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Shri Pargat Singh, (M: 98140-52117),  
S/o Shri Sardara Singh,  
R/o Village Dehra Sahib,  
Tehsil & Distt. Tarn Taran.

..... Complainant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Returning Officer,  
Cluster-2, Chohla Sahib,  
Distt. Amritsar.

.....Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 222 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Gurinder Singh is present on behalf of Shri Pargat Singh, complainant/applicant.  
Shri Avtar Singh, Panchayat Officer (M: 98887-63070) is present on behalf of Smt. Rajinderjit Kaur (M: 70098-6416). PIO-cum-BDPO, Chohla Sahib, Amritsar.

**O R D E R**

Shri Gurinder Singh is present on behalf of Shri Pargat Singh, complainant/applicant and he submitted an Authority Letter on behalf of the complainant/applicant, which is taken in the file of the Commission.

I have gone through the Order dated 11.06.2019 and on that date Shri Surinder Singh, Suptd. was present on behalf of Smt. Rajinderjit Kaur, PIO-cum-BDPO and a direction was directed to the PIO to send the information to the complainant/applicant through registered post within a week. Further the PIO was directed to come personally present on the next date of hearing along with copy of information and copy of postal receipt. IN case of non compliance of the Order a Show Cause Notice will be issued to the PIO. In spite of all this none has come present on behalf of the PIO on the next date of hearing i.e. 10.07.2019.

The conduct of Smt. Rajinderjit Kaur, PIO-cum-BDPO, Chohla Sahib amounts to denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. So, a Show Cause Notice is issued to Smt. Rajinderjit Kaur, PIO-cum-BDPO, Chohla Sahib, Amritsar that why she may not be penalized for not providing the sought for information to the complainant/applicant within the stipulated period.

The PIO-cum-BDPO, Chohla Sahib, Amritsar should personally come present before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with copy of information and file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant and also file reply to the Show Cause Notice through duly attested affidavit. In case of non-compliance it would be assumed that the PIO would not want to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and the complaint case and the Show Cause Notice will be decided in her absence.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **12.09.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**

**CC: BDPO, Chohla Sahib, Distt. Amritsar.**

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..... Complainant

**Vs**

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O/o Returning Officer,  
Cluster-2, Chohla Sahib,  
Distt. Amritsar.

.....Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 226 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Gurinder Singh, complainant/applicant is present.  
Shri Avtar Singh, Panchayat Officer (M: 98887-63070) is present on behalf of  
Smt. Rajinderjit Kaur (M: 70098-6416). PIO-cum-BDPO, Chohla Sahib, Amritsar.

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The conduct of Smt. Rajinderjit Kaur, PIO-cum-BDPO, Chohla Sahib amounts to denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. So, a Show Cause Notice is issued to Smt. Rajinderjit Kaur, PIO-cum-BDPO, Chohla Sahib, Amritsar that why she may not be penalized for not providing the sought for information to the complainant/applicant within the stipulated period.

The PIO-cum-BDPO, Chohla Sahib, Amritsar should personally come present before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with copy of information and file reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant and also file reply to the Show Cause Notice through duly attested affidavit. In case of non-compliance it would be assumed that the PIO would not want to file reply to the Show Cause Notice and the complaint case and the Show Cause Notice will be decided in her absence.

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **12.09.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

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Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

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Sector 9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary (Home), Punjab,  
Department of Justice & Home Affairs,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat,  
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No.849 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Rohit Sabharwal, appellant is absent.  
H.C. Parshotam Kumar is present on behalf of Shri Jasdeep Singh, PPS,  
PIO-cum-AIG (Personnel-1), O/o DGP, Punjab.  
Shri Amandeep Singh, Sr. Asstt. is present on behalf of the PIO, O/o Chief  
Secretary (Home), Govt. of Punjab.

**O R D E R**

Shri Rohit Sabharwal, appellant has not come present today, rather he has sent an e-mail through Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate.

H.C. Parshotam Kumar is present today on behalf of the PIO and he has submitted a copy of letter no.2348 dated 07.08.2019 sent by Shri Jasdeep Singh, PPS, PIO along with Order dated 27.03.2018 passed by the Hon'ble Central Information Commissioner, Shri Divya Prakash Sinha in case No. IC/IARMY/A/2017/602079/SD titled Shri Navdeep Gupta versus Army HQ.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 04.10.2018 filed by Shri Rohit Sabharwal, appellant in Appeal Case No. 849 of 2019 and he sought information, which is as follows :

“As per records of your Public Authority, provide the information showing reasons for killing Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale during the Operation Blue Star carried out in the Holy Place at Sri Harmandir Sahib Complex, Amritsar, punjab”.

