

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
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Shri Rajan Kumar
#187 D, Ranjit Nagar,
Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Distt. Education Officer (SE),
Patiala.

Public Information Officer/Headmistress,

Mahindra Kanya Mahavidyalaya,
Nabha Gate, Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Public Instruction (SE),
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8,
Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No. 5057of 2022

Present: i) **Appellant- absent.**
ii) **Smt. Santosh Kumar Senior Assistant and Shr Sukhbir Singh, Jr.Assistant
O/o D.E.O. (Sec.Edu.), Patiala,on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 18.07.2022 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 14.09.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.03.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Rajan Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Smt. Santosh Kumar Senior Assistant and Shr Sukhbir Singh, Junior Assistant, O/o District Education Officer (Sec. Edu.), Patiala come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. Smt. Santosh Kumari states that information on point No.1 & 2 has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 23.12.2022, whereas the information sought by appellant on point No.3 to 12 relates to PIO/Headmistress, Mahindra Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Nabha Gate, Patiala. RTI application has been transferred to her vide letter dated 11.08.2022. However, in spite of various letters, the PIO of the school has not supplied information to the appellant in spite of reminders dated 02.11.2022 and 23.01.2023 and she is taking the plea that the school does not come within the purview of RTI Act, 2005, whereas the school is getting 95% grant in aid from the Government of Punjab.

4. In view of submissions made by the respondent before the Bench, the PIO/Headmistress, Mahindra Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Nabha Gate, Patiala is impleaded as Respondent No.2 and is directed to supply information to the appellant on point No.3 to 12 relating to them. The PIO/Headmistress, Mahindra Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Nabha Gate, Patiala is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.05.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.03.2023**

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

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