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FINAL ORDER

Nathu Ram Sihag,
S/o Mahavir Sihag,
Village Taja Patti, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Deputy Chief Engineer (HRD),
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL)
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Chief Engineer, Distribution (West Zone),
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
District Bathinda.

Appeal Case No. 1142 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Parminder Singh, SDO Sub Division No. 2 (for the Respondent) 96461-14423

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **29.8.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **by way of some personal and service details of Baldev Singh SDO Sub Div. No. 2, Abohar,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.11.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **17.3.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.2.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has in an email to this Commission on 19.2.2021 stated that he no longer wishes to pursue this appeal case. Meanwhile, the respondent PIO, represented by Parminder Singh, SDO, Sub Division No. 2, PSPCL Abohar, present through Video Conference Facility at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Patiala, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant from the PIO, HRD, PSPCL, Patiala giving partial information.

3 However, in light of the appellant's email, there is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner
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FINAL ORDER

George Subh,

S/o Rustam Masih,
R/o Begowal, Ward No.12,
Tehsil Bholath, District Kapurthala – 144 621

Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Inspector General of Police,
Indian Reserve Battalions,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Special Director General of Police,
Armed Battalions,
District Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 2088 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Baljeet Singh, Senior Assistant (for the Respondent) 84272-00019

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **11.5.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding the caste (SC) certificate submitted by Head Constable Saraj Masih**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.6.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **4.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.2.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Baljeet Singh, Senior Assistant, present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner's Office Patiala, has submitted a detailed reply to this Commission's Notice.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-Inspector General of Police, India Reserve Battalions states that through this RTI application dated 11.5.2020, the appellant has requested "a certified copy of the Caste Certificate of HC (Head Constable) Saraj Masih No. 7-IRB/94, whose name is at Serial No. 3403 in the Final Seniority List of Head Constables of Armed Battalions after 19.02.2008. or, a certified copy of the Service Book of the above said official." The PIO has argued that the "RTI application was correctly rejected vide Memo No. 9112/A-# dated 9.06.2020, as per the provisions of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005, because the information demanded by the appellant relates to (a) third party (and is) personal information."

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4. It is further submitted that a first appeal filed by the appellant on 17.2.2020, “was also rejected by the First Appellate Authority-cum-Special Director General of Police, Armed Battalions, Punjab vide his office No. 9795/CB-SA-2 dated 30.06.2020, on the ground of (the) Punjab Government Notification (No. SO 49/CA. 22/2005/S 24/2016) dated 07.06.2016, in which, Indian Reserve Battalions have been exempted under (Section 24 of the) RTI Act.”

5. The respondent PIO has also pointed out that “an identical Appeal Case No. 2091 of 2020, filed by the appellant has been dismissed by Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon’ble Punjab State Information Commissioner vide (his) Order dated 6.10.2020.”

6. On examining both, the submissions made by the appellant as well as the respondent PIO’s reply vide Letter No. 2346/A-3 dated 5.2.2021, this Commission cannot fathom any manner in which the disclosure of the requested information could possibly serve any larger public interest. There is equally no occasion to invoke any exception or proviso to the exemptions claimed, herein, by the respondents in citing Sections 8 and 24 of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. Following from above, it is plainly evident that this appeal bears no merit and so, is herewith **Dismissed and Closed.**

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Versus

Public Information Officer,

o/o Inspector General of Police,

Indian Reserve Battalions,

District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Special Director General of Police,

Armed Battalions,

District Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 2216 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

Rishab Moudgil, Clerk (for the Respondent) 79867-81217

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **8.6.2020** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding benefits given to employees with the surname 'Masih' under the SC Category,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **8.7.2020** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.8.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.2.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Rishab Moudgil, Clerk, present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner's Office Patiala, has submitted a detailed reply to this Commission's Notice of 5.1.2021.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-Assistant Inspector General of Police, PAP, Sareen Kumar PPS, states that the appellant was informed vide W/IGP-cum-PIO IRB Patiala's Letter No. 10268/A-3 dated 29.06.2020 and the First Appellate Authority-cum-Special Director General of Police, Armed Battalions Punjab's Memo No. 11012/CB-SA-I dated 23.07.2020 that his application has been declined / rejected in view of exemptions granted to Punjab Armed Police, Commando and Indian reserve Battalions as per the Punjab Government's Notification No. SO 49/CA.22/2005/S.24/2016 dated 07.06.2016, issued in exercise of powers conferred by Section 24(4) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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4. In his reply to this Commission vide Letter no. 774/CB-SA-1 dated 15.1.2021, the PIO has further contended that “the information demanded by the applicant was neither pertaining to allegations of corruption nor human rights violations, hence the appeal in this case was dismissed correctly as per Sub-section 4 of Section 24 of the RTI Act, 2004” etc..

5. The PIO also points out that “an identical Appeal Case No 2091 of 2020 filed by (the) applicant has been dismissed by Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon’ble Punjab State Information Commissioner vide (his) Order dated 06.10.2020.” Notably, the PIO has cited four other Orders of the Punjab State Information Commission, wherein the concerned commissioners have found in favour of the respondents in similar appeal / complaint cases.

6. On examining both, the submissions made by the appellant as well as the respondent PIO’s reply vide Letter No. 774/CB-SA-I dated 15.1.2021, this Commission concurs with the respondents and upholds the decisions of the PIO and the FAA.

7. Following from above, it is plainly evident that this appeal bears no merit and so, is herewith **Dismissed and Closed.**

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner

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FINAL ORDER

Prem Kumar Rattan,
S/o Ajudhia Parshad Rattan,
78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Punjab Police, District Patiala.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Zone, District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 1594 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **12.9.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding NOCs issued in case of FIRs against NRIs**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.10.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **18.6.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.2.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has stated in writing that he no longer requires the information requested. However, this Commission notes that this RTI application was filed on 12.9.2019 and since then not a single reply from the respondent PIO is on record. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, present through Video Conference Facility at Deputy Commissioner's Office Patiala, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant before he filed this second appeal.

3. The respondent PIO is directed to submit copies of all the replies sent to the appellant with regard to this RTI application prior to the Second Appeal. However, in view of the appellant's statement dated 18.1.2021, this Commission sees no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith, **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
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FINAL ORDER

Shamsher Singh,
S/o Jogi Ram,
Village Rauni (Chotti Rauni), PO Ranbirpura,
Nabha Road, District Patiala.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Mini Secretariat, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
o/o Inspector General of Police,
Punjab Police, Baradari Garden,
District Patiala.

Appeal Case No. 3501 of 2020 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent

ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **31.7.2019** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding applications to SSP bearing No. 4375 dated 14.6.2019; 4700 dated: 28.6.2019; 1886 dated 11.6.2019; and 4485 dated 24.6.2019 by Miss Sunana D/o Sh. Sohan Singh and Naresh Kumar S/o Late Sh. Ram Bharose,** as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.10.2019** and second appeal was filed in the Commission on **11.11.2020** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.2.2021**.

2. The appellant is absent but has informed the Commission that he has received the information from the PIO on 6.2.2021. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, present through Video Conference Facility at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Patiala, stated that 19 pages by way of the requested information was sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 181 dated 20.1.2021. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a copy of the aforesaid reply along with copies of the 19 pages, to this Commission at the earliest.

3. There is no further cause for action and this appeal case is herewith **CLOSED**.

Sd/-
(ASIT JOLLY)
State Information Commissioner
Chandigarh
19.2.2021