The appellant filed RTI application dated 04.10.2018 before the Central Public Information Officer, Office of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and the RTI application was transferred on 08.11.2018 U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Chief Secretary (Home), Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh. The RTI application was further transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 by the office of the Chief Secretary, Punjab vide Order dated 27.11.2018 to the Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh.

The appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.12.2018. The First Appeal was dismissed by the First Appellate Authority-cum-Inspector General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh and was intimated to the appellant through letter no.351 dated 07.02.2019.

Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission and Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties.

Shri Sukhwant Singh Gill, PPS, PIO-cum-AIG (Personnel-1), Punjab sent reply to the appellant and the copy of the same was sent to the Commission through letter no.4711 dated 21.12.2018 and it is submitted in the reply that the information cannot be provided to the appellant as per the provisions contained in Section 8(1)(a) and Section 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The appellant has never come present on any date of hearing, rather he is usually sending mails. Today at the time of hearing, the PIO sent a copy of letter no.2348 dated 07.08.2019 along with an Order dated 27.03.2018 passed by the Hon'ble Central Information Commissioner, Shri Divya Prakash Sinha in Appeal Case No. IC/IARMY/A/2017/602079/SD.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 04.10.2018. The information sought by the appellant/applicant, Shri Rohit Sabharwal does not fall under the definition of information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.. The definition of information is as under according to Section 2(f) :

“ ‘Information’ means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in forces”.

The information sought by the applicant/appellant is in the form of queries put up to the PIO and he sought answers to queries, which is not the information as defined U/s 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the PIO is not bound to reply to the queries put up by the applicant.

Further the information has been denied by the PIO U/s 8(1)(a) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Section 8(1)(a) is as follows :

“information, disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security, strategic, scientific or economic interests of the State, relation with foreign State or lead to incitement of an offence”.

The similar information was denied by the Hon'ble Central Information Commissioner, Shri Divya Prakash Sinha in Appeal Case No. IC/IARMY/A/2017/602079/SD on 27.03.2018. The information sought by the appellant/applicant in the present appeal case and in the above mentioned appeal case decided by the Hon'ble Central Information Commissioner is likely to be similar and related with the same Blue Star Operation, 1984.

Similarly in Appeal Case no. 2245 of 2017 titled Shri Navdeep Gupta Vs. PIO, O/o Assistant Inspector General of Police (Personnel-2), the similar information has been denied by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab, Dr. S.S. Channi vide Order dated 25.06.2018 and the contents of the Order are :

“Keeping in view the provisions of the Act and the reasons given by the respondents, I agree with their contention that such a sensitive information, sharing of which may have very large repercussions and is against communal harmony of the State, should not be parted with”.

The information sought by the appellant/applicant relates to the period of turmoil which the state faced during the days of terrorism. The peace has been brought to the State at a very heavy cost which the whole society has paid and the access to the information may adversely affect the communal harmony and ultimately unity and integrity of the State.

So, keeping in views made above, the information sought by the applicant/appellant, Shri Rohit Sabharwal has rightly been denied by the PIO U/s 2(f) and Section 8(1)(a) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the First Appeal has rightly been declined by the First Appellate Authority.

Hence, I agree with the reply of the PIO and the Order passed by the First Appellate Authority. No further action is warranted, so the present **appeal case is dismissed**.

Order be pronounced and be intimated to the parties.

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

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Sector 9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director General of Police,  
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No.850 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Rohit Sabharwal, appellant is absent.  
H.C. Parshotam Kumar is present on behalf of Shri Jasdeep Singh, PPS,  
PIO-cum-AIG (Personnel-1), O/o DGP, Punjab.

**O R D E R**

Shri Rohit Sabharwal, appellant has not come present today, rather he has sent an e-mail through Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate.

