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Shri Vivek Anand Ahuja,
R/o H.No.132, Sector-8A,
Chandigarh-160009.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Registrar,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Sub Registrar,
Fazilka.

...Respondents

AC No.3608 of 2021

**Present: (i) Shri Manmohan Upneja on behalf of the Appellant, in person.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 10.04.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.05.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.08.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.11.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Manmohan Upneja, Advocate comes present in person to attend the hearing before the Bench on behalf of Vivek Anand Ahuja, appellant .

3. Neither the PIO has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO before the Bench. However, on perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that a letter dated 08.11.2021 has been received from the PIO giving Point-wise reply which is addressed to the Bench and not sent to the appellant. The representative of the appellant is shown the said letter. He states that in response to information supplied vide letter dated 26.07.2021, deficiencies were pointed out to the PIO in writing on 02.08.2021 and that the information supplied is not specific and the deficiencies have still not been removed. A copy of the letter dated 08.11.2021 is handed over to the representative of the appellant. He states that after going through the letter, he will send the observations on behalf of the appellant and requests for another date.

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4. In view of the request of representative of appellant, the matter is adjourned. The PIO is directed to provide rectified information to the appellant, after receiving the deficiencies to be pointed out by the appellant before the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.02.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
17.11.2021**

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

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Shri Gurmeet Singh,
S/o Shri Shingara Singh,
Village Ghugiana,
Tehsil & Distt. Faridkot.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Principal,
Govt. Sr. Secondary School(Boys),
Bhinder Kalan, Distt. Moga.

...Respondents

CC No.1034/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmeet Singh, Complainant, in person.**
(ii) **Smt. Manpreet Kaur, Principal, GS.S.S.(Boys), Bhinder Kalan, Distt. Moga/FAA**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 06.03.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 09.08.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.11.2021 in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurmeet Singh, complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Smt. Manpreet Kaur, Principal, GSSS (Boys), Bhinder Kalan, District Moga comes present to attend the hearing in person. She states that no information has been supplied to the complainant as he has not enclosed his ID proof and has not disclosed the purpose of seeking information.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the complainant states that he is a Punjabi Master in the said school and alleges that there have been financial irregularities in the management of Mid-day Meal scheme in the school. Also some trees have been felled in the school premises without taking the laid down permission from the concerned authorities. The information sought points to corruption and is in public interest.
5. The Bench does not agree with the contention raised by the Principal, GSSS (B), Bhinder Kalan and nullifies the same being devoid of any merits. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Principal, GSSS (Boys), Bhinder Kalan, District Moga to allow the complainant access to the relevant official records and provide him information as may be identified by him.



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6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper duly attested by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in official records in CC No.1034/2021 has been supplied to the complainant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The PIO is directed to bring along the original affidavit and copy of the information supplied as also the relevant official records and to produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.02.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Lakhwinder Singh,
S/o Shri Balwant Singh
R/o #1154, Indian Wooden Mill
King Club Wali Gali,
Chheharta, District Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development &
Panchayat Officer, Attari,
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development &
Panchayat Officer, Amritsar..

....Respondents

AC No.3628/2021 & AC No.3629/2021

**Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayat Officer, O/o BDPO Attari,
District Amritsar on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. The RTI applications are dated 14.08.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.10.2021/16.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.08.2021/19.08.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Both these appeal cases are clubbed together as the information sought in both the RTI applications is similar and sought in respect of the same Gram Panchayat.
3. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.11.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Lakhwinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
4. Shri Paramjit Singh, Panchayat Officer, O/o PIO Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Attari, District Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 02.11.2021 sent by registered post on 05.11.2021.
5. Shri Lovish Rattan, Advocate of the appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he states that there are deficiencies in the information supplied to the appellant. He is directed to point out deficiencies to the PIO in writing on priority.

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5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO-cum-VDO, Gram Panchayat, Ranike, Block Attari, District Amritsar to provide information to the appellant after removing the deficiencies to be pointed out by the appellant before the next hearing. He is also directed to file an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.3628/2021 & AC No.3629/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.02.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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