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(M: 9814924851)

... Appellant

Encl.

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Sudhar
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4356 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.11.2024.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

Particulars of information required:

(a) Subject matter of information: Details regarding authority to sign and to issue utilisation and completion certificate of development works conducted in villages by BDPO and by Village Panchayat.

(b) The period to which the information relates: From 1-1-2018 till date of providing information.

(c) Specify details of HARD COPIES of information required even if the information has been published in print mode or on Web portals (the Legible and Certified Copies may please be supplied on all the points (under section 2(1)(ii) of the Right to Information Act, 2005) read with Section 76 of the Indian Evidence Act 1872) Kindly provide copies and link to section and subsection of rules/orders/law:

i. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the authorities/officers competent to sign and to give completion/utilisation certificate in case of purchases made and jobs done by BDPO for Panchayat and purchases done by Panchayats directly as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.

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ii. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the counter signing of completion/utilisation certificate by Chairman and members of Block Sammiti as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.

iii. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the duties and liabilities of Chairman and members of block Sammiti as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.

iv. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding allocation of grant amount to each village within a block and role of chairman/members of Block Sammiti in allocation of grants amount to village Panchayat as applicable on 1-1 2018 and amendments made thereafter.

v. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding interference allowed in development works in village within a block by the chairman and members of Block Sammiti in allocation of grants amount to village Panchayat as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.

3. According to the written submission received from the PIO-cum-BDPO, Sudhar, the case is adjourned. It is appropriate to mention that a point wise reply has already been received from the respondent PIO. A copy of which is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order to point out deficiency, if any. The BDPO is directed to remain present in present on the next date of hearing.

3. It is appropriate to mention that the similar information has been sought by the appellant from the different PIOs i.e. Sudhar, Pakhowal, Jagraon and Sihdwan Bet. Now the question arise whether the appellant can obtain same information.

4. It is pertinent to mention that show cause notice was issued to Sh. Jugraj Singh, BDPO-cum-PIO, Sudhar but no response has been received from him. **A final opportunity** is awarded to him to submit the same before the next date of hearing along with directions to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, a stringent action will be initiated against him. .

6. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 23.01.2025

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... Appellant

Encl.

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Pakhowal
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4355 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

2. The appellant sought the following information:

Particulars of information required:-

(a) Subject matter of information: Details regarding authority to sign and to issue utilisation and completion certificate of development works conducted in villages by BDPO and by Village Panchayat.

(b) The period to which the information relates From 1-1-2018 till date of providing information.

(c) Specify details of HARD COPIES of information required even if the information has been published in print mode or on Web portals (the Legible and Certified Copies may please be supplied on all the points (under section 2(1)(8) of the Right to Information Act. 2005) read with Section 76 of the Indian Evidence Act 1872) Kindly provide copies and link to section and subsection of rules/orders/law:

- i. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the authorities/officers competent to sign and to give completion/utilisation certificate in case of purchases made and jobs done by BDPO for Panchayat and purchases done by Panchayats directly as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.

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- ii. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the counter signing of completion/utilisation certificate by Chairman and members of Block Sammiti as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.
- iii. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the duties and liabilities of Chairman and members of block Sammiti as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter
- iv. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding allocation of grant amount to each village within a block and role of chairman/members of Block Sammiti in allocation of grants amount to village Panchayat as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.
- v. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding interference allowed in development works in village within a block by the chairman and members of Block Sammiti in allocation of grants amount to village Panchayat as applicable on 1 1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.”

3 According to the written submission received from the PIO-cum-BDPO, Pakhowal, the case is adjourned. It is appropriate to mention that a point wise reply has already been received from the respondent PIO. A copy of which is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order to point out deficiency, if any. The BDPO is directed to remain present in present on the next date of hearing.

4. It is appropriate to mention that the similar information has been sought by the appellant from the different PIOs i.e. Sudhar, Pakhowal, Jagraon and Sidhwan Bet. Now the question arise whether the appellant can obtain same information.

5. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Jagraon

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4354 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
Sh. Sukhdeep Singh, BDPO (9815276062) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

(a) Subject matter of information: Details regarding authority to sign and to issue utilisation and completion certificate of development works conducted in villages by BDPO and by Village Panchayat.

