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Shri Surinder Singh AEE Retd.,  
S/o Shri AJit Singh, Deep Enclave,  
Village Satyawala, Distt:Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Managing Director,  
PSPCL, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Chief Engineer,  
HRD, PSPCL, Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No. 2418 of 2023**

**Present:** i) **Ms.Chandanpreet Kaur, on behalf of the appellant-in person.**  
ii) **Smt. Bhupinder Kaur, Deputy Secy., Technical-4, along with Shri G.K.Virdhi, Suptd on behalf of the respondent-in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 11.02.2022 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 29.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.04.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today. The representative of the appellant states the appellant has received the information except point nos. 4 and 5.

3. The respondent states that the information pertaining to point no. 4 and 5 being third party information is exempted from disclosure under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act. He further states that appellant was called to their office twice on 07.11.2022 and 14.11.2022 but the appellant never visited the office for inspection of related records.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusal of the file, it emerges that the plea taken by the respondent is not convincing and the same is not covered under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act. I overrule the respondent and direct him to provide inputs on point no 4 and 5 to the appellant as available in official records. The PIO is also directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the case is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
20.07.2023**

**Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**