



Gurcharan Dass Batish,
H. No. 185/1-B, Prem Nagar,
Near 'Varendera Marble',
Badson Road, Patiala - 147004(Punjab)
(M.-96464-00600 & 96461-18201)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The A.I.G.P.(Admin-II)
O/o Bureau of Investigation,
Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The A.I.G.P.(Admin)
O/o Bureau of Investigation,
Police Head Quarter,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3307 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Establishment Officer-cum-PIO(M.-84270-06927), in person ;
ii) Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant (M.-98775-89262), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 22.03.2022. First appeal is dated .2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.07.2022.

3. The appellant, Sh. Gurcharan Dass Batish, is not present in today's hearing.

4. Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Establishment Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant, submits a reply vide letter no. 1496 dated 12.10.2022 as a reply to the show-cause issued to her vide orders dated 07.09.2022. It is taken on record.

5. After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerges that the RTI request dated 22.03.2022 is addressed to PIO office of D. G. P., Punjab, Chandigarh and on the last date of hearing, held on 07.09.2022, the representative of the respondent orally stated that the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of S. S. P., Patiala. Further, direction were given the respondent PIO to clarify the issue how the information relates to office of S. S. P., Patiala whereas the RTI request is in the name of PIO office of D. G. P., Punjab, Chandigarh.

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6. After going the contents of the reply dated 12.10.2022 submitted by Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Establishment Officer in today's hearing, it emerges that she (Ms. Gurpreet Kaur) has only cleared the fact of her non-presence during the last date of hearing held on 07.09.2022 but not cleared the fact that how the information relates to office of S. S. P., Patiala whereas the RTI request is in the name of PIO office of D. G. P., Punjab, Chandigarh.

7. Accordingly, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO, who is Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Establishment Officer to file a reply to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request in the shape of an affidavit or clarify the fact that how the information relates to office of S. S. P., Patiala, whereas, the RTI request is in the name of PIO office of D. G. P., Punjab, Chandigarh.

8. The concerned parties i. e. i) the appellant and ii) Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Establishment Officer-cum-PIO, are directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab or the case would be decided on merits.

9. With this, the case is **adjourned to 2nd November, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 12th October, 2022

**Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**