(b) The period to which the information relates: From 1-1-2018 till date of providing information.

(c) Specify details of HARD COPIES of information required even if the information has been published in print mode or on Web portals (the Legible and Certified Copies may please be supplied on all the points (under section 2(1)(ii) of the Right to Information Act, 2005) read with Section 76 of the Indian Evidence Act 1872) Kindly provide copies and link to section and subsection of rules/orders/law:

- i. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the authorities/officers competent to sign and to give completion/utilisation certificate in case of purchases made and jobs done by BDPO for Panchayat and purchases done by Panchayats directly as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.
- ii. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the counter completion/utilisation certificate by Chairman and members of Block Sammiti as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.
- iii. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding the duties and liabilities of Chairman and members of block Sammiti as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.

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- iv. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding allocation of grant amount to each village within a block and role of chairman/members of Block Sammiti in allocation of grants amount to village Panchayat as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.
 - v. Certified copies of rules/orders/law regarding interference allowed in development works in village within a block by the chairman and members of Block Sammiti in allocation of grants amount to village Panchayat as applicable on 1-1-2018 and amendments made thereafter.”
3. The respondent requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to submit a reply before the next date of hearing.
4. It is appropriate to mention that the similar information has been sought by the appellant from the different PIOs i.e. Sudhar, Pakhowal, Jagraon and Sidhwan Bet. Now the question arise whether the appellant can obtain same information.
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V/s

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O/o BDPO, Raikot
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4361 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Patwari (9646263975) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The respondent submits that specific reply with regard to the sought information has already been sent to the appellant. In case the appellant is interested to inspect the record with which the appellant agreed to. The appellant is directed to inspect the record within 30 days from the date of order. Also, the appellant is directed to call the respondent before inspection. Both the parties exchanged their phone numbers during the course of hearing. Also, the respondent PIO is directed that in case, the appellant is interested in any information related to the RTI application, the same be supplied to the appellant, duly certified.

3. It is pertinent to mention that show cause notice was issued to Sh. Harkanwal Singh, BDPO-cum-PIO, Sudhar but no response has been received from him. **A final opportunity** is awarded to him to submit the same before the next date of hearing along with directions to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, a stringent action will be initiated against him. .

4. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Raikot
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4360 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Patwari (9646263975) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The respondent submits that specific reply with regard to the sought information has already been sent to the appellant. In case the appellant is interested to inspect the record with which the appellant agreed to. The appellant is directed to inspect the record within 30 days from the date of order. Also, the appellant is directed to call the respondent before inspection. Both the parties exchanged their phone numbers during the course of hearing. Also, the respondent PIO is directed that in case, the appellant is interested in any information related to the RTI application, the same be supplied to the appellant, duly certified.

3. It is pertinent to mention that show cause notice was issued to Sh. Harkanwal Singh, BDPO-cum-PIO, Sudhar but no response has been received from him. **A final opportunity** is awarded to him to submit the same before the next date of hearing along with directions to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, a stringent action will be initiated against him. .

4. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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... Appellant

V/s

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Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4345 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Patwari (9646263975) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The respondent submits that specific reply with regard to the sought information has already been sent to the appellant. In case the appellant is interested to inspect the record with which the appellant agreed to. The appellant is directed to inspect the record within 30 days from the date of order. Also, the appellant is directed to call the respondent before inspection. Both the parties exchanged their phone numbers during the course of hearing. Also, the respondent PIO is directed that in case, the appellant is interested in any information related to the RTI application, the same be supplied to the appellant, duly certified.

3. It is pertinent to mention that show cause notice was issued to Sh. Harkanwal Singh, BDPO-cum-PIO, Sudhar but no response has been received from him. **A final opportunity** is awarded to him to submit the same before the next date of hearing along with directions to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, a stringent action will be initiated against him. .

4. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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... Appellant

V/s

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O/o BDPO, Sidhwan Bet,
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4358 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The response filed by the respondent has already been sent to the appellant to point out deficiency but no deficiency has been received from the appellant. Accordingly, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to point out the deficiency, if any, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. The BDPO is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing.

3. It is appropriate to mention that the similar information has been sought by the appellant from the different PIOs i.e. Sudhar, Pakhowal, Jagraon and Sidhwan Bet. Now the question arise whether the appellant can obtain same information.

4. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Sidhwan Bet,
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4359 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
Sh. Daljinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary (9814627909) and Sh. Dalvir Singh,
Panchayat Secretary (9814910740) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The appellant submits that inspection of the record may please be allowed in this case and in case any document will identified during the inspection, the respondent PIO may be directed to supply the same, duly certified with which the respondent agreed to.

3. The appellant is directed to inspect the record within 30 days from the date of order. Also, the appellant is directed to call the respondent before inspection. Both the parties exchanged their phone numbers during the course of hearing. Also, the respondent PIO is directed that in case, the appellant is interested in any information related to the RTI application, the same be supplied to the appellant, duly certified.

4. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO
Ludhiana-1

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4352 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

Particulars of information required:-

(a) Subject matter of information: Details regarding direct involvement in distribution of Grants for villagers and development jobs undertaken under various schemes. Policy of Govt. of Punjab regarding direct involvement in disbursement of grants by Govt. Official to beneficiaries.

(b) The period to which the information relates: From 1-1-2019 till date of providing information.

(c) Specify details of HARD COPIES of information required (the Legible and Certified Copies may please be supplied on all the points (under section 2(1)(il) of the Right to Information Act, 2005), read with Section 76 of the Indian Evidence Act 1872)

- i. Certified details of records of direct involvement in distribution, of Grants for villagers and development jobs undertaken under various schemes in entire Block.
- ii. Certified copies of policy of Govt. of Punjab regarding direct involvement in disbursement of grants by Govt. Official to beneficiaries.
- iii. Certified copy of orders Dt. 16-8-2016 of Hon'ble Justice Rameshwar Singh Malik in CWP No 4265 of 2016 in Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and its implementation on BDPOs.

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- iv. Certified copy of No. 3599-3672 Dt 4-11-2016 of Office of Chief Secretary, Govt of Punjab regarding enforcement of article 243 of the Constitution of India protecting the autonomy of Panchayats, all the grants for villages mandatorily be deposited into the account of Village Panchayat and no interference of Govt. authorities should be there in spending funds of village Panchayat.
- v. Certified record of job works executed directly by BDPO or any other Govt. Agency and amounts/Cheques/Cash/RTGS supplied directly by BDPO, PO, CDPO etc.
- vi. Certified copies of order/direction enabling the job works to be executed directly by BDPO or any other Govt. Agency and amounts/Cheques/Cash/RTGS supplied directly by BDPO, PO, CDPO etc.

3. The respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received from the respondent office that the staff is busy to celebrate the Republic Day Function on 26.01.2025 and requested to adjourn the case. According to the request of the respondent, the case is adjourned.

4. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 23.01.2025

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O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4353 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

Particulars of information required:-

(a) Subject matter of information: Details regarding equipments (Sport Kits, Street Lights, Solar Lights, RO water filter system etc.) and grant received and dispersed for repair of Kucha houses under Punjab Nirman scheme and other schemes. Regarding direct involvement of BDPO in disbursement of grants received for repair of houses and supply of equipments. Implementation of orders Dt. 16-8- 2016 of Hon'ble Justice Rameshwar Singh Malik in CWP No. 4265 of 2016 in Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and Orders No. 3599-3672 Dt. 4-11-2016 of Office of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab regarding transfer of funds in A/c of Sarpanch directly.

(b) The period to which the Information relates: From 1-1-2019 till date of providing information.

(c) Specify details of HARD COPIES of Information required even if uploaded on web portals (the Legible and Certified Copies may please be supplied on all the points (under section 2(1)(i) of the Right to Information Act, 2005) read with Section 76 of the Indian Evidence Act 1872):

- i. Certified records of implementation of orders Dt. 16-8-2016 of Hon'ble Justice Rameshwar Singh Malik in CWP No. 4265 of 2016 in Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and Orders No. 3599-3672 Dt. 4-11-2016 of Office of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab regarding transfer of funds in A/c of Sarpanch directly.

