



Sh. Surjit Singh, (8146860324)
S/o Sh. Prem Chand,
Village Parch Soonk, S.A.S Nagar.

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Bank Manager, Cooperative Bank, MullanpurGaribdas,
Tehsil Kharar, Distt S.A.S Nagar.

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

(Ecl. RTI) Public Information Officer

O/o Registrar Of Societies,
District Industry Center Phase 6, Mohali .

(Ecl. RTI) CC: The President Sh. Sucha Singh

Parchh Forest Development & Management Society,
Village Parchh Tehsil Kharar, Distt S.A.S Nagar (Pb.)

Complaint Case No. 841 of 2022

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Appeal/Complaint filed in the Commission
09.12.2022	12.12.2022	12.12.2022

Present: Appellant: Sh. Surjit Singh

Respondent: Sh. SomNath (Asst. Mgr.), 8847592775

Advocate Naginder Singh Vashisht, 9815954398

ORDER (First Hearing):-

Facts of the case

1. That appellant complainant submitted an application on 09.12.2022 under the RTI Act, 2005 to the Branch Manager of the Mullanpur Garibdas Branch of the SAS Nagar Central Cooperative Bank Ltd, for seeking certified copies of the Account Statements of Forest Management Society, Parchh from the date of Institution. Thereafter the Branch Manager of the Mullanpur Garibdas Branch of the Bank replied to the said letter, vide letter no. 367 dated 12.12.2022 that bank is not covered under the RTI.

Proceeding

2. During the hearing before the State Information Commission (SIC), the respondent stated that the Bank is not covered under the Right to Information Act, 2005 as the Bank is not a public authority as contemplated under the Act. It is not bound to reveal the information sought by the complainant.

3. View of SIC After hearing the parties and on perusal of the relevant documents on file the

State Information Commission (SIC) observed that, the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information therefore, Registrar Of Societies, District Industry Center, Mohali the president of Forest Management Society, Parchh, S.A.S Nagar **is impleaded as necessary parties in this case.**

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A copy of RTI application be sent to the said office along with this order through registered post for their ready reference along with directions as an opportunity to represent this case in person or through any of his representative(s) on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case, without fail.

4. To come up on **22.02.2023** through **personal hearing** at PSIC Chandigarh timing **11:30 am**.

Sd/-

(Maninder Singh Patti)

State Information Commissioner, Pb.

Chandigarh

Dated: 23.01.2023