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#### Sh. Ajit Singh

S/o Sh. Tarlok Singh H. No. 289, New Patel Nagar, Nabha, Distt. - Patiala(Punjab) (M.-9464533987)

Appellant

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o District Education Officer (EE), Sangrur

#### **Public Information Officer,**

O/o District Education Officer (SE), Patiala

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o District Education Officer (SE), Sri Fatehagrh Sahib

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal, DIET, Nabha-147201

#### First Appellate Authority

O/o District Education Officer (EE), Sangrur

#### Appeal Case No.3380 of 2019

Vs

Respondents

Present : Sh. Ajit Singh, the appellant. Sh. Sushil Nath (7717334317), O/o DEO (SE), Sri Fatehgarh Sahib Sh. Sandeep Nagar (9814856100), Principal, DIET, Nabha Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Assistant (9914655346) Sh. Tara Singh, Superintendent (Retd.), O/o DEO (SE) on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2025.

2. At the outset the District Education Officer (Secondary Education), Sri Fatehgarh Sahib made the submissions that he has already submitted the inquiry to the Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education) for further necessary action. The appellant further requested that the PIO, O/o Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education) may be impleaded as a necessary party in this case.

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3. Accordingly, the PIO, O/o the Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education) is impleaded as a necessary party in this case and is also directed to submit the present status of the inquiry report which has been submitted by the District Education Officer (Secondary Education), Sri Fatehagrh Sahib vide letter no. W-4/2025/378 dated 23.04.2025 against Smt.

Archana Mahajan, Lecturer/former Principal, DIET, Nabha.

4. To come up on 06.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.

#### Date:24.04.2025

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#### CC:

Sh. G.S. Sodhi, PCS
 Director Public Instructions
 (Secondary Education),
 Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
 Block E, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Phase-VIII
 Mohali

#### ii. Sh. Sushil Nath, District Education Officer (SE) Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

#### iii. Sh. Sanjeev Sharma O/o District Education Officer (SE) Patiala

- iv. Ms. Baljinder Kaur District Education Officer(EE) Sangrur
- v. Sh. Sandeep Nagar Principal, DIET, Nabha-147201 District Patiala

#### vi. Sh. Tara Singh (Retd.) Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o District Education Officer (SE) Patiala

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Sh. Dhanna Singh, Ex-Sarpanch, S/o Sh. Kartar Singh, Vilage-Dhindsa,Tehsil-Moonak, District Sangrur (M.-9501296283)

Sh. Parveen Kumar Public Information Officer, -cum-Tehsildar O/o Tehsildar, Moonak Distt. Sangrur

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Moonak, Distt. Sangrur

#### Appeal Case No. 5836 of 2023

Respondents

.....Appellant

Present : Sh. Dhanna Singh, the appellant.

Sh. Gurmail Singh, Patwari, Khanuari (6280834281) on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.03.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

"2. None is present. The appellant has sought the following information. "ਵੇਚੀ ਗਈ ਜਮੀਨ ਦਾ ਤਵਾਦਲਾ ਨੀ ਹੋ ਸਕਿਆ ਨਾ ਕਿਮਤ ਮਿਲ ਸਕਦੀ। ਚੰਕਬੰਦੀ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟ ਹੁਕਮ ਦੀ ਕਪੀ ਲੈਣ ਦੇ ਸਵੰਧੀ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਛਤਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜ਼ੋਗੀਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿਆਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਜਮੇਰ ਸਿੰਘ s/o ਚੁੜ ਸਿੰਘ s/o ਜਵਾਲਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਢੀਡਸਾ ਕੁਲ 26 ਕਨਾਲ 6 ਮਰਲੇ ਹੈ। ਧੰਨਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਸਰਪੰਚ ਵਾਸੀ ਢੀਡਸਾ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਟਵਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਜਮੀਨ 26 ਕਨਾਲ 6 ਮਰਲੇ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਅੰਦਲ ਬਦਲ ਦਿਤੀ ਪੰਚਾਇਤੀ ਜਮੀਨ 154 ਕਨਾਲ 10 ਮਰਲੇ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਤਵਾਦਲਾ ਇਤਕਾਲ 1722 ਹੈ ਬਾਦ ਵਿਚ ਇਕੋ ਜੇਹੀ ਕਿਮਤ ਕਰ ਲਈ ਹੈ ਗੈਰਕਨੋਨੀ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਦਿਤਾ ਤਵਾਦਲਾ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਡਾਇਰੈਕੇਟ ਜਮੀਨ ਦਾ ਮੋਕੇ ਦੇ ਕਿਮਤ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਦਾ ਮਤੇ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਨਕਲ/ਅਧਕਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਔਡਰ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ"