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- ii. Certified records regarding grant received and dispersed for equipments (Sport Kits, Street Lights, Solar Lights, RO water filter system etc.) and repair of houses under Punjab Nirman scheme and other schemes in entire Block. Provide covering letter of grant and bank entry details of arrival of grant, Cheque numbers and dates of issue of cheques to beneficiaries and list of beneficiaries with complete Address.
- iii. Provide copies of demand letter by villages/Panchayats regarding purchase of equipments (Sport Kits, Street Lights, Solar Lights, RO water filter system etc.). Provide copy of resolution of Panchayat received and copies of estimate of expenses to be done and copies of approval of resolution/demand/estimates.
- iv. Date of starting of fixing equipments, completion of job, submission of bills, approval of bills and UC and release of payment. Provide copies vouchers made for release of payment of equipments.
- v. Provide utilisation certificate of grants given by contractor as well as concerned officer with recommendation of payment to be done.
- vi. Certified copies of policy/rules/orders regarding direct involvement of BDPO in disbursement of grants received for repair of houses under Punjab Nirman scheme and other schemes instead of transferring the funds into the account of Sarpanch directly.
- vii. Certified copy of application of grant seekers along with approval letter by concerned Panch, Sarpanch, Panchayat Secretary, VDO, Panchayat officer or any any other concerned officer/authority.
- viii. Certified copy of Bank Account regarding cheques honoured and dishonoured and expenses incurred for dishonouring of cheques.
- ix. Certified copies of letters of Sarpanch expressing their willingness no to take grant funds into their account and for utilisation of funds by BDPO or any other Govt. Agency/officer.
- x. Certified list of village with numbers of Sport Kits, Street Lights, Solar Lights, RO water filter system etc. Issued to them. Provide bills of purchase of equipment.
- xi. Provide copy of tenders/quotations floated for purchase of equipments, tenders/quotations received, approval letter of price of equipment got confirmed from senior/concerned officer/department, copy of work permit issued and bills of publication of tenders/quotations.
- xii. Certified copies of Complaints received from individuals /Panchayat/villagers of not receiving issued grant/equipment. Provide complete file of complaints including summons sent to parties, statement recorded, inquiry report and action taken report. Provide complete movement record of complaint file with copies of full page of dairy and dispatch registers regarding movement.

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- xiii. Certified copies of complaints lodged with police. Provide complete movement record of complaint file with copies of full page of dairy and dispatch registers regarding movement.
- xiv. Certified details and records of pending court cases with copies of petition and reply given and next hearing date and court details, records of pending Inquiries before any officials/commission/tribunals/authority with copy of complaint and reply given and next hearing date and authority details.

3. The respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received from the respondent office that the staff is busy to celebrate the Republic Day Function on 26.01.2025 and requested to adjourn the case. According to the request of the respondent, the case is adjourned.

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate

R/o 35, Near Post Office,
Grain Market, Mandi Mullapur,
Distt. Ludhiana
(M: 9814924851)

... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o ADC, Development
Ludhiana

Ms. Navdeep Kaur,

O/o DDPO, Sidhwan Bet
Ludhiana

Public Information Officer,

O/o BDPO, Sidhwan Bet
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DC, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4357 of 2023

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The appellant submits that he has already sent the deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondent. Since, the deficiencies filed by the appellant has not been received in the Commission, therefore, the appellant is directed to resend the deficiencies, if any, within 30 days to the respondent with a copy to the Commission.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, **Ms. Kavita Garg, BDPO-cum-Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice, by name,** to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, 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.

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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.

4. A copy of this order is **being sent** to ADC, Development, Ludhiana who will also ensure the presence of the BDPO on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

5. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:23.01.2025

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Amarjit Singh Bains, PCS
ADC (Development),
Ludhiana

(for the compliance of this order)

Ms. Kavita Garg, PIO
-cum-BDPO,
Sidhwan Bet, Ludhiana

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... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4045 of 2022

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The respondent PIO has sent the written submission to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to file a counter reply, if any, with regard to the submissions made by the appellant, which has already been sent to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 23.01.2025

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Sh. Daljit Singh

S/o Sh. Virsa Singh
94-A, Pink Park,
Barewal, Ludhiana
(7508000217)

... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Medical Officer
of Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3185 of 2024

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The respondent PIO has sent the written submission to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to file a counter reply, if any, with regard to the submissions made by the appellant, which has already been sent to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 23.01.2025

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94-A, Pink Park,
Barewal, Ludhiana
(7508000217)

... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4577 of 2024

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The respondent PIO has sent the written submission to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to file a counter reply, if any, with regard to the submissions made by the appellant, which has already been sent to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 23.01.2025

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94-A, Pink Park,
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(7508000217)

... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4578 of 2024

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The respondent PIO has sent the written submission to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to file a counter reply, if any, with regard to the submissions made by the appellant, which has already been sent to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:23.01.2025

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Sh. Daljit Singh

S/o Sh. Virsa Singh
94-A, Pink Park,
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(7508000217)

... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana Police Commissionerate,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana Police Commissionerate,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5308 of 2024

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Umesh Kumar (7888580492) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2024.

2. The respondent requested for an adjournment. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned.
3. To come up on **07.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date: 23.01.2025

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Sh. Daljit Singh
S/o Sh. Virsa Singh,
94 – A, Pink Park,
Barewal, Ludhiana - 141012 (Punjab)
(M.-7508000217)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Police Commissionerate,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3184 of 2024

Present : Sh. Daljit Singh, the appellant in person with Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta (M.-9814924851), Advocate.
Sh. Umesh Kumar (M.-7888580492), A. S. I. on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The respondent requested for an adjournment in this case to file a status report of this case.
3. Accordingly, the case is **adjourned to 7th August, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :23rd January, 2025
R

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Sh. Daljit Singh
S/o Sh. Virsa Singh,
94 – A, Pink Park,
Barewal, Ludhiana - 141012 (Punjab)
(M.-7508000217)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o K Deep Nursing Home,
Near Greenland Public School,
Vardhman Sabji Mandi,
Samrala Chowk, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3186 of 2024

Present : Sh. Daljit Singh, the appellant in person with Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta (M.-9814924851), Advocate.
Sh. (Dr.) Jasvir Singh Kathuria (M.-9815060622), PIO, in person .

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

- Both the parties amicably requested for an adjournment in this case.
- Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is **adjourned to 7th August, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Date :23rd January, 2025
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Sh. Krishan Lal, Advocate
S/o Sh. Darshan Lal,
H. No. b1/171, Mohalla Choudhrian,
Tehsil – Phillaur,
Distt. – Jalandhar - 144410(Punjab)
(M.-9888525251)

.....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. 3670 of 2023

Present : Sh. Krishan Lal, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sukhpal Ram, H. C., Police Station, Model Town, Ludhiana, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 25.01.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 27.02.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.06.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 23.01.2025.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the information pertaining to point no. 4, 8, 9,10,14,15,17,18,19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 31 point wise. He also requested that the respondent may be directed to send a copy of the same through an e-mail i. e. advocatekrishanlal2@gmail.com. Also, the appellant in support of his claim to provide the information related to the duties of the Police Personnel, he has submitted the orders of the PSIC in Appeal Case No. 4054 of 2015 and the order of the Central Information Commission in Appeal No. CIC/SG/A/2012/000211 Decision No. CIC/SG/A/2012/000211/18093 and Decision No. CIC/SB/A/2015/000433 dated 02.12.2016. However, the respondent appeared and made the submissions that information sought pertaining to point no. 1 to 8 is secret and can not be supplied to the appellant as has been mentioned in the letter no. 4577/RTI dated 10.10.2024, whereas, the appellant has sought the

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information pertaining to 39 points, whereas, the respondent submitted the written submissions that information pertaining to point no. 1 to 8, as has been sought by the appellant, can not be supplied being the secret information.

