supply the information. It is appropriate to mention the decision of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP 17672 of 2023 titled as Rajwinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

“12. This Court has found that in a large number of cases, the authorities including the first Appellate Authority {(while adjudicating the first statutory appeal under Section 19(1))} and the second Appellate Authority {(while adjudicating the second statutory appeal under Section 19(3))} under the Act, have been passing cryptic and non-speaking orders in violation of the judgments passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and various High Courts and also in violation of the mandate of the Act of 2005. It is, thus, found necessary to give the following directions to the first Appellate Authority and second Appellate Authority under the Act of 2005 to clearly specify the following at the time of finally adjudicating the case:-

- i) The points on which the information is sought by the applicant as per his/her application filed under the Act of 2005.



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- ii) The point-wise reply with respect to the information sought.
- iii) A categorical finding as to whether the information on any of the points has been supplied or not and if supplied, the date on which it has been supplied.
- iv) In case, it is the stand of the authorities from whom the information is sought that the information sought under a particular point is not to be supplied on account of any bar contained in any provisions of the Act of 2005 or for any other reason, then, after recording the said stand and after considering the submissions made by both the parties with respect to said point/issue, return a finding with respect to the said issue/point.
- v) Any other observation which the authority deems fit in the facts and circumstances of the case to be recorded.”

Keeping in view the above, the respondent PIO is directed to reconsider the matter and file the point-wise reply afresh regarding Point Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the RTI application. The respondent PIO is also directed that in case the result of the candidates related to the recruitment of Steno Typist as per Advertisement 01/2022, category wise, is not available on record, then the specific undertaking be filed before the next date of hearing. She is also directed to place on record the copy of Instructions/Guidelines issued to the Punjabi University, Patiala to fill up the post in the different categories along with relevant provision of the MOU, if any, else file an undertaking that no Instructions/Guidelines were issued to the Punjabi University, Patiala with regard to the reservation of posts.

5. With regard to Point No. 9 of the RTI application, the Counsel of the appellant pleaded that there are candidates who have been given the departmental preference and after the same their category has been changed from open category to their own category on the basis of departmental preference and has sought the information in this regard. However, the respondent PIO pleaded that the recruitment has been done on the basis of the Guidelines issued for the recruitment as per Advertisement No. 01 of 2022. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to place on record the said provision/extract of the said guidelines issued for the recruitment as per Advt. No. 01 of 2022.

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It is also appropriate to mention the provisions of the advertisement No. 01 of 2022, which are available on the website i.e. www.sssb.punjab.gov.in related to the recruitment of Steno Typist and Junior Scale Stenographer and the relevant provisions are as follows:

8. ਰਾਖਵਾਂਕਰਨ/ Reservation ਸਬੰਧੀ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ:

- (ii) ਰਾਖਵਾਂਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਲਾਭ ਕੇਵਲ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਵਸਨੀਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੀ ਮਿਲਣਯੋਗ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ, ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸ਼੍ਰੇਣੀ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੇਣੀ-ਕੋਡ ਭਰਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਇਸ ਗੱਲ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਰੱਖੇਗਾ। ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਭਰੇ ਗਏ ਫਾਰਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਸ਼੍ਰੇਣੀ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੇਣੀ-ਕੋਡ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਹੀ ਉਸਦੀ ਪਾਤਰਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਚਾਰਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

13. ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਧਿਆਨ ਹਿੱਤ ਅਤਿ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ:

- (x) ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੇਣੀ ਅਤੇ ਇਸਦੇ ਕੋਡ ਅਤੇ ਅਸਾਮੀ ਕੋਡ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਆਨਲਾਈ ਫਾਰਮ ਧਿਆਨ ਨਾਲ ਭਰਨ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਟੇਜ ਤੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੇਣੀ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੇਣੀ-ਕੋਡ ਅਤੇ ਅਸਾਮੀ ਕੋਡ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕੇਗਾ।

After hearing both the parties and going through the provisions of the advertisement, the respondent PIO is directed that in case no candidate has changed his category as per the submissions made by the appellant regarding Point No. 9, then specific undertaking be filed on or before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

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

Date:22.01.2025

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RTI Application No 103817

Appellant

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First Appellate Authority

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Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1742 of 2024

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.12.2024.

2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

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RTI Application No. 106710

Appellant

Vs

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, SSSB, Punjab,
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Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1806 of 2024

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

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RTI Application No 104218

Appellant

Vs

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O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,

Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,

Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No.1769 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

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RTI Application No 103975

Appellant

Vs

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O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,

Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,

Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1771 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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RTI Application No 103536

Appellant

Vs

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O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,

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Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1772 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appellant

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Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1773 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

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Appellant

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First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, SSSB, Punjab,
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Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1842 of 2024

Present : Sh. Sukhpal Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appellant

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First Appellate Authority
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Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1843 of 2024

Present : Sh. Sukhpal Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
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ORDER

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2. Both the parties made the submissions in their favour. After hearing both the parties, **a last opportunity** is granted to parties concerned to submit their final submissions, if any, within 30 days from today. The respondent PIO is also directed to particularly mention the Section of the RTI Act, 2005, if any, exemption has to be claimed viz-a-viz the sought information and no blanket exemption will be accepted.

3. In view of the above, an order in this case is '**Reserved**', which will be pronounced later on.

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Appellant

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Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1847 of 2024

Present : Sh. Sukhpal Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
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ORDER

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VPO Sheron, Tehsil Sunam,
Distt Sangrur.-148106.

M : 9501557415

RTI Application No. 98929

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1300 of 2024

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant. Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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2. The respondent submits that the response has already been sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. However, the Counsel of the appellant submits that he has received the same but would like to make the written submissions in this case and requested for an adjournment. Accordingly, the request of the Counsel of the appellant is accepted and case is adjourned.

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

Date:22.01.2025

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M : 9501557415
RTI Application No. 103815

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

**First Appellate Authority
cum Secretary,**
O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1805 of 2024

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant. Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh,

S/o Sh. Mangat Ram,

Kot Shamir, Tehsil & Distt Bathinda-151001.

M : 9781970189

RTI Application No 103536

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2547 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

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M : 9501557415
RTI Application No 100775

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2343 of 2024

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun
Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior
Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

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RTI Application No 99777

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2771 of 2024

Present : Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660) on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun
Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior
Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appellant

v/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman, SSSB, Punjab,
Mohali

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6454 of 2023

Present : Ms. Babli, the appellant along with her Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o AIGP, Vigilance Bureau,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Subordinate Selection
Service Board, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Vigilance Bureau,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2112 of 2024

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant along with his Counsel, Sh. Supinder Singh Sohi (9888876660).
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9855977460), Sh. Arun Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (9779740797) and Sh. Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9041140520) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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2. The appellant submits that he has sought the information related to the recruitment of Steno Typist/Junior Scale Stenographer, in which there is complaint of copying and the leakage of papers in the personal Centers of the Instructors, the appellant submitted a complaint to the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab along with the pen-drive on 18.12.2023 and has sought the information related to the said complaint.

3. The above said information was sought by the appellant from the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab but the said complaint was sent to the Chairman, Punjab Subordinate Selection Service Board, Mohali by the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab to enquire the matter at their own level, so nothing was supplied by the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab but the representative of the



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SSSB made the submission during the hearing that the said letter has not been received from the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab. Accordingly the directions were issued to the Vigilance Bureau, Punjab to submit the proof of the receipt of the said letter. Thereafter, the respondent, O/o Punjab Vigilance Bureau submitted a copy of the receipt of the said letter, which was said to be received by the Chairman, Subordinate Selection Service Board, Mohali, thereafter, the respondent was given an opportunity to file the reply accordingly.

4. In view of the directions of the Commission, the PIO, SSS Board filed the response and the relevant portion of the same is as follows:

“ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਜਵਾਬ: ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਨੰ: 01 ਆਫ 2022 ਸਟੈਨੇਟਾਈਪਿਸਟ ਅਤੇ ਜ.ਸ.ਸ. ਦੀ ਭਰਤੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇੰਸਟਰਕਟਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਸੈਂਟਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤੇ ਪੇਪਰ ਲੀਕ ਅਤੇ ਲੈਬ ਬਾਰੇ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਦੱਸਣ, ਬਾਰੇ ਵਿਜੀਲੈਂਸ ਬਿਊਰੋ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੀ ਪੈਨਡਰਾਈਵ ਤੇ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: - 01/03/2008-IR- Dated: 25-08-2008 ਦੇ ਪੈਰਾ-9 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਉਪਲਬੱਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਸਕਦੀ।“

5. As per the response, the respondent PIO also mentioned the instructions/guidelines issued vide No. 01/03/2008-IR dated 25.04.2008 although as per the letter of the SSSB the date has been mentioned as 25.08.2008. The relevant portion of the Guidelines (Para-9) as mentioned in the reply by the respondent is as follows:

“9. Only such information is required to be supplied under the Act which already exists and is held by the public authority or held under the control of the public authority. It is beyond the scope of the Act to create information; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions.”

The said Instructions/Guidelines were issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Personnel and PG and Pension, Department of Personnel & Training to the officers designated as First Appellate Authority.

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6. Section 6 (1) provides:

A person, who desires to obtain any information under this Act, shall make a request in writing or through electronic means in English or Hindi or in the official language of the area in which the application is being made, accompanying such fee as may be prescribed, to—

(a) the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, of the concerned public authority;

(b) the Central Assistant Public Information Officer or State Assistant Public Information Officer, as the case may be,

specifying the particulars of the information sought by him or her:

Provided that where such request cannot be made in writing, the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall render all reasonable assistance to the person making the request orally to reduce the same in writing.”

Also, the mandate of the RTI Act is to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every Public Authority. As such the respondent PIO is directed to submit an action taken on the complaint received from the Vigilance Bureau else file an undertaking that no action has been taken on the said complaint.

7. Keeping in view the above, both the parties are at liberty to file their final submission in this case for consideration before the next date of hearing otherwise it shall be presumed that party/parties does not intend to say anything and the Commission will proceed as per the facts established by Law.

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

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