H.C. Parshotam Kumar is present today on behalf of the PIO and he has submitted a copy of letter no.2348 dated 07.08.2019 sent by Shri Jasdeep Singh, PPS, PIO along with Order dated 27.03.2018 passed by the Hon'ble Central Information Commissioner, Shri Divya Prakash Sinha in case No. IC/IARMY/A/2017/602079/SD titled Shri Navdeep Gupta versus Army HQ.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 20.10.2018 filed by Shri Rohit Sabharwal, appellant in Appeal Case No. 850 of 2019 and he sought information, which is as follows :

“As per records of your Public Authority, provide the information showing the way Sh. Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala has been described in records of the Central Government i.e. whether he was a religious preacher, criminal, terrorist or others”.

Another case is also pending which is Appeal Case No. 564 of 2019. The RTI application in both the cases is the same. I wondered how the appellant filed two appeals on the basis of same RTI application dated 20.10.2018. So, both the cases will be decided by single Order and copy of the Order be placed in each file of the appeal cases.

The appellant filed RTI application dated 20.10.2018 before the Central Public Information Officer, Office of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and the RTI application was transferred on 08.11.2018 U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Chief Secretary (Home), Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh. The RTI application was further transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 by the office of the Chief Secretary, Punjab vide Order dated 27.11.2018 to the Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh.

The PIO sent a reply to the applicant/appellant through letter no.4122 dated 05.11.2018. A copy of the same is in the file of the Commission. Through this reply the information sought by the appellant was denied U/s 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. Then the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.01.2019.

The First Appeal was dismissed by the First Appellate Authority-cum-Deputy Inspector General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh vide Order dated 04.12.2018 and the Order was intimated to the appellant through letter no.4494 dated 05.12.2018.

Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission and Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties.

Shri Sukhwant Singh Gill, PPS, PIO-cum-AIG (Personnel-1), Punjab sent reply to the appellant and the copy of the same was sent to the Commission through letter no.4711 dated 21.12.2018 and it is submitted in the reply that the information cannot be provided to the appellant as per the provisions contained in Section 8(1)(a) and Section 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act, 2005.

The appellant has never come present on any date of hearing, rather he is usually sending mails. Today at the time of hearing, the PIO sent a copy of letter no.2348 dated 07.08.2019 along with an Order dated 27.03.2018 passed by the Hon'ble Central Information Commissioner, Shri Divya Prakash Sinha in Appeal Case No. IC/IARMY/A/2017/602079/SD.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 20.10.2018. The information sought by the appellant/applicant, Shri Rohit Sabharwal does not fall under the definition of information as per Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.. The definition of information is as under according to Section 2(f) :

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The information sought by the applicant/appellant is in the form of queries put up to the PIO and he sought answers to queries, which is not the information as defined U/s 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the PIO is not bound to reply to the queries put up by the applicant.

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“Keeping in view the provisions of the Act and the reasons given by the respondents, I agree with their contention that such a sensitive information, sharing of which may have very large repercussions and is against communal harmony of the State, should not be parted with”.

The information sought by the appellant/applicant relates to the period of turmoil which the state faced during the days of terrorism. The peace has been brought to the State at a very heavy cost which the whole society has paid and the access to the information may adversely affect the communal harmony and ultimately unity and integrity of the State.

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Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director General of Police, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 564 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Rohit Sabharwal, appellant is absent.  
H.C. Parshotam Kumar is present on behalf of Shri Jasdeep Singh, PPS,  
PIO-cum-AIG (Personnel-1), O/o DGP, Punjab.

**O R D E R**

Shri Rohit Sabharwal, appellant has not come present today, rather he has sent an e-mail through Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate.

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..... Appellant

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O/o SDM, Dera Bassi,  
Distt. Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o SDM, Dera Bassi,  
Distt. Mohali.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 301 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Satpal Singh, appellant is present.  
Smt. Gurmeet Kaur, Reader is present on behalf of Shri Paramjit Singh, PIO-cum-Naib Tehsildar, Dera Bassi.  
Shri Ravinder Kumar, Suptd., O/o SDM, Dera Bassi, Distt. Mohali is present.

**O R D E R**

Shri Satpal Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 12.07.2018 and sought information regarding "Wazul Araj" of Village Dayalpur/Dayalpur Sodhian, Tehsil Dera Bassi, Distt. SAS Nagar.

The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO till today. Today is the 6<sup>th</sup> date of hearing and on the last five dates the PIO has not come present on any date of hearing. Today also the PIO has not come present, rather he sent his Reader, Smt. Gurmeet Kaur and she has come present without any information.

The appellant filed RTI application dated 12.07.2018 and he is coming present before the Commission on the dates of hearings and he is suffering a lot due to the acts of the PIO. So, a compensation of Rs.3,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant, Shri Satpal Singh, to be paid from the funds of the public authority through Demand Draft within 10 days.

The conduct of the PIO-cum-Naib Tehsildar, Dera Bassi amounts to denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. So, a Show Cause Notice is issued to Shri Paramjit Singh, PIO-cum-Naib Tehsildar, Dera Bassi that why you have not provided the information to the appellant within the stipulated period and so why you may not be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO should personally come present on the next date of hearing along with copies of information/reply and also file reply to the Show Cause Notice and an opportunity of personal hearing will be afforded to the PIO. The PIO should provide the information/reply to the appellant within 10 days.

Both the parties should personally come present on the next date of hearing on **03.09.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**

**Copy to : Deputy Commissioner, Mohali -**

**For strict compliance of the Order.**

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Bhakhra Enclave, Patiala.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Punjab School Education Board,  
SAS Nagar, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chairman,  
Punjab School Education Board,  
Mohali.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 342 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Ranvir Singh, appellant is present.  
None present on behalf of Shri Iqbal Singh, PIO-cum-Asstt. Secretary, O/o  
Punjab School Education Board, Mohali.

**O R D E R**

Shri Iqbal Singh, PIO-cum-Asstt. Secretary, O/o Punjab School Education Board, Mohali was present on 07.05.2019 and after that he never came present on any date of hearing. The conduct of the PIO is highly condemnable.

A Show Cause Notice was issued to the PIO on 11.06.2019 that why you have not provided the information to the appellant within the stipulated period and so why you may not be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO was directed to come personally present and file reply to the Show Cause Notice, but he has not come present on 15.07.2019 and today again he is absent.

The appellant brought the deficiencies to the notice of the PIO regarding Shri Gurmit Singh, Principal, Govt. Senior Secondary School, Sakraudi, Distt. Sangrur. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him regarding Shri Gurmeet Singh, Principal by the PIO.

So, a last and final opportunity is granted to Shri Iqbal Singh, PIO-cum-Asstt. Secretary, O/o Punjab School Education Board, Mohali that remaining information regarding Shri Gurmit Singh, Principal be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days. The PIO should come personally present before the Commission on the next date of hearing and file reply to the Show Cause Notice. In case the PIO would not come present on the next date of hearing, then it will be assumed that the PIO do not want to reply to the Show Cause Notice and the Show Cause Notice will be decided in his absence and appropriate order will be passed regarding imposition of penalty..

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **03.09.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**

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Shri Sudhir Sharma, (M: 84376-88808),  
C/o Shiv Enterprises,  
Opposite Triveni Palace,  
Patiala Road, Nabha,  
Distt. Patiala.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,  
(Wild Life), Opposite District Jail,  
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chief Conservator of Forests (Plains), Punjab,  
SCO 128-29, Sector 22-B,  
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1996 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Sudhir Sharma, appellant is absent.  
Shri Arun Kumar, PIO-cum-District Forest Officer (Wildlife), Patiala is present.

**O R D E R**

Shri Sudhir Sharma, appellant is absent, however he sent an e-mail and submitted that the information was sent to him through letter no.1051 dated 19.07.2019. He has shown his dissatisfaction to the information sent to him by the PIO regarding count of trees in Mehas Beerh at Nabha.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 24.11.2018 filed by the appellant and also gone through the Order dated 15.07.2019 passed by the Bench vide which the PIO was directed that he should specifically answer that why he is unable to provide the total count of trees planted at Mehas Beerh at Nabha within a week.

In compliance to the Order dated 15.07.2019, the PIO sent the reply/information to the appellant through letter no.1051 dated 19.07.2019 and a copy of the same is today presented to the Bench at the time of hearing, which is taken in the file of the Commission.

I have gone through the letter dated 19.07.2019 and discussed the matter with the PIO, Shri Arun Kumar. The PIO also submitted a copy of Section 27 to 33 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. I have also gone through the Sections of the Act.

The PIO has shown his inability to count the trees as per the provisions contained in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. So, the PIO is unable to provide the specific information to the appellant. Hence, the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

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Shri Sudhir Sharma, (M: 84376-88808),  
C/o Shiv Enterprises,  
Opposite Triveni Palace,  
Patiala Road, Nabha,  
Distt. Patiala.

..... Complainant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,  
(Wild Life), Opposite District Jail,  
Patiala.

.....Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 516 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Sudhir Sharma, complainant/applicant is absent.  
Shri Arun Kumar, PIO-cum-District Forest Officer (Wildlife), Patiala is present.

**O R D E R**

Shri Sudhir Sharma, complainant/applicant is absent, however he sent an e-mail and submitted that the information was sent to him through letter no.1053 dated 19.07.2019. He has shown his dissatisfaction to the information sent to him by the PIO regarding count of trees in Dosanjh Beerh at Nabha.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 08.04.2019 filed by the complainant/applicant and also gone through the Order dated 15.07.2019 passed by the Bench vide which the PIO was directed that he should specifically answer that why he is unable to provide the total count of trees planted at Dosanjh Beerh at Nabha within a week.

In compliance to the Order dated 15.07.2019, the PIO sent the reply/information to the complainant/applicant through letter no.1053 dated 19.07.2019 and a copy of the same is today presented to the Bench at the time of hearing, which is taken in the file of the Commission.

I have gone through the letter dated 19.07.2019 and discussed the matter with the PIO, Shri Arun Kumar. The PIO also submitted a copy of Section 27 to 33 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. I have also gone through the Sections of the Act.

The PIO has shown his inability to count the trees as per the provisions contained in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. So, the PIO is unable to provide the specific information to the complainant/applicant. Hence, the present complaint case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

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Shri Swaran Singh, (M: 81958-57107),  
Village Mehmood Khane Ke,  
Tehsil Jalalabad (West),  
Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Chief Conservator of Soils, Punjab,  
SCO 50-51, Sector 17-E,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chief Conservator of Soils, Punjab,  
SCO 50-51, Sector 17-E,  
Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2010 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Swaran Singh, appellant is present.  
Shri Gurvidner Singh Dhillon PIO, O/o Chief Conservator of Soils, PB. is present.

**O R D E R**

Shri Swaran Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 21.02.2019 and sought information through point no.1 of the RTI application regarding attested copies of documents submitted by Shri Gurinder Singh, SDO Soil Conservator posting at Ferozepur at the time of his selection in the job and vide point no.2 of the RTI application he sought certified copies of Service Book of Shri Gurinder Singh, SDO.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the PIO on 01.08.2019 diarized vide no.14725, which is a copy of letter no.12732 dated 31.07.2019 along with copy of letter no. 7234 dated 25.04.2019, copy of letter no.7244 dated 25.04.2019 and a copy of letter no.8445 dated 22.05.2019. All the papers are in the file of the Commission.

I have gone through all the papers in the file. The information was denied by the PIO U/s 8(1)(j), 8(1)(e) and 2(n) of the RTI Act, 2005, being personal information of Shri Gurinder Singh, SDO.

I have heard both the parties on the sought for information. The information sought by the appellant is regarding documents submitted by Shri Gurinder Singh at the time of his selection as SDO and secondly regarding Service Book. The information sought by the appellant was denied by the PIO U/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Section 8(1)(j) is as follows:

“information which relates to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer or the appropriate authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information”.

The information has rightly been denied by the PIO vide letter no.8445 dated 22.05.2019. As the information sought by the appellant is personal information and no large public interest is involved, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

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Shri Gurpreet Singh, Press Reporter (M: 98881-31522),  
H.No.10646/1, Haqikat Nagar,  
Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Ludhiana (West).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Ludhiana (West).

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 4044 of 2018**

Present:- Shri Gurpreet Singh, appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission.  
Shri Amanpreet Singh, Reader is present on behalf of Shri Joginder Singh, PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Ludhiana (West).

**O R D E R**

Shri Gurpreet Singh, appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. He was also absent on the last date of hearing.

The appellant filed RTI application dated 21.07.2018 and sought information regarding mutation on the basis of Vasika No. 4296 dated 01.07.2016.

Today, Shri Amanpreet Singh, Reader is present on behalf of the PIO and he submitted a copy of letter no.122 dated 05.08.2019, which is taken in the file of the Commission.

I have gone through the said letter and it is submitted in the letter that Mutation No.13944 has been entered and sanctioned on the basis of Vasika No.4296 dated 01.07.2016.

The PIO is directed that a copy of the above said letter be sent to the appellant through registered post within 2 days and compliance report be sent back to the Commission.

With this observation the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

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S/o Shri Dass Mal,  
H.No.68, Ward No.3,  
Marwahiyani Wali Street,  
Majitha, Tehsil Majitha,  
Distt. Amritsar.

..... Complainant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Ajnala, Distt. Amritsar.

.....Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 116 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Ram Krishan, complainant/applicant is absent.  
Shri Dhayan Chand, Clerk is present on behalf of Shri Harphool Singh, PIO-  
cum-Tehsildar, Ajnala.

**O R D E R**

The complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 18.08.2018 before the PIO,  
O/o SDM, Ajnala and sought some information.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 18.08.2018 and discussed the  
matter with the respondent, who is present on behalf of the PIO. He requested for some time to  
provide the information to the complainant/applicant.

The PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Ajnala, Shri Harphool Singh is directed that information  
be sent to the complainant/applicant within 10 days through registered post. The PIO should  
personally come present before the Commission on the next date of hearing and should file  
reply to the complaint filed by the complainant/applicant otherwise action will be taken against  
the PIO under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Both the parties to come personally present on the next date of hearing on  
**03.09.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

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Shri Manjit Singh, (M: 76962-82813),  
S/o Shri Sohan Singh,  
H.No. 388/3, Bahera Road,  
Patiala,.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Manager,  
National Information Centre,  
Software Company,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat-1,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3324 of 2018**

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present.  
Advocate Pooja Rani is present on behalf of Shri Arvind Kumar, PIO-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

**O R D E R**

Shri Manjit Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 09.07.2018 and sought some information from the office of the PIO. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the PIO.

I have gone through the Order dated 23.07.2019 and the PIO was directed to file additional reply to the appeal filed by the appellant.

Advocate Pooja Rani is present on behalf of Shri Arvind Kumar, PIO and she sought some time to provide information to the appellant. Her request is heard and allowed with a direction to the PIO that information sought by the appellant be provided to him before the next date of hearing;

Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing on **03.09.2019 at 11:00 A.M.**

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**

**CC: Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.**

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Shri Sandeep Singh, (M: 89014-61010),  
S/o Shri Karanveer Singh,  
H.No. 136, Sector-10,  
Ambala City.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3496 of 2018**

Present:- Shri Sandeep Singh, appellant is present.  
None present on behalf of Shri Harsharanjit Singh PIO-cum-DRO, O/o Deputy  
Commissioner, Patiala.

**O R D E R**

Shri Sandeep Singh, appellant has filed RTI application dated 19.04.2018 and sought some information from the office of the PIO.

The appellant is present today, but none has come present on behalf of the PIO. The appellant stated that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied. He has submitted a duly signed application dated 08.08.2019, which is taken in the file of the Commission.

I have gone through the application submitted by the appellant and it is submitted by the appellant that he has received the sought for information and he is satisfied and also requested to disposed of his Appeal Case No.3496 of 2018.

As the PIO has resolved the matter involved in the RTI application and provided the sought for information to the appellant and the appellant is satisfied, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**  
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Shri Jagshir Singh, (M: 81958-00345),  
S/o Shri Gian Singh,  
H.No. 9/20, Backside Pandori Nursing Home,  
Mullanpur, Distt. Ludhiana.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SSP (Rural)  
Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-  
O/o DIG, Ludhiana Range,  
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1611 of 2019**

Present:- Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant is present.  
ASI Haakam Singh-404/LDH Rural is present on behalf of Shri Varinder Brar,  
PIO-cum-SSP (Rural), Ludhiana.

**ORDER**

Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 29.08.2018 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o SSP (Rural), Ludhiana.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 29.08.2018 filed by Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant and he sought certified copy of application no.926-5CF dated 27.11.2017 along with action taken report on the said application.

ASI Haakam Singh is present on behalf of the PIO and he provided the attested copy of application bearing no. 926-5CF dated 27.11.2017 along with copy of compromise to the appellant today before the Bench.

As the information sought by the appellant has been provided to him by the respondent, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

**Dated: 08.08.2019**

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**