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Shri Jaspal Singh Mann, S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
152, Village Sehna Khera, Tehsil Malout,
Distt: Mukatsar Sahib. RTI Application NO.44755.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

....Respondents

AC No. 1471 of 2023

**Present: i) Shri Jaspal Singh Mann - Appellant – through cisco-webex
ii) Shri Harjit Singh, Deputy District Education Officer(Elementary), Sri Mukatsar Sahib for the Respondent – in person**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 24.12.2022 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 04.01.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.02.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per respondent, the appellant has sought information regarding buses being engaged by the private schools in the jurisdiction of District Sri Mukatsar Sahib for conveyance of children. This information is not available in the official records and the reply to this effect has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 03.02.2023. Further there are 198 private and aided schools in the jurisdiction of Sri Mukatsar Sahib and the buses being engaged by these schools are not under the control of this organisation. These private schools also do not come under the ambit of RTI Act.
3. The appellant is not satisfied with the reply given.
4. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper duly signed by the notified PIO and attested by the Notary Public mentioning therein that information related to private schools is not available in the official records. There are 198 private schools in the jurisdiction of Sri Mukatsar Sahib and these schools do not come under RTI Act. The statement made is true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein. The affidavit in original be sent to the appellant within 21 days and a copy of the same be forwarded to the Commission for record.
5. With the above directions, the case is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of order be sent to both the parties.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
17.05.2023**

**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner**