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Sh. Balvir Singh, S/o Sh. Mahala Singh, Village Sarawan, Tehsil Jaito, District: Faridkot, Pin Code – 151204. (M:9465610329).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer.

O/o Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Deputy Commissioner Office, Jaito, District Faridkot.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 939 of 2024

Present:

- (i) Sh. Balvir Singh, the appellant.
- (ii) Sh. Sanjeev Pal Singh, Office Kanungo, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 28.07.2023 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 19.09.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.01.2024 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.24.06.2025 by the Commission.
- 2. The appellant states that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide correct information.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Sanjeev Pal Singh, Office Kanungo, requests that some additional time be given to him to file a point-wise written reply in response to the RTI application.
- 4. The request of the respondent PIO is acceded to with the directions to file a point-wise written reply along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. Also, the appellant is directed to file the deficiencies, if any, in an annotated form to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 30 days after receipt of the reply from the respondent to enable the respondent to remove the same.
- 5. A copy of this order is being sent to the **Tehsildar**, **Jaito Sh. SUkhwinder Pal Singh**, to appear personally on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of absence of the respondent PIO on the next date of hearing, his presence will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the procedure established by the Law.

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6. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 10th September, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.</u> Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Dated: 24th June, 2025

CC:

Sh. Sukhwinder Pal Singh, Tehsildar, O/o Tehsildar, Jaito.

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Sh. Major Khan, S/o Sh. Dyal Khan, Village and Post Office: Hoshiarpur, Tehsil Kharar, District: Mohali (M:9023661991).

....Appellant

Public Information Officer.

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Block Majri, District SAS Nagar(Mohali).

Public Information Officer,

O/o Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Village Hoshiarpur, Tehsil: Majri, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 943 of 2024

Present:

- (i) Sh. Major Khan, the appellant.
- (ii) Sh. Gurmukh Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondent PIO.

V/s

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 29.08.2023 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 26.10.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.01.2024 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.24.6.2025 by the Commission.
- 2. The appellant states that till date, nothing has been received from the respondent PIO and requested that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Gurmukh Singh, Panchayat Secy., files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 03.11.2023 that this information is to be supplied by the office of Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Mohali and reply has already been sent to the appellant in this regard.
- 4. Since, the information is to be provided by the respondent PIO O/o Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Mohali. I, therefore, order that the respondent PIO O/o Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Mohali be impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to file a point-wise written reply along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. Also, the appellant is directed to file the

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deficiencies, if any, in an annotated form to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 30 days after receipt of the reply from the respondent to enable the respondent to remove the same, if any, before the next date of hearing.

- 5. All the parties are also directed to remain present personally, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit *ex-parte*.
- 6. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 10th September, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.</u> Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/(Pooja Gupta)

Dated: 24th June, 2025

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Enclosed: RTI application dated 29.08.2023

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Smt. Neeru Bala, (M: 9463868352). H.No 54, Lane No. 5, Near Durga Mandir, Jagdish Enclave, Patiala-147004.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Revenue Officer, DC Office, Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner, District Administrative Complex, Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 982 of 2024

Present:

(i) Smt. Neeru Bala, the appellant.

(ii) Smt. Gurmeet Kaur, Principal O/o Mata Sundri Sr. Sec. Public School, Attewali, Fatehgarh Sahib, Smt. Rekha Singla, Clerk along with Sh. Ankit Gupta, Clerk, O/o Secy., Red Cross, Fatehgarh Sahib on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 29.06.2023 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 24.08.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.01.2024 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.24.06.2025 by the Commission.
- The appellant states that till date, complete and correct information has not been provided to her by the respondent PIO and requested that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the complete information.
- 3. Smt. Gurmeet Kaur, Principal O/o Mata Sundri Sr. Sec. Public School, Attewali, Fatehgarh Sahib is appearing in person and states that she has brought the information along with original record for the perusal of the appellant today in the Commission. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.
- 4. Post deliberations, the Bench gives the time to the respondent PIO to show the appellant all the relevant documents today itself in the adjoining court room and then report to the Bench. After showing the appellant records, the respondent apprises the Bench that all the details have been shown to the appellant. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant still seems to be unsatisfied. The appellant pointed out that the respondent has not brought the complete record.

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- 5. Accordingly, the appellant Smt. Neeru Bala is given an opportunity to inspect the record and procuring specific information that she requires. The respondent PIO is directed to arrange for inspection of the concerned record pertaining to the RTI application on **04.07.2025 at 11.00AM**, as mutually agreed today, during course of hearing. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information to the appellant free of cost. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.
- 6. All the parties are also directed to remain present personally, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit *ex-parte*.
- 7. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 10th September, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.</u> Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/(Pooja Gupta)

Dated: 24th June, 2025

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CC:

- (i) Principal, (For compliance) Mata Sundri Sr. Sec. Public School, Attewali, Fatehgarh Sahib.
- (ii) Secretary (For compliance) O/o Red Cross, Fatehgarh Sahib.

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Sh. J.S. Randhawa, (M: 9872074150) H.No 1146, Sector- 21/B, Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer.

O/o Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited, 18- Himalaya Marg, Sector-17/A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief General Manger, Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited, 18-Himalaya Marg, Sector-17/A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 990 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. J.S.Randhawa, the appellant.

(ii)Sh. Vinod Bhatti, Deputy Manager, Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Sr. Executive along with Smt.

Isha Arora, Sr. Executive, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 27.09.2023 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 15.11.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.01.2024 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.24.06.2025 by the Commission.
- 2. The appellant states that he has received a reply from the respondent PIO vide letter dated 17.11.2023 that the information cannot be provided as per RTI Section 8(i)(h). He further adds that till date, an inquiry is still under process and he has suffered mental harassment in getting the information, as his pension dues are still awaited. He requested that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the desired information.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Vinod Bhatti, Deputy Manager along with Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Sr. Executive and Smt. Isha Arora, Sr. Executive, files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.11.2023. Copy of the same is taken on record.
- 4. Nevertheless, one <u>last opportunity</u> is given to the respondent Public Information Officer to file a final fact finding of the case in the Commission, so that the case be adjudicated in a speedy manner. This must be done before the next date of hearing, failing which the decision will be taken ex-parte on merit. It is also clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.

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5. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 10th September, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.</u> Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 24th June, 2025 (Pooja Gupta)
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