Vs



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- 3. None is present on behalf of the parties. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Parveen Kumar, Tehsildar and he was also directed to serve the show-cause notice to all Tehsildars who served on this post since the date of RTI application i.e. 24.11.2021. They all are directed to remain present in person but none of the respondent is present.
- 4. So far as the information is concerned, partially it has been supplied i. e. the land was transferred from Gram Panchayat to Sh. Gurdev Singh etc. vide order dated 28.07.1982 as per the order of the Director, consolidation but neither a copy of the order nor any information related to this point i. e. point no. 1 of the RTI application has been supplied. As far as point no. 2 is concerned the respondent PIO made the submissions that land of 26 Canal 6 marlas of Sh. Gurdev Singh etc. was exchanged with Village Panchayat having 154 canal 10 marlas as per the order dated 28.07.2082 of the Director Consolidation and the appellant was advised to apply a copy of 'integal' in Sewa Kender, Sangrur if he intends to get a copy of the same.
- 5. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Sh. Kulwinder Singh (M.9815542436), Naib Tehsildar(Addl. Charge as Tehsildar, Moonak)-cum-Public Information Officer, Moonak, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a selfattested 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.



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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.

6. Keeping in view the above, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Financial Commissioner, Revenue to ensure the presence of the concerned Tehsildar, Moonak from the date of RTI application i. e. 24.11.2021. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur with the directions to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Moonak alongwith the original record related to the RTI application, a copy of which is also attached herewith. It is also clarified that in case of absence of the PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Moonak on the next date of hearing, a disciplinary action may be recommended to the competent authority."

2. The appellant requested for the information. Since, none is present on behalf of the respondent.

3. Keeping in the view the sought information, the PIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur (Record Branch) is impleaded as a necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information.

4. After the hearing is over, Sh. Gurmail Singh, Patwari, Khanauri (M:6280834281) appear at around 01:00 P.M. and requested for an adjournment. On asking particularly, the reply of show cause notice issued to Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Naib Tehsildar (M:9815542436), the respondent submits that he has transferred to Dirba and in his place Sh. Parveen Kumar, Tehsildar (9876502614) has joined the post and assured that they will be directed to file their reply in this case and will also be directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing. He was also appraised with the proceedings of this case. He further assured that the point-wise reply along with documentary evidence will be submitted through the PIO-cum-Tehsildar before the next date of hearing.

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5. To come up on **29.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.** 

#### Date:24.04.2025

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(Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Commisisoner (Record Branch), Sangrur

Encl. RTI application

**Sh. Kulwinder Singh** Naib Tehsildar, Dirba, District Sangrur

#### Sh. Gurmail Singh, Patwari

O/o Tehsildar, Moonak Distt. Sangrur

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#### Sh. Malkit Singh

S/o Sh. Ranjit Singh Village Nalas Khurd, Tehsil Rajpura District Patiala (M:9855661826)

Appellant

Vs

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal, Holy Angels School, Rajpura District Patiala

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Principal, Holy Angels School, Rajpura District Patiala

#### Appeal Case No. 5047 of 2023

Respondents

#### **Present :** Sh. Malkit Singh, the appellant. None on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.12.2024 and fixed for hearing on 12.12.2024 but was postponed and fixed for 10.04.2025, which was again postponed due to public holiday declared by the Punjab Government on account of Mahavir Jayanti and fixed for today i.e. 24.04.2025.

2. The appelaint made the submissions that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the information. He was apprised with the written submissions made by the respondent, Principal, Holy Angel School, Rajpura that the said school is not covered under RTI Act as per the submissions received from him but no counter submissions have been received from the appellant. In support of his claim he has submitted a copy of the orders of Central Information Commission, New Delhi in Appeal No.-CIC/DIRED/A/2022/611156-UM and Complaint No.-CIC/DIRED/C/2023/608414-UM.

3. He further requested that DEO (SE), be impleaded as a necessary party in this case and they may be directed to provide the sought information. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the said PIO, O/o District Education Officer (SE), Patiala is impleaded as a necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information in this case. A copy of RTI application is **being sent** to him along with this order.

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#### Appeal Case No. 5047 of 2023

4. To come up on 15.10.2025 at 11:30 A.M. at Chandigarh.

#### Date:24.04.2025

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(Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

**Public Information Officer,** O/o District Education Officer (SE), Patiala

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#### Sh. Naresh Gumber

#2377, Sector-71, Mohali-160071 (M:9915822240)

Appellant

Vs

#### Public Information Officer-

-cum-Superintendent O/o District Education Officer (SE), Fazilka

#### **First Appellate Authority**

O/o District Education Officer (SE), Fazilka

#### Appeal Case No.3754 of 2024

**Present :** Sh. Naresh Gumber, the appellant. None on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.09.2024 and fixed for hearing on 12.12.2024 but was postponed and fixed for 10.04.2025, which was again postponed due to public holiday declared by the Punjab Government on account of Mahavir Jayanti and fixed for today i.e. 24.04.2025.

2. The appellant requested that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the information.

3. It is also a fact that show cause notice was issued to the Public Information Officer, O/o District Education Officer (SE), Fazilka but neither any reply/submissions have been received from him nor he is present. **One last opportunity** is given to the Superintendent-cum-PIO, O/o DEO (SE), Fazilka to file the reply with regard to the show cause notice issued to him and also directed to file the reply/supply the information in this case before the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action may be recommended to the concerned competent authority.

4. To come up on **14.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.** 

Date:24.04.2025 G (Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

Respondents



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# AT HURST PARTY AND STREET

#### Advocate, Sh. Tejinder Singh

Civil Court, Thesil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur (M:9041004313)

Appellant

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o Station House Officer, Police Station Div. 6, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

#### Appeal Case No. 3837 of 2023

Vs

Respondents

**Present :** None on behalf of the appellant. ASI, Sh. Tarsem Singh (9463202689) on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

The RTI application is dated 21.01.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 11.03.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.06.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 24.04.2025 i.e. today.

2. The appellant is absent but has sent the written submissions, which are taken on record. However, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the reply/supply the information. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **23.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.** 

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#### Advocate, Sh. Tejinder Singh

Civil Court, Thesil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur (M:9041004313)

Vs

Public Information Officer--cum-Sub Divisonal Engineer, Provincial Sub Division No. 1, O/o PWD B & R, Civil Lines, Ludhiana

Encl.

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Superintending Engineer, PWD B & R, Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 3832 of 2023

Respondents

**Present:** None on behalf of the parties.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

The RTI application is dated 05.02.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 11.03.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.06.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 24.04.2025 i.e. today.

2. The appellant is absent but has sent the written submissions, which are taken on record, a copy of which are **being sent** to the respondent along with this order who is absent without intimation. He is further directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the written reply to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on 23.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.

Date:24.04.2025 G (Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab



Appellant

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Sh. Rajpal Singh S/o Sh. Madho Ram Street No. 2, Near Gurudwara Sahib Village Anoopgarh Urf Machhana

Tehsil & Distt. Bathinda (M:9877744530)

Encl.

Appellant

Vs

#### **Public Information Officer,**

O/o Regional Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Bathinda

#### First Appellate Authority

O/o Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Bathinda

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 700 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Ravideep Singla, Environment Engineer (7087300282) and Advocate, Sh. Amarpreet Singh (9888998001) on behalf of the M/s.... on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2025 and relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

- "2. The appellant has sought the following information:
  - ਬੀ.ਸੀ.ਐੱਲ ਪ੍ਰਾਇਵੇਟ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ, ਸੰਗਤ-ਮਛਾਣਾ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ ਹਵਾ, ਪਾਣੀ ਦੇ ਫੈਲ ਹੋਏ ਸੈਂਪਲਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।
- 3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case. The appellant further submits that he is seeking the information related to M/s BCL Pvt. Ltd. Sangat Machhana, Bathinda as the said factory is situated in his own village. However the respondent reiterated the submissions already sent by the respondent PIO-cum-Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda vide which he has categorically submitted that such information regarding failed samples is not maintained separately.



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- 4. After hearing both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to file the submissions that in which order failed samples of water and air of the companies is being maintained in the office. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to file the submissions that in case the repeated samples of water and air are failed then what is the mechanism, in case the same is not being maintained separately.
- 5. In addition to the above, the respondent PIO is also directed to file the point wise reply in an annotated form before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.
- 6. In accordance with the Punjab RTI rules, M/s BCL Private Ltd, Sangat Machhana, Bathinda is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, the PIO, is directed to deliver a copy of this order to the concerned third party with the directions to file the reply, if any, that why the sought information pertaining to the M/s BCL Private Ltd. may not be supplied to the appellant."

2. The appellant is absent but has requested for an adjournment in this case. However the respondent reiterated the submissions already sent through registered post, which are taken on record. Also, Sh. Amarpreet Singh, Advocate is present on behalf of the M/s BCL Pvt. Ltd. submitted a memo of appearance in this case but no written submissions have been received from him. Accordingly, he is at liberty to file the submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to come prepare for deliberations on the next date to take the matter to its logical end. A copy of the response received from the respondent is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order for deliberations on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **29.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.** 

Date:24.04.2025

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(Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

**M/s BCL Private Ltd,** Sangat Machhana, Bathinda

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Sh. Rajpal Singh S/o Sh. Madho Ram Street No. 2, Near Gurudwara Sahib Village Anoopgarh Urf Machhana Tehsil & Distt. Bathinda (M:9877744530)

Encl.

Appellant

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Bathinda

#### **First Appellate Authority**

O/o Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Bathinda

Respondents

#### Appeal Case No. 701 of 2024

Vs

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Ravideep Singla, Environment Engineer (7087300282) on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant is absent but has sent the written submissions to adjourn the case. However the respondent reiterated the submissions already sent through the registered post, which are taken on record. Also, a response has been received from M/s D.K. Industries that their information may not be supplied to the appellant. The relevant portion of the submissions made by the third party i.e. D.K. Industries, Dabwali road, Village Gehri Gutter, Distt. Bathinda is as follows:

> "ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਾਤਾਵਰਣ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ -ਕਮ-ਪਬਲਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ , ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਤੀ 12/10/2023 ਰਾਹੀ (ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀ ਨੱਥੀ) ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਕਿ D.K Industries Dabwali road Gehri Butter ਦੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਨਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ | ਮੇਰੇ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਾਲ 2017 ਵਿੱਚ varied consent ਲਈ ਆਨ-ਲਾਈਨ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਨਹੀ ਪਤਾ ਕਿ varied consent ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਬੋਰਡ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਏਜੰਡਾ ਨੋਟ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਉਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਵੀ ਨਹੀ ਪਤਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਨਵਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਲੈਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗਾ ਕਿ ਬੋਰਡ ਵੱਲੋ ਕੋਈ ਏਜੰਡਾ ਨੋਟ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।

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#### Appeal Case No. 701 of 2024

ਹੁਣ ਵਾਤਾਵਰਣ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ -ਕਮ-ਪਬਲਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਵਾਤਾਵਰਣ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ -ਕਮ-ਪਬਲਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ , ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ "Certified copy of Agenda Note prepared by the board in year 2017 to issue varied consent to operate for the industry D.K Industries Dabwali road Gehri Butter Distt. Bathinda" ਦੇ ਏਜੰਡਾ ਨੇਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਫਾਈਨਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਸਟੇਟਮੈਂਟਾਂ, ਬੈਂਕ ਲੋਨ, ਪ੍ਰਾਜੈਕਟ ਰਿਪੋਰਟਾਂ, ਮੋਬਾਈਲ ਨੰਬਰ, ਈ-ਮੇਲ ਆਈ.ਡੀ. ਅਤੇ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਕਿਹੜੀ-ਕਿਹੜੀ ਮਸ਼ੀਨਰੀ ਲੱਗੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ , ਉਸ ਦੀ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਨਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੇਣ ਤੇ ਮੇਰਾ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਬੋਰਡ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਭਰਪਾਈ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਰਟ ਕੇਸ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਹੱਕਦਾਰ ਹੋਵਾਂਗਾ।"

3. Accordingly, a copy of the response received from the respondent/third party is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order with the directions to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations.

4. To come up on **29.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.** 

Date:24.04.2025 G (Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

**D.K. Industries,** Dabwali road, Village Gehri Gutter, Distt. Bathinda

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Sh. Rajpal Singh S/o Sh. Madho Ram Street No. 2, Near Gurudwara Sahib Village Anoopgarh Urf Machhana Tehsil & Distt. Bathinda (M:9877744530)

Encl.

Vs

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Bathinda

#### First Appellate Authority

O/o Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Bathinda

#### Appeal Case No. 702 of 2024

**Present :** None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Ravideep Singla, Environment Engineer (7087300282) and Advocate, Sh. Amarpreet Singh (9888998001) on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2025 and relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

"2. The appellant sought the following information:

"ਬੀ.ਸੀ.ਐੱਲ. ਪ੍ਰਾਇਵੇਟ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ, ਸੰਗਤ-ਮਛਾਨਾ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

- 1 ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ ਬੋਰਡ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਇਨਸਪੈਕਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਨਸਪੈਕਸ਼ਨ/ਵਿਜ਼ਟ/ਮੌਕਾ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।
- 2. NOC/Fresh/Renewal/Varied consent to operate ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਏਜੰਡਾ ਨੋਟ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ (ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ) ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

Appellant

Respondents

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#### Appeal Case No. 702 of 2024

- ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਫੈਕਟਰੀ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੱਕ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਹਰਿੰਗਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸ਼ਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।"
- 3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information in this case. The appellant further submits that he is seeking the information related to M/s BCL Pvt. Ltd. Sangat Machhana, Bathinda as the said factory is situated in his own village. However the respondent reiterated the submissions already sent by the respondent PIO-cum-Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda vide which he has directed the appellant to inspect the record as the sought information by the appellant is not clear and some information is not available. Also, the respondent present during the hearing made the submissions that the agenda note prepared by the office is third party information which cannot be supplied to the appellant.
- 4. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to submit the copies of the information which is available on record except third party information. Regarding the third party information, the respondent PIO is directed to classify which type of personal information, exist in the sought information. He is also directed to place on record, if any, Instructions/Guidelines issued by the Punjab Pollution Control Board to prepare an agenda note.
- 5. In addition to the above, the respondent PIO is also directed to file the point wise reply in an annotated form before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.
- 6. In accordance with the Punjab RTI rules, M/s BCL Private Ltd, Sangat Machhana, Bathinda is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, the PIO, is directed to deliver a copy of this order to the concerned third party with the directions to file the reply, if any, that why the sought information pertaining to the M/s BCL Private Ltd. may not be supplied to the appellant.

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2. The appellant is absent but has requested for an adjournment in this case. However the respondent reiterated the submissions already sent through registered post, which are taken on record. Also, Sh. Amarpreet Singh, Advocate is present on behalf of the M/s BCL Pvt. Ltd. submitted a memo of appearance in this case but no written submissions have been received from him. Accordingly, he is at liberty to file the submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to come prepare for deliberations on the next date to take the matter to its logical end. A copy of the response received from the respondent is being sent to the appellant along with this order for deliberations on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 29.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.

Date:24.04.2025 G

(Inderpal Singh) **Chief Information Commissioner** Punjab

CC:

M/s BCL Private Ltd, Sangat Machhana, Bathinda

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#### Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia

Senior Citizen, President Ludhiana, NCAG Office, #1331-5, Near Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road, Shimlapuri Ludhiana-141003 (M:9888710031) PSIC usis

Appellant

Respondents

Vs

#### Public Information Officer,

O/o Station house Officer, Police Station Daba, Ludhiana

#### First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

#### Appeal Case No. 6174 of 2022

. . . . . . . . . .

**Present :** None on behalf of the appellant ASI, Sh. Tarsem Singh (9463202689) on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2023. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, Punjab, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 24.04.2025.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 23.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.

Date:24.04.2025

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## Sh. Kuldip Kumar

H.No. 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk, FGC Road, Amritsar-143001 (M:7814348489)

Encl.

Vs

#### Sh. Sukhdev Singh Public Information Officer, -cum-Enviornmental Engineer O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Amritsar

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Amritsar

#### Appeal Case No. 1308 of 2023 Heard thorugh Video Conference

#### **Present :** Sh. Kuldip Singh,the appellant through Video Conference. Sh. Jasmeet Singh, Sub Divisional Officer (8289081269) at PSIC Office, Chandigarh on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2025.

2. The respondent filed the reply in an annotated form, which is taken on record and a copy of the same is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order. He further made the submissions that the appellant can inspect the record and he will personally assist him with which the appellant agreed to. Accordingly, the appellant is at liberty to visit the office of the respondent i.e. Senior Environmental Engineer, 164, Old Focal Point, Mehta Road, Amritsar and can contact Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Environmental Engineer (9501005783) or Sh. Jasmeet, Sub Divisional Officer (8289081269) before visiting the said office. The appellant is directed to visit the respondent's office on any working day till 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 between 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM except Lunch time. He is also directed to intimate the respondent prior to the visit of the office so that respondent may be able to make available the record for the inspection related to the RTI application. Also, the respondent is directed to supply the information, duly certified, if so identified by the appellant. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the same will be viewed seriously.

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3. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Jatinder Soni who has transferred at Jalandhar as has been informed by the respondent present during the course of hearing. Accordingly, **one opportunity** is granted to him to file the reply with regard to show cause notice issued to him.

Sh. Sukhdev Singh and Sh. Jatinder Soni, Environmental Engineers, both are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations at Chandigarh, failing which the decision will be taken ex parte on merit.

4. The appellant is at liberty to attend hearing through Video Conference Facility available in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

5. To come up on **06.08.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.** 

**Date:24.04.2025** G (Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

Sh. Jatinder Soni
Public Information Officer,
-cum-Enviornmental Engineer
O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Jalandhar

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#### Sh. Karnail Singh

S/o Sh. Changa Singh 378, New Azad Nagar, Ferozepur City (M.-9876944476)

.....Appellant

.....Respondents

Vs

**Sh. Rajinder Singh-Tehsildar-**-cum-Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Ferozepur

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate

Ferozepur

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ferozepur

#### Appeal Case No. 3042 of 2022

**Present :** Sh. Karnail Singh, the appellant. None on behalf of the respondent.

## ORDER None on be

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.11.2024 and fixed for hearing on 12.12.2024 but was postponed and fixed for 10.04.2025, which was again postponed due to public holiday declared by the Punjab Government on account of Mahavir Jayanti and fixed for today i.e. 23.04.2025.

2. The appellant has made the submissions that he has received the information but no deficiency has been received from him. Accordingly, <u>one last opportunity</u> is granted to the appellant to point out the same. However, the respondent is absent without intimation. Accordingly, <u>one last opportunity</u> is also granted to the PIO-cum-Superintendent, O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Ferozepur to remain present, failing which punitive action will be initiated against him as per the RTI Act, 2005.

3. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Harakanwaljit Singh, PCS but neither he is present nor any submissions have been received from him. Although a copy of the last order and notice of postponement of hearing were also sent to the Financial Commissioner Revenue and Secretary Personnel.

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#### Appeal Case No. 3042 of 2022

4. Keeping in view the above, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Secretary Personnel

(PCS branch) to deliver a copy of this order to Sh. Harakanwaljit Singh, PCS under intimation to the Commission.

5. To come up on **30.07.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.** 

#### Date:24.04.2025

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#### (Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

Sh. Anurag Verma, IAS

Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

**Ms. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, IAS** Secretary, Personnel Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

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Vs



Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab) (M.-9814924851)

.. Appellant

- Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer, O/o Superintendent, (Establishment Branch) O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- iii) Public Information Officer, O/o Superintendent (General Branch) O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

# .....Respondents Appeal Case No. 862 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Aman Kumar(M.-8054999695), Senior Assistant, on behalf of respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2024.

2. At the outset, the respondent made the submissions that the appellant has already sought the similar information in case no. A. C. 562 of 2021, in which the information has been supplied and the case had already been disposed of and closed by the Commission.

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#### Appeal Case No. 862 of 2021 -2-

3. Before proceedings in the matter, the appellant is directed to file the written submissions whether the similar information can be sought in two separate cases i. e. A. C. No. 862 of 2021 and A. C. 562 of 2021 and in this situation whether his present appeal is maintainable in the eyes of law ? It is also clarified that in case no response is received before the next date of hearing the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u> <u>Chandigarh</u>.

Date :24<sup>th</sup>April, 2025 R

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Subedar Major Balbir Singh S/o Sh. Ram Kishan (Punjab) Village - Jamalpur, Post Office -Umarpur, Tehsil - Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur(Punjab) (M:9464726538)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o TheBlock Development and Panchayat Officer, Mukerian, Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development And Panchayat Officer, Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

Appeal Case No. 2011 of 2023

Present : Sh. Subedar Major Balbir Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Sukhpreet Pal Singh (M.-9888067743), B.D.P.O., in person.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.03.2025.

2. The appellant made the submissions that Ex-Sarpanch namely, Ms. Suman Kumari has signed the documents, during her tenure, which are in his custody, has signed separately/different to each other and also alleged that all the signatures made on separate documents are of different persons.

3. The 'public interest' has been asked from the appellant and he has shown the few documents which appears to be signed by the different party/people and the appellant has placed on record the various signatures of ex-Sarpanch, Ms. Suman Kumar along with her stamp and he is curious about the genuineness of the document supplied by the respondent under the RTI Act, 2005. He further submits that it is his 'personal interest' as well as 'public interest' rather it is more essential that Hon'ble Court has been befooled or not. Accordingly, the presence of the ex-Sarpanch, Ms. Suman Kumari before the Commission is very essential as a necessary 'party' in this case. Accordingly, directions are hereby given to her (Ex-Sarpanch, Ms. Suman Kumari) to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing to clear her situation in the prevailing circumstances.

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#### Appeal Case No. 2011 of 2023

4. Sh. Sukhpreet Pal Singh, the B.D.P.O., Mukerian, who is present, in person, in today's hearing, will communicate this order to the ex-Sarpanch, Ms. Suman Kumari to be present before the Commission on the next date of hearing and a copy of the RTI request be also sent alongwith this order to ex-Sarpanch, Ms. Suman Kumari under intimation to the Commission. It is also clarified to the ex-Sarpanch that in case no written response is received from her the Commission will proceed as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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5. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u> <u>Chandigarh</u>.

Date :24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 R (Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

CC :

Ms. Suman Kumar, Ex-Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat – Aulia, Block - Mukerian, Encl : RTI request Distt. - Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

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Sh. Jatinder Kumar H. No. 808, Rai Colony, Near Dr. Mittal Hospital, Chandigarh Road, Nawanshaher(Punjab) (M.9872324111)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Nawanshaher(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Urban), Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

.....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 379 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jatinder Kumar, the appellant in person.

- i) Sh. SimranDhindsa (M.-8968854547), Executive Officer, in person ;
- ii) Sh. JaswantRai, (M.-8427779209), Accountant ;
- iii) Sh. Ram Parkash (M.-9417479460) Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Tanda, for the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.03.2025.

2. The appellant reiterated the submissions sent by him through an email on 18.04.2025 and also submitted the written submissions, which are taken on record and a copy of the same is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing. Also, a copy of an e-mail received from the appellant has been forwarded to the Executive Officer at his email provided i. e. mcnawanshahr@gmail.com with the directions to file the written/counter submissions, if any, within thirty days from the issue of this order to take the matter to its logical end.

3. With this, the order in this case is '<u>Reserved'</u> and would be pronounced later on.

Date :24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 R

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Sh. Dalwinder Singh S/o Sh. Gurbachan Singh, Flat No. 904, Tower B-4, Punjab Premium Apartments (PPA), Sector 88, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)- 140308 (Punjab) (M.-8196834206) **RTI Application No. 76560** Vs

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

.....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1104 of 2024

Present : Sh. Dalwinder Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

The RTI application is dated 03.11.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 07.12.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 24.04.2025.

2. The respondent PIO Ms. Amandeep Kaur, BDPO, Dera Baba Nanak requested for an adjournment in this case a day prior to the date of hearing i. e. 23.04.2025 and also assured that the information will be supplied to the appellant within a week. She has also informed that she is apprising this fact to the appellant. Also, the appellant submits that he has received a call from the respondent yesterday i. e. 23.04.2025 and she assured that the complete information will be supplied to him.

3. Keeping in view the assurance given by the respondent, the case is <u>adjourned to</u> <u>29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh</u> with the directions to supply the information and the appellant is directed to file the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

Date :24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 R

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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

.....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1106 of 2024

Present : Sh. Dalwinder Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

The RTI application is dated 18.10.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 07.12.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 24.04.2025.

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2. The respondent PIO Ms. Amandeep Kaur, BDPO, Dera Baba Nanak requested for an adjournment in this case a day prior to the date of hearing i. e. 23.04.2025 and also assured that the information will be supplied to the appellant within a week. She has also informed that she is apprising this fact to the appellant. Also, the appellant submits that he has received a call from the respondent yesterday i. e. 23.04.2025 and she assured that the complete information will be supplied to him.

3. Keeping in view the assurance given by the respondent, the case is <u>adjourned to</u> <u>29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh</u> with the directions to supply the information and the appellant is directed to file the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

Date :24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 R

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Sh. Rajinder Singh, S/o Sh. Sohan Singh House No. 108, Satnam Nagar, Neelpur, Rajpura, District Patiala-140401 (M:9815186419)



....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Industries & Commerce, Pb., Room No. 206, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 17 Bays Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Industries& Commerce, Pb., Room No. 206, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 17 Bays Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

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## Appeal Case No. 4024 of 2024

V/s

Present : Sh. Rajinder Singh, the appellant in person with Sh. Pavitar Singh

- i) Sh. Jasvir Singh(M.-9464452513) Superintendent, Grade-I;
- ii) Sh. Darshan Singh(M.-7986819510), Senior Assistant ;
- iii) Sh. Sandeep Sharma, Clerk(M.-9780445547) O/o Collector Land Acquisition, Branch of Dept. of Industry & Commence for respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2025.

2. The respondent filed the reply in an annotated form, a copy of which is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing, duly certified and a copy of the same has been retained in the case file. Accordingly, the appellant is at liberty to file the counter submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u> <u>Chandigarh</u>.

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.....Appellant

Vs

The Executive Officer-cum-Public Information Officer, Nagar Council, Gidderbaha, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Gidderbaha, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2553 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. None on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.04.2024, which was heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for today i. e. 24.04.2025.

2. The appellant is absent. Also none is present on behalf of the respondent PIO.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, Nagar Council, Gidderbaha 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.

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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. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u>

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Chandigarh.

Date :24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 R (Inderpal Singh) Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

CC :

The Director, (To ensure the presence of the respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer) Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o The Principal Secretary, Transport Department, Punjab, Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority O/o The Principal Secretary, Transport Department, Punjab, Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 5307 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. Ms. Harmohan Kaur (M. 9878326706) on behalf of the respondent.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.04.2024, which was heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for today i. e. 24.04.2025.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation, However, the respondent submits that she is from the office of the Director, State Transport, Punjab and, in this case, the appellant was directed to inspect the record but he has not come to inspect the record. After detailed deliberations with the respondent, an another opportunity is granted to the appellant to inspect the record, only in this case, on any working day and contact Ms. Harmohan Kaur (M. No. 9878326706) before visiting the office. She is further directed to write a letter to the appellant to inspect the record and if any document is identified by the appellant during the inspection, the same be supplied to the appellant, duly certified.

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3. It is also a fact that the representative of the office of the Director, State Transport, Punjab is present but no written submissions have been received from the Public Information Officer O/o the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Transport to whom the RTI application was filed. As such the said Public Information Officer is also directed to file the written submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing whether the RTI application was transferred to the Director, State Transport under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, if so then documentary evidence be submitted in this regard. He is also directed to send the name(s), designations and present place of posting of each Superintendent-cum-PIO from the date of RTI application i.e. 15.05.2023.

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3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u> <u>Chandigarh</u>.

Date :24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 R