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Shri Jasbeer Singh, (7827353117)

S/o Late Shri Bant Singh,
New House Ward No. 5,
Nearby Baba Shiv Chand Di Samaad,
VPO Lehragaga, Distt Sangrur.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1072 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Chanchaldeep Singh, Labour Enforcement Officer (8984675600)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **24.11.2022** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has sent a letter which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 5209 dated 09.04.2025, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested to hear the case through online mode, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been supplied to the appellant as directed at the last hearing. The respondent further states that the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency in the supplied information till date.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiencies in the supplied information, as per RTI application to the respondent PIO, under intimation to the Commission. **One opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 02.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Shri Naresh Kumar (9464522190),
Section Officer, # 2190, Sector - 44 C,
Chandigarh – 160047

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Punjab State Board of Technical Education & Industrial Training,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Punjab State Board of Technical Education & Industrial Training,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1961 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Naresh Kumar (9464522190)
Respondent: Smt. Jasdeep Kaur, PIO-cum-Deputy Director (7700008105) and
Smt. Gurwinder Kaur, Info Assistant (8264680432)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **13.06.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with a reply supplied by the respondent and further, he requests the court for sought information.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant. She further states that information was denied under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 and also citing the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court Special Leave Petition (SLP) (Civil) No. 27734 of 2012 titled "Grish Ramchandra Deshpande VRS Cen. Information Commr. & Ors."

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant, after redacting all personal details, within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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Shri Ankit Sehgal, (9888625152)

C/o Bombay Studio, Near Main Post Office Chowk,
Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o EO, Municipal Council, Goraya,
Distt Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC (UD), Jalandhar.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1230 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Raj kumar, JA (9815423611)

ORDER:

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **28.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.02.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email has been received from him today i.e. 23.04.2025, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and further, he has alleged that after making him deposit Rs. 3610.00 for the supply of 1805 photocopies, the respondent has given only 80 pages.

3. The respondent states that complete information has already been supplied to the appellant by registered post after depositing the requisite fees.

4. The Commission reminded the respondent that he could only charge for the exact number of copies supplied to the appellant. The respondent PIO is further directed to make an immediate refund to the appellant, in case the latter has been charged for more pages that he has been supplied. This must be done forthwith on a receipt by the appellant. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post Office Chowk,
Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o EO, MC,
Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC (UD),
Tarn Taran.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1239 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **28.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **05.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.02.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email has been received from him today i.e. 23.04.2025, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and further, he submitted that he has not received sought information from the respondent till date.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing / order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not submitted a single reply to this RTI application, which was filed on 28.10.2022.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1239 OF 2023

4. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, **one opportunity** is awarded to the respondent to supply the sought information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Failing to comply will invite penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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Shri Ankit Sehgal, (9888625152)

C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post Office Chowk,
Pathankot.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o MC, Alawalpur,
Distt Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC (UD),
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1242 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Arsh Kumar, Accountant (9646047702) and
Shri Naveen, Clerk (9592205132)

ORDER:

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **01.11.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.02.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email has been received from him today i.e. 23.04.2025, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and further, he submitted that he has not received sought information from the respondent till date.

3. The respondent states that the RTI application of this present appeal case has not been received in his office and the RTI application was received with the FAA's order. He further, states that after receipt of the RTI application, the appellant was requested to deposit the requisite fees for photocopying the requested information vide letter no. 01 dated 02.01.2023, but the appellant has however, not responded to said letter, till date.

4. In view of the respondent's submission, the appellant is directed to deposit the copying cost as sought by the respondent. The respondent is also directed to supply duly attested copies of the requested information on receipt of copying cost, under intimation to the Commission.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1242 OF 2023

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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Shri Ajay Kumar Mehta/ Shri Ajay Nand, (9814646309)

S/o Late Shri Nand Kishore,
C - 118, East Mohan Nagar,
Chamrang Road, Amritsar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Encl: RTI application

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector - 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector - 17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1422 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Smt. Harmohan Kaur, JA (9878326706)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **31.07.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but he has sent an email dated 20.04.2024, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested to hear the case through online mode, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that she is not aware of this present appeal case and requested some time to address this RTI application. The perusal of the case file shows that the PIO office of STC, Pb, Chandigarh, transferred this RTI application to the DST, Pb., Chandigarh. In view of the respondents submission, the commission impleads the PIO office of Director, State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh, as the deemed PIO in this appeal case.

4. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the respondent PIO office of Director, State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh, is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant by registered post within 15 days under intimation to the Commission.

5. **One opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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6. Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 02.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.
through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

Sd/-
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Shri Manpreet Singh, (9855025442)

E - 33, Road No. 25,
PDA Omaxe City, Patiala.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4363 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Kamalpreet Singh for the appellant (98550225442)

Respondent: Smt. Harmohan Kaur, JA (9878326706) and
Indu Shekhar, SA (7814849683)

ORDER:

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **16.03.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.04.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.07.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. Shri Kamalpreet Singh, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that the appellant has not received complete information from the respondent and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that information regarding point no. 1, 2, and 3 has already been supplied to the appellant. Further, she states that information with regard to point no. 4, was brought at today's hearing and the same has been handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the appellant is given an opportunity to examine the information provided and list deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO as well as to this Commission. The respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies (if any), pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4363 OF 2023

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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Shri Manpreet Singh, (9855025442)

E - 33, Road No. 25,
PDA Omaxe City, Patiala.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Administrative Officer,
Establishment Branch,
Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.
Encl : RTI application

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, State Transport Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4548 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Kamalpreet Singh for the appellant (98550225442)
Respondent: Smt. Harmohan Kaur, JA (9878326706) and
Indu Shekhar, SA (7814849683)

ORDER:

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **15.03.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.04.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.07.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. Shri Kamalpreet Singh, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that the appellant has not received sought information from the respondent and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant by the concerned branch where the information was denied as per the instructions of the government dated 09.08.2021. She further states that the sought information relates to the Administrative Officer, Establishment Branch, Director, State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh. In view of the respondents reply, the Commission impleads the PIO office of, Administrative Officer, Establishment Branch, Director, State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh, in this appeal case as deemed PIO.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4548 OF 2023

4. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the PIO office of, Administrative Officer, Establishment Branch, Director, State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh, is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant by registered post within 15 days under intimation to the Commission. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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Shri Daljit Singh, (9914977731)

R/o House No. 23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite DAV College, Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4590 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **10.03.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.04.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.07.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not submitted a single reply to this RTI application, which was filed on 10.03.2023.

3. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, one last opportunity is awarded to the respondent to supply the sought information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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Shri Madan Singh, (9478741032)

S/o Shri Bant Singh,
R/o Village Teur, Tehsil Kharar,
Distt S.A.S Nagar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Majri,
Tehsil Kharar, Distt S.A.S Nagar.

Encl: RTI application

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Mohali.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2342 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Madan Singh, (9478741032)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **20.11.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.01.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.03.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application. The appellant also states that the notice of hearing of the respondent PIO was wrongly delivered to his address.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

4. Keeping in view of the above, a fresh notice be issued to the respondent PIO, office of BDPO, Majri, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar along with RTI application of this present appeal case.

5. The respondent PIO is further directed to provide a written point wise reply to this RTI application along with duly attested copies of the information as available in the records, as per

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2342 OF 2024

the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Encl: RTI application sent to the respondent PIO, along with this order.

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Shri Deepak Mohan, (94170451156)

S/o Shri Ram LubhayaGoyal,
ThandiSarak, Opposite SDM Residence,
Adjoining Bank of Baroda,
Malerkotla - 148023

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SSP, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2505 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Deepak Mohan (9417051156) accompanied by
Shri Rajesh Kumar (9464286868)
Respondent: Head Constable Maninder (7837741687)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **18.12.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.02.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.03.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied by the respondent and further, he insisted that an affidavit must be provided by the respondent.

3. The respondent states that the sought information has already been supplied to the appellant requested in his RTI application by registered post as available in the records and also submitted a copy of the same reply (covering letter) during course of hearing vide letter no. 6846 dated 03.02.2025, which is taken on record.

4. The Commission notes that the respondent is cooperative, but the appellant is not cooperating with the department. During the hearing, the appellant was requested to argue in Punjabi because he was unable to explain in English. Shri Rajesh Kumar, accompanied by the appellant, interfered during the course of hearing, misbehaved and spoke in a loud voice insisted that the respondent will provide him complete information in the form of an affidavit.

5. I hereby recuse myself from further hearing of this appeal. The case file be sent to the Registry Branch to put up before Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for reallocation as he deems fit.

Date: 23.04.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Cc: Deputy Registrar, PSIC, along with case file.

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Shri Pavel Bahia, (9653755565)

S/o Shri Tarsem Bahia,
R/o House No. 291, Nandi Colony, Laheri Road,
Khanna, Distt Ludhiana

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Higher Education, Punjab,
Phase - 8, Mohali

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Higher Education, Punjab,
Phase - 8, Mohali

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6434 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Pavel Bahia (9653755565)
Respondent: Shri Maninder Singh, SA, (9888761587)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **29.01.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.03.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.10.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has received incorrect and vague reply from the respondent which did not address his RTI application. Further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 136 dated 15.04.2024, a copy of the same has also been submitted to the commission during the course of hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent PIO is directed to go through the official record once again and supply the complete sought information, to the appellant before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Dr. Rajesh Garg, (9855121648)

3049, Sector - 23 D,
Chandigarh.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Vice Chancellor,
Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6017 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Dr. Rajesh Garg (9855121648)
Respondent: Shri Arun Bajaj, SA (9915589197) and
Shri Subash Chander, Superintendent (7986732030)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **24.06.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **31.07.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.09.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **23.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has denied the sought information under section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 and directions of the Punjab Government vide notification dated 09.08.2021. The appellant further requested that directions may please be issued to the respondent to provide the information at the earliest. The appellant also submits his submission during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant. The respondent further, states that the information requested by the appellant is 3rd party, so the demanded information was denied under section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 and also as per the Punjab Government vide notification dated 09.08.2021.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 6017 OF 2024

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant, after redacting all personal details, within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
5. **To come up on 31.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 23.04.2025

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