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Smt. Krishna Rani,  
W/o Shri Dharam Singh @ Dhan Singh,  
R/o Street No.2, Basant Avenue,  
Near Citi Walkmall, College Road,  
Abohar, District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Inspector General of Police,  
Ferozepur Range, Ferozepur Cantt.

...Respondents

**AC No.3932 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Bhupinder Singh Gill, Advocate on behalf of appellant, in person.**  
(ii) **Shri Gurdeep Singh, DSP O/o SSP Fazilka,  
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The the case has been heard today. Shri Bhupinder Singh Gill, Advocate comes present in person to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant and states that as submitted during the previous hearing, the appellant has sought the locations of mobile numbers as mentioned in RTI application on 18.03.2021 from 03.00 PM to 09.00 PM as also the CCTV recording at different locations of Abohar city which has not been provided to the appellant in spite of directions of Hon'ble Bench.
3. Shri Gurdeep Singh, DSP O/o SSP Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO through cisco webex. He states that the CCTV footage as asked for by the appellant cannot be provided as the same gets automatically deleted after a period of 30 days. As regards the locations of mobile phones sought in respect of nine persons, the same cannot be divulged as the disclosure of the same will affect the investigation into the related case and have been denied under Section 8(1)(j) of RTI application. It is an important case as it relates to recovery of drugs.

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4. The appellant's representative refutes the contention of the representative of PIO and states that the footage can be retrieved and the locations of the mobile phones are needed in order to save the career of an educated young boy who has been falsely implicated in a criminal case.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench agrees with the contention of the representative of PIO and directs the PIO to file an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper, within 21 (twenty one ) days duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the CCTV footage as sought by the appellant in AC No.3932/2021 cannot be supplied as it gets deleted automatically after thirty days and thus is not available. The mobile locations as sought by appellant cannot be supplied as the same will affect investigation into the drug related case. 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 copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh  
26.04.2022

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

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Shri H.S. Brar,  
#3132, Sector-27D,  
Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Nodal Officer, RTI Cell,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Chief Engineer, HRD,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.  
(PSPCL), Patiala.

...Respondents

**AC No.657/2022**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **Shri Harmanjit Singh, Superintendent, and Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, Gazetted-3 Branch, O/o Joint Secretary, Services-3,PSPCL, Patiala, on behalf of PIO.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/on mobile phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 19.09.2021 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 24.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri H.S. Brar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Harmanjit Singh, Superintendent, and Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, Gazetted-3 Branch, O/o Joint Secretary, Services-3,PSPCL, Patiala, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO. Shri Harmanjit Singh states that a letter was received from Chief Engineer, U.T. Chandigarh informing that seven persons including the appellant and one Er. V.K. Mahindroo of PSPCL are involved in a criminal case. After registration of case, they were convicted by the CBI Court and awarded ten years' imprisonment which is still under appeal. As per decision of BOD, 50% cut has been imposed on the pension of the appellant, though he has been released the amount of DCRG and Leave Encashment. He further states that the

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appellant has been supplied information point wise vide letter dated 21.01.2022, but he is not satisfied with the reply on point no. (d) & (e) of his RTI Application.

4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he states that due to ill health, he could not attend the hearing and states that he has not been given satisfactory information regarding points (d) and (e) of his RTI application. Then he is apprised of the version of the representative of PIO. He is also apprised that the information as available in the records has been supplied to him and now, the PIO is being directed to file an affidavit to this effect. He agrees with the same.

5. The PIO is now directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within twenty one days, 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.657/2022 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 copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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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 Addl.Dy.Commissioner(Development)  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Director,  
Panchayat Department,  
Ferozepur.

...Respondents

**AC No.668/2022**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- absent.  
(ii) Shri Malkiat Singh, Steno O/o Dy.Director, Panchayat, Ferozepur,  
(iii) Smt. Satinderpal Kaur, Superintendent, O/o BDPO Lambi, in person.  
District Sri Muktsar Sahib on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person /through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 23.10.2021 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 18.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.04.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Hakam Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Malkiat Singh, Steno, O/o Deputy Director, Panchayats, Ferozepur and Smt. Satinderpal Kaur, Superintendent, O/o BDPO Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. Smt. Satinderpal Kaur states that the information sought by the appellant relates to 665 Gram Panchayats in all the Blocks of District Sri Muktsar Sahib and is quite voluminous as it will run into approximately 2100 pages and the same has been sought for 10 years which involves collection and compilation of the same from different PIOs of the Gram Panchayats as sought vide RTI application.
4. Post deliberations and perusal of the RTI application as well as the letters available in the case file, the Bench observes that letter dated 21.03.2022 has been addressed by the Addl. D.C. (Dev.)-cum-Addl. District Programme Coordinator, MGNREGA, Sri Muktsar Sahib to BDPO-cum-Programme Officer (MGNREGA), Sri Muktsar Sahib, Lambi, Malout and Gidderbaha. A letter dated 04.04..2022 has been sent by PIO O/o BDPO Lambi to all the PIOs-cum-Panchayat

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Secretaries/VDOs in Block Lambi asking them to supply related information to the office Superintendent. The Bench also observes from the perusal of RTI application and the version of the representative of PIO that the information sought by the appellant relates to different issues and thus, a number of PIOs are involved in the same and it entails collection, collating and compilation of information.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. In view of the aforesaid observations, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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26.04.2022

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