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Shri Jagan Nath,  
S/o Shri Ganpat Ram,  
Street No.13, H.No. 1836,  
Guru Angad Dev Nagar,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Indian Red Cross Societies,  
Punjab & Haryana Branch,  
VPO Khalora, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

**First Appellate Authority:**

O/o Indian Red Cross Societies,  
Punjab & Haryana Branch,  
VPO Khalora, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2230 of 2020**

Present:- Shri Jagan Nath, appellant is absent.  
None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Indian Red Cross Societies, Punjab & Haryana Branch, VPO Khalora, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

**O R D E R**

Shri Jagan Nath, appellant filed RTI application dated 23.03.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Indian Red Cross Societies, Punjab & Haryana Branch, VPO Khalora, Distt. Hoshiarpur. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 15.06.2020. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 20.08.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties to be heard **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Today both the parties are absent and neither any mail has been sent by both the parties to the Commission.

The hearing notices issued to the PIO, O/o Indian Red Cross Societies, Punjab & Haryana Branch, VPO Khalora, Distt. Hoshiarpur are received back undelivered in the office of the Commission with the remark "there is no Red Cross Society in Khalora".

The appellant is absent today and neither he has sent any mail to the Commission. It means the appellant is not interested in pursuing his case. Moreover the hearing notices sent to the PIO have been received back undelivered, so it appears that the Indian Red Cross Societies, Punjab & Haryana Branch, VPO Khalora, Distt. Hoshiarpur does not exist. Hence the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**

**State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**

**Dated: 10.06.2021**



Smt. Jyoti, W/o Sh. Satwant Singh,  
C/o 293/1, New Litter, Jail Road,  
Gurdaspur.

Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Commandant, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion,  
P.A.P. Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority:**  
O/o Special Director General of Police,  
Armed Bns., Jalandhar.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2238 of 2020**

Present:- Smt. Jyoti, appellant is absent.  
None present on behalf of the PIO, O/o Commandant, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, P.A.P.  
Jalandhar.

**O R D E R**

Smt. Jyoti, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.06.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Commandant, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, P.A.P. Jalandhar. A reply was sent to her by the PIO vide letter no.21612 dated 15.06.2021 and the information sought by the appellant was denied u/s 24(4) of the RTI Act, 2005. Then the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 23.06.2020, which was decided by the First Appellate Authority vide letter no.24752 dated 06.07.2020. Then she filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 21.08.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties to be heard **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Both the parties are absent today.

The PIO though is absent today, but he has sent a mail to the Commission on 12.10.2020, diarized vide no.13731, which is a copy of letter no.22159 dated 12.10.2020 along with a reply by Shri Harkamalpreet Singh Khakh, PPS, Commandant, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, P.A.P.-cum-PIO along with a copy of Notification dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 issued by the Govt. of Punjab and some other documents.

I have gone through the reply sent by the PIO and it is submitted by him that the Govt. of Punjab vide Notification No. S.O.49/C.A.22/2005/S.24/2016 dated 07.06.2016 has notified that the Right to Information Act, 2005 shall not apply to Punjab Armed Police, Commando and Indian Reserve Battalions. It is further submitted by the PIO that the said Notification has been passed by the State of Punjab U/s 24(4) of the RTI Act, 2005.

I have gone through the reply of the PIO and the notification dated 07.06.2016 and also gone through Section 24(4) of the RTI Act, 2005. As the Punjab Armed Police, Commando and Indian Reserve Battalions has been exempted from furnishing the information under RTI Act, 2005, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

**Dated: 10.06.2021**

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

Shri Shubham Pandey,  
329, Phase-1, Mohali.

Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary,  
Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority:**

O/o Secretary,  
Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2240 of 2020**

Present:- Shri Shubham Pandey, appellant is absent.  
Shri Mandip Singh, AFSO, Mohali is present.

**O R D E R**

Shri Shubham Pandey, appellant filed RTI application dated 20.04.2020 before the Department of Food and Public Distribution. The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o Secretary, Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Punjab, Chandigarh vide letter dated 15.05.2021. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 20.05.2020. A reply was sent to him by the PIO vide letter no.167 dated 22.07.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 21.08.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties to be heard **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

The appellant is absent today, whereas the respondent is present on behalf of the PIO and he stated that the appellant has sought some information regarding his ration card and now the issue related with that has been resolved.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the PIO on 23.10.2020, diarized vide no.14781, which is a copy of letter no.3463 dated 23.10.2020 along with a copy of letter no.234 dated 07.09.2020.

I have gone through letter no.14781 dated 23.10.2020 and it is submitted by the PIO that the ration card of the appellant was registered online, but due to technical fault in the portal the ration card of the appellant was mapped with the Depot Holder at Derabassi instead of Mohali. But now Ration Card Portability has been implemented and the ration card holder can get ration from any depot in the state. It is further submitted in the letter that the ration of six months for the period April, 2020 to September, 2020 has been provided to the appellant through door step delivery.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 20.04.2020 and also gone through the letter sent by the PIO. The PIO has resolved the matter involved in the RTI application, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**

**State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**

**Dated: 10.06.2021**

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Shri Satpal Singh,  
S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh,  
R/o 227-D, Rajguru Nagar,  
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.

Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o President,  
Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee,  
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority:  
O/o President,  
Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee,  
Amritsar.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 2260 of 2020**

Present:- Shri Satpal Singh, appellant is absent.  
None present on behalf of the PIO, O/o President, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.

**O R D E R**

Shri Satpal Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 24.06.2019 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o President, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 07.03.2020. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 21.08.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties to be **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

Both the parties are absent today.

The PIO though is absent today, but he has sent an e-mail to the Commission, which is a copy of letter no.60012 dated 28.05.2021 along with a copy of letter no.60121 dated 15.01.2021 and a copy of letter no.23080 dated 31.07.2019.

I have gone through letter no.60012 dated 28.05.2021 and it is submitted by the PIO that the sought for information has been sent to the appellant vide letter no.60121 dated 15.01.2021.

The PIO has sent information to the appellant vide letter no.60121 dated 15.01.2021 and a period of about five months has been passed, but the appellant has not sent any mail to the Commission neither he has attended the hearing for today, it means he is satisfied with the information sent to him by the PIO.

So, the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

**(Avtar Singh Kaler)**

**Dated: 10.06.2021**

**State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**



Sh. Baljit Raj,  
H.No. 327, Diamond Colony,  
Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

Complainant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o DGP, Head Quarter, Punjab,  
Sector -9,  
Chandigarh.

Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 555 of 2020**

Present:- Shri Baljit Raj, complainant/applicant is present.  
Head Constable Harwinder Singh, O/o ADGP, Crime, HQ, Punjab is present.

**O R D E R**

Shri Baljit Raj, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 19.02.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o DGP, Head Quarter, Punjab, Sector -9, Chandigarh. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed complaint against the PIO before the Punjab State Information Commission on 20.08.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties to be heard **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

Both the parties are present today. The complainant/applicant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the PIO.

The respondent, who is present on behalf of the PIO stated that the complainant/applicant has sought information regarding letter no. 693-R dated 25.11.2019 of S.P. Crime, Amritsar (AIGP, Crime, Amritsar), which cannot be provided to the complainant/applicant U/s 8(1)h of the RTI Act, 2005. He further stated that the complainant/applicant has sought same information through complaint case no.556 of 2020, which is pending before the Bench for today itself.

I have gone through the RTI application filed by the complainant/applicant in present complaint case and also gone through the RTI application filed in complaint case no.556 of 2020. The subject matter of both the cases is the same as the complainant/applicant has sought information regarding letter no. 693-R dated 25.11.2019 of S.P. Crime, Amritsar (AIGP, Crime, Amritsar).

As the PIO has submitted reply in complaint case no.556 of 2020 that the information sought by the complainant/applicant cannot be provided to him U/s 8(1)h of the RTI Act, 2005, so the present complaint case is also **disposed of and closed.**

**Dated: 10.06.2021**

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



Sh. Baljit Raj,  
H.No. 327, Diamond Colony,  
Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

Complainant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o ADGP (Crime Branch),  
Punjab, Sector -9,  
Chandigarh.

Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 556 of 2020**

Present:- Shri Baljit Raj, complainant/applicant is present.  
Head Constable Harwinder Singh, O/o ADGP, Crime, HQ, Punjab is present.

**O R D E R**

Shri Baljit Raj, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 28.01.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o ADGP (Crime Branch), Punjab, Sector -9, Chandigarh. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed complaint against the PIO before the Punjab State Information Commission on 20.08.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties to be heard **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

Both the parties are present today. The complainant/applicant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the PIO.

The respondent, who is present on behalf of the PIO stated that the complainant/applicant has sought information regarding letter no. 693-R dated 25.11.2019 of S.P. Crime, Amritsar (AIGP, Crime, Amritsar), which cannot be provided to the complainant/applicant U/s 8(1)h of the RTI Act, 2005. He further stated that the reply regarding this has already been sent to the complainant/applicant vide letter no.160/RTI/CC dated 14.02.2020 and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission as compliance.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the PIO, which is a copy of letter no.755 dated 18.11.2020. I have gone through the said letter and it is submitted by the PIO that the complainant/applicant has sought information regarding letter no. 693-R dated 25.11.2019 of S.P. Crime, Amritsar (AIGP, Crime, Amritsar), which has not been accepted by the office, so the information cannot be provided to the complainant/applicant U/s 8(1)h of the RTI Act, 2005 and same reply has already been sent to the complainant/applicant vide letter no.160/RTI/CC dated 14.02.2020.

The complainant/applicant filed RTI application on 28.01.2020 and the PIO has sent reply to the complainant/applicant vide letter no.160/RTI/CC dated 14.02.2020, which is within the stipulated period, so no complaint lies against the PIO. Hence the present compliant case is **disposed of and closed** with the observation that the complainant/applicant is at liberty to file First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority within 20 days.

**Dated: 10.06.2021**

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





Shri Kimiti Lal Kashyap,  
S/o Sh. Krishan Lal Kashyap  
R/o H.Nol. 12, Teacher Colony, (Shanti Nagar),  
Nawanshahar.

Complainant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Civil Surgeon,  
SBS Nagar.

Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 561 of 2020**

Present:- Shri Kimti Lal Kashyap, complainant/applicant is absent.  
Dr. Jasdev Singh, Asstt. Civil Surgeon, O/o Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar is present.

**O R D E R**

Shri Kimti Lal Kashyap, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 06.07.2020 before the Deputy Commissioner, SBS Nagar. The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO, O/o Civil Surgeon, SBS Nagar vide letter dated 09.07.2020. When no information was provided to him by the PIO, then he filed complaint against the PIO before the Punjab State Information Commission on 20.08.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties to be heard **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

The complainant/applicant is absent today, whereas the respondent is present and he stated that the RTI application filed by the complainant/applicant was received in the office of the PIO on 11.07.2020 and the reply was sent to the complainant/applicant vide letter no.418 dated 16.07.2020. He further stated that the complainant/applicant has sought information regarding the RMP doctors in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, but the said record is not maintained by the office of the PIO because the office of the PIO maintains only the record regarding government doctors and officials.

The complainant/applicant has filed RTI application on 06.07.2020 and the PIO has sent reply to the complainant/applicant vide letter no. 418 dated 16.07.2020, which is within the stipulated period, so no complaint lies against the PIO. Moreover as per the above said facts the information regarding RMP doctors is not maintained by the office of the public authority, whereas the record of only Govt. doctors and officials are maintained by the office of the PIO.

So, in the light of the above facts, the present complaint case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Dated: 10.06.2021**

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