

Shri Vikul,  
S/o Shri Kul Bhushan,  
# 377, PUDA Colony,  
Malout.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Commandant,  
82 Battalion, PAP,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Inspector General of Police,  
PAP, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3713 of 2020**

Present:- Shri Vikul, appellant is absent.  
Shri Yogiraj, DSP (M: 98725-00940), O/o Commandant, 82 Battalion, PAP,  
Chandigarh is present.

**O R D E R**

**The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.**

Shri Vikul, appellant filed RTI application dated 31.08.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Commandant, 82 Battalion, PAP, Chandigarh. A reply was sent to him by the SPIO vide letter no.30352 dated 14.10.2020 and the information sought by the appellant was denied U/s 8(1)(j) and 11(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. Not satisfied with the reply of the SPIO, the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.10.2020, which was also rejected by the First Appellate Authority vide letter no.16037 dated 13.11.2020. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 24.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

The appellant is absent today, whereas Shri Yogiraj, DSP is present and he stated that the information sought by the appellant was denied U/s 8(1)(j), 11(1) and 24(4) of the RTI Act, 2005 and the appellant was replied regarding this. He further stated that a detailed reply regarding this has been sent to the Commission.

The Commission has received a mail sent by the Commission on 19.01.2021, diarized vide no.1416, which is a copy of letter no.1243/RTI dated 15.01.2021 along with a detailed reply of the SPIO, copy of Notification dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 issued by the Govt. of Punjab and copies of Orders of the Commission passed in different cases. A copy of the said mail is also sent to the appellant, Shri Vikul.

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I have gone through the detailed reply of the SPIO and it is submitted by the SPIO that the appellant filed RTI application on 31.08.2020 and he was informed vide letter no.30352 dated 14.10.2020 that his application has been declined U/s 8(1)(j) and 11(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. It is further submitted by the SPIO that then the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.10.2020, which was also rejected vide letter no.16037 dated 13.11.2020 on the ground that the Punjab state vide an official notification dated 07.06.2016 issued under Sub Section 4 of Section 24 of the RTI Act, 2005, has ordered that the said Act does not apply to Punjab Armed Police, Commando and Reserve Battalions.

AS per the reply submitted by the SPIO the Punjab Armed Police (PAP) does not come within the ambit of Right to Information Act, 2005 and is exempted U/s 24(4) of the RTI Act, 2005 by the Punjab Government vide Notification dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. Hence the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed**.

**Dated: 17.02.2021**

**( Preety Chawla )  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



Shri George Subh, S/o Shri Rustam Masih,  
R/o Begowal, Ward No. 12,  
Tehsil Bholath, Distt. Kapurthala.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o DIG, Ferozepur Range,  
Ferozepur.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3697 of 2020**

Present:- Shri George Subh, appellant is absent.  
SI Satnam Singh, Incharge RTI Cell and ASI Mangal Singh, O/o Senior  
Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran are present.

**O R D E R**

**The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.**

Shri George Subh, appellant filed RTI application dated 20.02.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 03.08.2020. A reply was sent to him by the SPIO vide letter no.1571-72-PRTI dated 01.09.2020 and the information sought by the appellant was denied U/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Then the appellant filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 26.11.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

The appellant is absent today, whereas the respondents have come present and stated that the sought for information has been sent to the appellant vide letter no.646/PRTI dated 14.03.2020 and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission as compliance.

The appellant though is absent today, but he has sent an e-mail to the Commission and submitted that the sought for information has been provided to him by the SPIO and he is satisfied with the information.

As the SPIO has resolved the matter involved in the RTI application and sent the sought for information to the appellant and the appellant himself admitted in his e-mail that he is satisfied with the information, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Dated: 17.02.2021**

**( Preety Chawla )  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

Shri Avtar Singh, S/o Late Shri Daljit Singh,  
VPO Chuaharwali,  
Distt. Jalandhar.

..... Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Asstt. Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
Amritsar-1.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
Amritsar.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 3734 of 2020**

Present:- Shri Avtar Singh, appellant is absent.  
Shri Navtej Singh, Excise & Taxation Inspector (97795-84160), O/o Asstt. Excise  
& Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar-1 is present.

**O R D E R**

**The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.**

Shri Avtar Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 15.06.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Asstt. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar-1. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 31.08.2020. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 02.12.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

The appellant is absent today, whereas the respondent has come present and he stated that the information has already been provided to the appellant by hand on 18.12.2020 vide letter no.661 and the appellant has made a duly signed noting that he has received the information.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the SPIO, which is a copy of letter no.661 dated 18.12.2020 through which the information was provided to the appellant. The appellant has made a duly signed noting on the said letter that he has received the information regarding RTI application dated 15.06.2020.

As the SPIO has resolved the matter involved in the RTI application and provided the sought for information to the appellant and the appellant has signed the letter after receiving the information, so the present appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

**Dated: 17.02.2021**

**( Preety Chawla )  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**