

Shri Hakam Singh,
S/o Shri Darshan Singh
R/o Madhir, Tehsil Gidderbaha,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

..... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Respondent

CC No.853 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Hakam Singh, Complainant- in person.**
(ii) **Shri Jagdev Singh, Sadar Kanungo O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib,
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 19.09.2022 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 05.12.2022 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.02.2023. The case has been heard today. The complainant Shri Hakam Singh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.

3. Shri Jagdev Singh, Sadar Kanungo O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the reply to RTI application has been given to the complainant vide letter dated 30.01.2023 with a copy to the Hon'ble Commission. On the asking of the Bench, the respondent explains that the record with regard to which the information has been sought by the complainant is about sixty years old and the same is not available in the office of D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib. He further explains that from erstwhile Ferozepur District, Faridkot District was carved out in 1972. Thereafter, in 1995, Sri Muktsar Sahib District was carved out of Faridkot district. In this realignment of districts, certain records may have been displaced. The record relating to village Madhir has not been received in their district and as such, no information can be supplied to the complainant.

4. On the asking of the Bench, the complainant admits receipt of this reply, but he expresses dis-satisfaction and states that he does not agree with the reply of respondents and states that record of the relevant period in respect of certain villages is available with D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib and in case, the record was missing, then the record of entire district should not be available and not just one particular village.

5. Post deliberations, the PIO O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib is directed to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the record with regard to which the information has been sought by the complainant in CC No.853/2022 is about sixty years old and the same is not available in the office of D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib. It be further stated that from erstwhile Ferozepur District, Faridkot District was carved out in 1972. Thereafter, in 1995, Sri Muktsar Sahib District was carved out of Faridkot district. In this realignment of districts, certain records may have been displaced. The record relating to village Madhir has not been received in their district and as such, no information can be supplied to the complainant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the complainant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant complaint case is disposed off and closed.**
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
06.02.2023

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