3. Since the appellant has sought the information related to 39 points and has categorically stated that he will be satisfied if the information pertaining to the point mentioned herein be supplied by the respondent, accordingly, the PIO is directed to file the point wise reply with regard to the RTI application pertaining to the points mentioned above. A copy of the RTI application is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, a stringent action will be initiated as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

Date :23rd January, 2025
R

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Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Vishavjeet Singh
S/o Sh. Prem Singh Pathania,
145/2409, Tikrian Street,
Kartarpur, Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)
(M.-8728900729)

Encl :

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sr. Supdt. of Police,
Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Sr. Supdt. of Police,
Pathankot (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3691 of 2023

Present : Sh. Vishavjeet Singh, the appellant attended the hearing through CISCO Webex.
Sh. Sunder Singh(M.-6284551938), A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through CISCO Webex.

2. The RTI application is dated 17.01.2022 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 12.02.2022 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.06.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 23.01.2025

3. The appellant sent the request to list his case through Cisco Webex, accordingly, the request was allowed and due to technical issue, the office tried four five times to connect but the same was connected at 01.27 P. M. The appellant requested that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete information. However, the respondent submits that no complaint/application has been received from the appellant on 28.01.2021, hence, nothing can be supplied to the appellant. The respondent also sent the detailed reply alongwith supporting documents which are taken on record vide which it has been informed that the said complaint of the appellant has not been received in the office. A copy of the response received

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from the respondent is **being sent** to the appellant alongwith this order. However, the appellant has requested for an adjournment in this case and the same is accepted and the case is adjourned.

4. Accordingly, the case is **adjourned to 7th August, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing through 'CISCO Webex' . Meeting No. is 25117216527 and is Password 12345.**

Date :23rd January, 2025
R

(Inderpal Singh)
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Sh. Jasbir Singh
S/o Sh. Khazan Singh,
H. No. 3008,
Sector 20- D,
Chandigarh

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Khalsa College,
G. T. Road,
Amritsar(Punjab)

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1116 of 2021

Present : Sh. Kamal Joshi, Advocate (M.-9216190661), on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Ashish Kaushik, Advocate (M.-7777040804), on behalf of Sh. A. P. S.
Sandhu, Advocate (Counsel for the respondent).

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.10.2024.

2. The Counsel of the appellant submits that the written submission have already been sent to the Counsel of the respondent to substitute the appellant as he has died on 16.04.2024. The application under order 22 (2) read with section 151 CPC for bringing on record legal heirs of deceased Sh. Jasbir Singh, appellant has already been filed with a copy to the respondent.

3. In the interest of natural justice one more opportunity is granted to the Counsel of appellant to send the submissions, if any, to the respondent's Counsel through e-mail i. e. advapssandhu@outlook.com and ashishkumarkaushik0001@gmail.com within fifteen days and the respondent will file the counter submissions, if any, after fifteen days from the receipt of the submissions made by the appellant through e-mail i. e. advkamaljoshi@gmail.com

4. Accordingly, the case is adjourned to 12th March, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh.

Date :23rd January, 2025
R

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Sh. Jatinder Singh S/o Sh. Joginder singh,
H. No. 110, Type E – 1,
Punjab University Campus,
Sector 14, Chandigarh - 160014(Punjab)
(M.-9530661455)

.....Appellant

Vs

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Sec.),
Gurdaspur (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal,
Himalaya Modern Senior Secondary School,
Babowal, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4585 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jatinder Singh, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Rajesh Kumar Saini, Senior Assistant O/o D.E.O.(Sec.), Gurdaspur ;
ii) Ms. (Dr.) Ranju Saini (M.-9814701277), Principal, Himalaya Modern
Senior Secondary School, Babowal, Gurdaspur, for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2024.

2. The appellant submit that he has already filed the detailed submissions and requested that the directions may be issued to the PIO i. e. Principal Himalaya Modern Senior Secondary School, Babowal, Gurdaspur to supply the information. However, the respondent Principal Himalaya Modern Senior Secondary School, Babowal, Gurdaspur made the submissions that the said institution is not 'public authority' under the provisions of the RTI Act and also reiterated the submissions mentioned in affidavit, a copy of which in original, is already available in the case file.

3. After hearing both the parties, liberty is granted to the parties concerned to take their final submissions, if any, within thirty days from today i. e. 23.01.2025. It is also clarified that in case of non receipt of submissions the case will be decided on merit.

4. The order in this case is '**Reserved**' and would be pronounced later on.

Date :23rd January, 2025
R

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab