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Shri Amanpreet Singh
S/o Shri Inderjeet Singh
R/o H.No.B-34-10119/3,
Inderprast Nagar, Haibowal Kalan,
Ludhiana-141001.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Engineer,
PSPCL, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
PSPCL, Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.4494/2021

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Amandeep Singh, Sr. XEN, along with Shri Rajesh Kumar, L.D.C., Agar Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana, on behalf of PIO/Respondent, in person.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.01.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex..
3. Shri Amandeep Singh, Sr. Executive Engineer, along with Shri Rajesh Kumar, L.D.C. Agar Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information asked for by the appellant has been supplied vide letter dated 17.02.2022, sent by registered post on 24.02.2022.
4. Shri Amanpreet Singh, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant confirms the receipt information and also gives his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.04.2022**

**Sd/-
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Shri Tejinder Singh
S/o Shri Balbir Singh
R/o Village Nonitpur,
District Hoshiarpur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer, Mahilpur,
District Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer, Mahilpur,
District Hoshiarpur.

...Respondents

AC No.5489/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **None behalf of the PIO O/o BDPO Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 12.07.2021 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 12.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o BDPO Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur has come present in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. However, a letter dated 09.02.2022 is available in the case file whereby the information has been supplied to the appellant.
4. The version of the appellant could not be heard through cisco webex. He, however, informed by contacting the Bench on phone and confirmed the receipt of information to his satisfaction as also has given his consent to close the case.



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5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
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Shri Hakam Singh
S/o Shri Darshan Singh
R/o Village Madhir,
Tehsil Gidderbaha,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer, Gidderbaha,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Addl.Dy.Commissioner(Development)
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

AC No.5496/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Hakam Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Jaskaran Singh, Superintendent O/o BDPO Gidderbaha,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib on behalf of PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 30.12.2021 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 14.02.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Hakam Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Jaskaran Singh, Superintendent, O/o BDPO Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 31.03.2022 and then vide letter dated 04.04.2022, as the record of Gram Panchayats is off-line. Certain information relates to MGNREGA which is available on the website and the requisite link was also provided to the appellant. He further states that certain detail of bank accounts of PIDB grants has been asked for from the concerned banks and the same would be provided to the appellant on receipt of the same. He also states that RTI application has also been transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act to different PIOs/ Panchayat Secretaries/ VDOs of a number of Gram Panchayats in Block Gidderbaha vide letter dated 06.01.2021.

4. On enquiring from the appellant, he states that he has sought information from 01.01.2014 to 30.12.2020, but he has not been supplied information for three years and the information is incomplete. He is apprised that information available on the website is not to be provided and the appellant must access the same from the website.

5. Post deliberations and perusal of the RTI application as well as the correspondence made by the PIO O/o BDPO Gidderbaha, the Bench observes that letters dated 06.01.2021, 02.03.2021 and 21.03.2021 have been sent by PIO O/o BDPO Gidderbaha to all the PIOs-cum-Panchayat Secretaries/VDOs in Block Gidderbaha asking them to supply related information to the appellant directly. The perusal of letter dated 06.01.2021 shows that the information sought by the appellant relates to 16 (Sixteen) PIOs i.e. VDOs and Panchayat Secretaries and each of them performs his duties in respect of more than one Gram Panchayats in Block Gidderbaha. The Bench also observes from the version of the appellant and the representative of PIO that the information sought by the appellant relates to different issues and it entails collection, collating and compilation of information and thus, a number of PIOs are involved in the same.

6. The Bench, as per observations made above, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information on single RTI application from multiple public authorities. A Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab has in Complaint Case No.2903 of 2011 decided on 13.01.2012, ruled as under:-

“We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that hold the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple authorities.

7. The Bench further observes that the PIO O/o BDPO, Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib has made efforts to supply information to the appellant by forwarding RTI application to different PIOs/VDOs of Gram Panchayats in Block Gidderbaha vide letter dated 06.01.2021 but the information asked for by the appellant has to be collected, collated and compiled, thereby resulting in wastage of time of multiple PIOs involved. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the

peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing “information furnishing”, at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

8. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. The Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

9. In view of the aforesaid observations, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
19.04.2022**

**Sd/-
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Shri Kuldeep Singh
S/o Shri Nachhattar Singh
R/o Patti Bura, Village Dakha,
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Sr. Supdt. Of Police (Rural),
Ludhiana..

First Appellate Authority
O/o Inspector General of Police,
Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.5191/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Jagshir Singh on behalf of Shri Kuldeep Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **ASI Nirmal Kumar, O/o SSP (Rural), Ludhiana on behalf of PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 19.08.2021 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 18.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Jagshir Singh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of Shri Kuldeep Singh, appellant.
3. ASI Nirmal Kumar, O/o SSP (Rural), Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the appellant was contacted on phone to collect the information and after making liaison with him, the information has been provided to the appellant who has given acknowledgement for having received the information. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of appellant confirms receipt of information by the appellant and gives consent to close the case.
4. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.04.2022**

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Shri Jagshir Singh
S/o Shri Gian Singh
R/o #9/20, Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Station House Officer,
Distt. Ludhiana (Rurtal).

First Appellate Authority

O/o Sr. Supdt. Of Police (Rural),
Ludhiana..

...Respondents

AC No.5190/2021

Present: (i) Shri Jagshir Singh, Appellant.
(ii) Shri Gurvinder Singh, SHO Police Station, Dakha, Distt. Ludhiana.

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 21.08.2021 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 21.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that information sought by him has not been supplied to him so far.
3. Shri Gurvinder Singh, SHO Police Station, Dakha, District Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information sought by the appellant relates to copy of Roznamcha, Register No.19 of 08.08.2021 and details of Govt. vehicles of P.S. Dakha and that the appellant was informed vide letter dated 01.09.2021 to establish contact with their office and get information by quoting any specific Report Number, Date, Subject on a working day. He further states that the nature of information sought entails disclosure of secret information of P.S. and it contains a number of other entries and it is not appropriate to disseminate such information for the security reasons.
4. On enquiring from the appellant, he explains the reasons for seeking the information to which the Bench agrees that the information sought does not entail any secrecy or security reasons and has been sought by the appellant in the public interest.



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4. The Bench directs the PIO/SHO P.S. Dakha to provide information to the appellant. Upon this, he states that at present, the appellant is sitting in the Police Station and hands over him the copy of information in the Police Station itself. The appellant also expresses satisfaction over the information supplied and gives his consent to close the case.

5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **As such, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.04.2022**

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Shri Kuldip Singh,
Sohiya Road, Rajgarh Road,
Ward No.7, Sangrur.

Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Director General School Education,
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8,
Mohali..

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of School Education,
Mohali.

...Respondents

AC No.4429/2021

Present:

- (i) **Shri Kuldip Singh, Appellant, in person.**
- (ii) **Shri Harish Sharma, Senior Assistant and Shri Aman Saini, Clerk O/o DGSE (Services-3 Branch), Punjab, Mohali, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent, in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kuldip Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Harish Sharma, Senior Assistant and Shri Aman Saini, Clerk O/o DGSE (Services-3 Branch), Punjab, Mohali, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. They state that the appellant was called for inspection of records on 30.03.2022 and he has been supplied requisite information, as identified by him, today i.e. 19.04.2022.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant confirms receipt of information and also gives his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **As such, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.04.2022**

**Sd/-
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