



Ms Jaswinder Kumari, W/o Sh. Vinod Kumar,
R/o Village Mohri, Tehsil & District Ambala.
(M; 8607848082)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar, Education Department,
O/o Director (EE), Education Department,
Punjab School Education Board,
Phase-VIII, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director Public Instruction (Secondary Education),
Punjab School Education Board,
Phase-VIII, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3875 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Surjeet Singh, BPEO (Darian), Patiala along with Sh. Jaswinder Singh, BPEO (Patiala-3) on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 11.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 09.11.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2024 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. 24.09.2025.

2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing, without intimation, inspite of the notice of the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO, files a written reply dated 14.09.2025 today in the Commission mentioning therein that the information pertains to the third party, who was accordingly given notice to intimate whether the information sought by the appellant be disclosed or not. Said third party Sh. Vinod Kumar, has refused in writing to give consent for disclosure of the information sought by the appellant mentioning therein that his personal information should not be disclosed to anyone. In view of this denial, the sought for information cannot be provided, being third party as per Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent PIO has also mentioned that a Court Case is going on between Sh. Vinod Kumar and his wife. Moreover, no public interest has been demonstrated by the appellant.

4. The Commission concurs with the contention of the respondent PIO that information regarding salary record, latest salary withdrawn, nominee and entire salary including basic pay of Sh. Vinod Kumar, is third party information and has rightly been declined by the respondent PIO. The Hon'ble Punjab &

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Haryana High Court has also stayed the operation of Order dated 03.01.2017 passed by PSIC in AC No. 1928 of 2016 vide its Order dated 22.03.2017 passed by the Hon'ble Judge Sh. M.M.S.Bedi against CWP-3831-2017 wherein a judgment of Delhi High Court in Writ Petition No. (C) 803209 has been mentioned vide which husband had been denied information sought for by him pertaining to the official record of his wife during pendency of their matrimonial dispute. The Delhi High Court considered the provisions of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act and the concept of Public Interest Litigation arrived at the conclusion that the disclose of personal information would not be in public interest as the litigation was simply a private one.

5. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to send the copy of reply to the appellant, within a week, under intimation to the Commission, by registered post.

6. Keeping in view the prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that, no further cause of action is required to be taken. As such, the present case is **disposed of & closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24th September, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab