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Sh. Gurpreet Singh H.No. 364/30D, New Aatam Nagar, City Jagraon, Ludhiana

.. appellant

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Public Information Officer o/o Director Public Instructions(Colleges),Pb. Vidya Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority o/o Director Public Instructions(Colleges),Pb. (Grant 2 Branch) Vidya Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali.

.. respondents

Appeal Case No. 2406 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:-

Sh. Gurpreet Singh, appellant.

Sh. Sarabjit Singh, 9464741009 on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.10.2022.

- 2. The appellant has sought the following information as per his RTI application:-
  - 127 ਅਸਿਸਟੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰਾਂ ਦੇ <u>ਕਲੇਮ</u> ਕਿਸ ਕਾਲਜ ਨੇ ਕਿਸ-ਕਿਸ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਹਨ। ਕਾਲਜਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਕਲੇਮ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਤਨਖਾਹ ਰੂਪੀ ਗਰਾਟ ਕਾਲਜਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸ-ਕਿਸ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਈ ਗਈ ਹੈ। (ਹਰ ਇਕ ਕਾਲਜ ਦੀ ਵਖਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।
  - 3) ਕਿ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਲਜ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਹੈ ਜਿਸਨੇ 127 ਅਸਿਸਟੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਲਿਸਟ ਵਿਚ ਦਰਜ ਉਸ ਕਾਲਜ ਵਿਚ ਹੋਏ ਰੈਗੂਲਰ ਅਸਿਸਟੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਲੇਮ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਤਾ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਹਨ ਪਰ ਉਸ ਕਾਲਜ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਤੀ 6/11/2020 ਤੱਕ ਗਰਾਂਟ ਜਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ।ਜੇਕਰ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਲਜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਸ ਕਾਲਜ ਦਾ ਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਗਰਾਂਟ ਜਾਰੀ ਨਾ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਕਾਰਨ ਦਸਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ।
  - 4) ਇਹ ਵੀ ਦਸਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਕਿ ਜਿਹਨਾਂ ਕਾਲਜਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ 127 ਅਸਿਸਟੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਲੇਮ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਸਨ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗਰਾਂਟ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਜੂਰੀ ਉਚੇਰੀ ਸਿਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਤੋਂ ਕਿਸ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਈ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਗਰਾਂਟ ਦੇ ਬਿਲ ਖਜਾਨੇ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਸ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਗਏ ਹਨ। (ਹਰ ਇਕ ਕਾਲਜ ਦੀ ਵਖਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ)
- 3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public

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Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, the representative of the respondents submits that the complete information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant. He further submits that the appellant may be advised to inspect the original record in case he is not satisfied with the same with which the appellant agreed to. The appellant also requested that the respondent-Public Information Officer may be directed to file an affidavit that the complete information as existing/available on record has already been supplied in this case and nothing more is available which could be supplied to the appellant.

- 4. Accordingly, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to send an affidavit within a week to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. Also, the appellant is advised to contact Sh. Sarabjit Singh, 9464741009 in case he is willing to inspect the record.
- 5. With these directions, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated:27.10.2022

(Suresh Arora)
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Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Whistle Blower, NCAG Office, Street No. 5 #1331-5, Vishkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road, Simlapuri Ludhiana. M 9888710031



Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, o/o Chief Secretary, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Sh. Manjit Singh, Under Secy.-cum-Public Information Officer o/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Smt. Kamaljit Kaur STP-cum-Public Information Officer Deptt. Of Local Government, Sector 35, Chandigarh

Sh. Sunil, ATP cum
Public Information Officer Zone C 7888430988
o/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3330 of 2022

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant

Sh. Vijay Kumar, ATP, Sh. Inderjit Singh, HDM on behalf of the respondents

ORDER

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2. The respondent filed the specific reply viz a viz sought information and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:-

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	ਨੰ:		
	1.	ਉੱਕਤ ਕੰਪਲੇਂਟ ਕਾਪੀ ਅਤੇ ਡਾਇਰੀ ਨੰ: P.Secy Local	ਪੈਰ੍ਹਾ ਨੰ: 1 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ
- 1		Bodies P/b ਦਾ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਦਾ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ + P.Secv	18-01-2022 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ
,		Local Bodies P/b ਨੇ ਜਿਸ ਅਫਸਰ ਜਾਂ ਅਬਾਰਟੀ ਨੂੰ	ਵਿੱਚ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 27/ਏ.ਟੀ.ਪੀ-ਸੀ/ਜੀ ਮਿਤੀ 26-04-2022 ਰਾਹੀਂ
		ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਲਈ ਡੀ/ਮਾਰਕ ਕੀਤੀ ਉਸਦੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ	ਵਸੂਲ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਡਾਇਰੀ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀ
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	2,	ਉੱਕਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਂਚ ਅਫਸਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਲਏ ਗਏ ਸਬੰਧਤ	ਪੈਰ੍ਹਾ ਨੂੰ: 02 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ
1	- 1	ਹਿਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਿਆਨ + ਕਬਜੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆ Record +	ਜੋ ਮਿਤੀ 18-01-2022 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਤੇ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ
	- 1	Complaint ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਤਫ਼ਤੀਸ਼ ਦਾ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ + ਉੱਕਤ	ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਉਸਾਰੀਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਖ਼ਿਲਾਫ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਆਫ ਪੁਲਿਸ,
- 1	- 1	ਜਾਂਚ ਅਫਸਰ ਜਾਂ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ Fact + Finding Report	ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਐਫ.ਆਈ.ਆਰ ਦਰਜ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਇ <b>ਸ ਦ</b> ਫਤਰ
1	- 1	+ Action Taken Report ਸਮੇਤ Complete File ਦੀ	ਰੂਪਕਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਫ਼.ਆਈ.ਆਰ ਦਰਜ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ । ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਭੇਜੇ ਗਏ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 1379/ਡੀ.ਆਰ.ਜੀ-ਸੀਂ/ਡੀ ਮਿਤੀ
1	- 1.	Complete File ਦੀ Complete ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇਣੀ।	
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i	1	·	ਮਿਤੀ. 23-05-2022 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਐਫ.ਆਈ.ਆਰ ਦਰਜ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ
1 .	. !	9	ਲਿੱਖ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਜਿਸਦੀਆਂ ਦਫਤਰੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ
	í		ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੇ ਗਏ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੂਦਾ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਇਸ
			ਪੱਤਰ ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੇਜੀਆਂ ਜਾਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।

Also, the reply/information has already been sent to the appellant. A copy of the same is also **being sent** to the appellant along with this order.

3. Keeping in view the specific reply filed the respondent, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated:27.10.20222

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Ms. Harkesh Kaur Lottey, W/o Sh. Shamsher Singh Lottey,

V. P. O. Bhurthala Mander,

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....Appellant

V/s

Smt. Bindu Gulati, Astt. Director-cum Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb., Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary,Punjab School Education Board, Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 517 of 2022

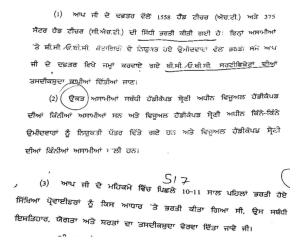
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

**ORDER** 

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.10.2022.

2. The appellant has sought the following information as per his RTI application:-



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- 3. During the last hearing, the appellant submitted that she is not satisfied with the information so supplied by the respondent pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application and an opportunity was granted to point out the deficiency, if any.
- 4. Neither the appellant is present nor any submissions have been received from her.
- 5. Keeping in view the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the appellant is at liberty to approach the Commission within two weeks from the receipt of this order, in case she has any submission to make.

Dated:27.10.20222

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Shri Malkit Singh, s/o Shri Kulbir Singh, House No. E1, 2976, Hargobindpura Wadali Road, Gali No. 1, Chheharta, Distt. Amritsar. Mo No 9888840916 RTI Application No. 14619

**Appellant** 

Vs

Public Information Officer, o/o DC Amritsar.

First Appellate Officer, o/o DC Amritsar.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3934/2022** 

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Prem Singh, SI, RTI Branch o/o Commissioner of Police, Amritsar on behalf

of the respondents.

**ORDER** 

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.

- 2. The appellant has sought the information related to "Grievance ID 20220098551 provide status of the complaint registered at connect.punjab.gov.in and the action report"
- 3. The appellant was absent during the last hearing. He is absent today also without any intimation. During the last hearing, the representative of the respondents on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar brought to the notice that the RTI application of the appellant was transferred to the said office and filed the specific reply. Accordingly, a copy of the same was sent to the appellant along with the order to file the rejoinder, if any. Neither the appellant is present today nor has any submission has been received from the appellant. Therefore, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated:27.10.2022 (Suresh Arora)

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Shri Rajiv Sharma, s/o Shri Sushil Kumar, #808.3, Housing Board Colony. near Ram Mandir, Jalandhar. Mo No 7355000181

**RTI Application No. 22001** 

**Appellant** 

Vs

Public Information Officer, o/o Directorate of Governance Reforms & Public Grievances, Mohali.

First appellate authority office, o/o Directorate of Governance Reforms & Public Grievances, Mohali.

Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3935/2022

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the parties. ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.

- 2. The appellant has sought the following information as per his RTI application:-
  - "Detail and certified copy of action taken report of  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  appeal No. 20220105902 which is pending since  $\mathbf{20}^{th}$  May, 2022."
- 3. During the last hearing the case was adjourned due to non-appearance of parties. Neither the appellant is present nor any submission has been received from him which appears that the appellant does not want to pursue his case. It is also a fact that the notice of hearing as well the order in this case was sent to the appellant through registered post.
- 4. Keeping in view the above, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the appellant is at liberty to approach the Commission within two weeks in case he has any submission to make.

Dated:27.10.2022



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Sh. Sohan Singh (M: 9417319677), #24-A, Lal Nagar, Near Model Town, Jalandhar-144003.

....Appellant

ਕੁਜ ਸੂਚਨਾ

Vs

Public Information Officer O/o Principal, DAV College, Jalandhar

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 94 of 2022 (Converted into appeal case) (Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sohan Singh, complainant

Sh. S.K. Uppal, Public Information Officer 9810033711, on telephone, on

behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER** 

Dated:27.10.2022

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.10.2022.

- 2. The appellant has sought the following information as per his RTI application:-
  - Provide the certified/stamped copy of list of members for PF trust of this college with which the contribution of Provident fund of employees of this college is maintained.
  - Give the information whether the PF trust of this college is an exempted trust, if 
     exempted one provide stamped copy of certificate for the same.
  - Provide certified/stamped copy of registration certificate and detail rules and regulations applicable to college Trust for provident fund in which this College participating for PF of its employees.
  - Provide information and document for applicable rules which prevent your office/competent authority to sanction covid-19 advance to college employees.
- 3. The appellant submits that he is satisfied with the information so supplied by the respondent but requested that the respondent may be directed to certify the same. The respondent assured that the same will be certified. Also, the appellant submits that the respondent DAV College, Jalandhar has not complied with Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 4. Since, the information has also been sent by the respondent through email, which is taken on record and a copy of the same is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order. With regard to compliance of Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to look into the matter to comply with the provisions of the Act.
- 5. With these directions, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

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Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma,

VPO Raiser, Tehsil and District Barnala.

**Appellant** 

ਰਜ ਸੂਚਨਾ

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Barnala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o ADC (UD), Barnala.

Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1505 of 2022.

Present:-

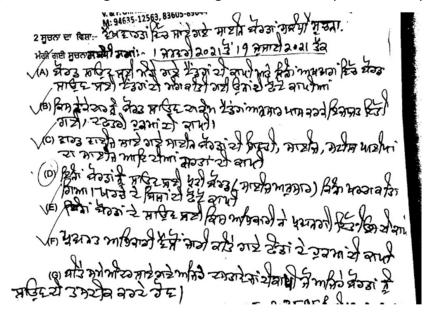
Shri Rajinder Kumar Sharma, appellant.

Shri Slim Mohammad, on behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER** 

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.10.2022.

2. The appellant has sought the following information as per his RTI application:-



3. The respondent submits that the complete information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant. He further submits that nothing more is available on record which could be supplied to the appellant. However, the appellant submits that he

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has received the information and requested for the time to go through the same.

4. Since, the complete information has already been supplied to the appellant, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the appellant is at liberty to approach the Commission within two weeks in case he has any submission to make.

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Sh. Sukhjinder Singh s/o Sh. Major Singh Vilalge Poohla, Tehsil Nathana, Bathinda 62845 53359

.. appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer o/o Nagar Panchayat Block Nathana, Bathinda

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary Public Information Officer o/o Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayata Poohla, Block nathana Bathinda

Sh. Raja Singh,9815812293 Block Development and Panchayats Officer -cum-Public Information officer, Nathana, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Nathinda, Bathinda.

.. respondents

Appeal Case No. 1675 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh Sukhjinder Singh, appellant

Sh. Jatinder Singh Panchayat Secretary 9569211112 9815142527 on behalf of

the respondents.

#### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.9.2022.

- 2. The appellant has sought the information related to Gram Panchayat Village Poohla as per his RTI application.
- 3. The appellant submits that he has received the information and is satisfied with the same. He has also requested to close the case.
- 4. According to the submissions made by the appellant, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated:27.10.2022



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Shri Sukhjinder Singh S/o Sh. Major Singh, Village Poohla,Tehsil Nathana,

....Appellant

...Respondents

V/s

### **Public Information Officer,**

Distt. Bathinda (Punjab)

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat - Poohla, Tehsil Nathana, Distt. Bathinda (Punjab)

### First Appellate Authority,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nathana, Distt. Bathinda (Punjab)

Sh. Raja Singh,
Block Development and Panchayats Officer 9815812293,
Nathana, Bathinda

### Appeal Case No. 5265 of 2021

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, appellant.

Sh. Jatinder Singh Panchayat Secretary 9569211112 9815142527 on behalf of

the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.9.2022.

- 2. The appellant has sought the information related to Gram Panchayat Village Poohla as per his RTI application.
- 3. The appellant submits that he has received the information and is satisfied with the same. He has also requested to close the case.
- 4. According to the submissions made by the appellant, the Commission observes that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

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.... Complainant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
 O/o Director,
 Deptt. of Local Government,
 Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,

Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,
 O/o Superintendent,
 (LG – IV Branch),
 O/o Director,
 Deptt. of Local Government,
 Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
 Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

i) Public Information Officer,
 O/o Superintendent,
 (Trust Services Cell),
 O/o Director,
 Deptt. of Local Government,
 Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
 Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

# Complaint Case No. 1289 of 2021

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Gagandeep Singh 7986107832 on behalf of the respondents

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.9.2022 vide which the directions were issued to the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing and the orders were sent to the parties through registered post. The case was adjourned for today.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. After the perusal of the case it has transpired that the appellant has sought the information. The complainant requested that

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the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to provide the complete information.

3. It is appropriate to mention that Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos.10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010) has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

An alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 which has not been availed in the instant case. Since the complainant is interested in getting the information, therefore, the matter is remanded back to Sh. Surinder Singh, Under Secretary-cum-First Appellate Authority to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order. A copy of this complaint filed by the complainant is also **being sent** to him along with this order with the directions that the same may be treated as first appeal.

4. With these directions the case is disposed of and closed. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in this case, if he is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority.

Dated:27.10.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Sh. Surinder Singh,
Under Secretary-cum-First Appellate Authority
Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
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Sh. Surjit Singh s/o Sh. Gokul Singh VPO Jarg, Tehsil Payal, Ludhiana 141415



Vs

Public Information Officer, o/o DEO (Elem), Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority o/o DEO (Elem), Fatehgarh Sahib.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3792 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

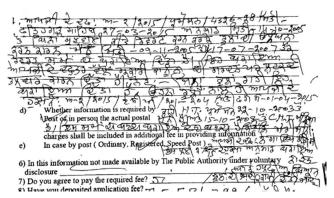
Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the parties.

**ORDER** 

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.10.2022.

2. The appellant has sought the following information as per his RTI application:-



3. The RTI application has been considered in terms of the orders issued by the Punjab State Information Commission in CC No. 2177 of 2010 (DOD 2.8.2010) in which it has been mentioned that the information to be collected, collated, tabulated and rearranged is not within the purview of the RTI Act. Subsequently, the office memorandum issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of

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India vide no. 1/18/2011-IR dated 16.9.2011 in which it has been mentioned that:-

"only such information can be supplied under the Act which already exists and is held by the public authority or held by the public authority or held under the control of the public authority. The Public Information Officer is not supposed to create information or to interpret information or to solve the problems raised by the applicant or to furnish the replies to hypothetical questions".

- 4. The RTI application of appellant was also considered in terms of office memorandum issued by the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India vide No. 11/2/2008-IR dated 10.7.2008 in which it has been stated that the Public Information Officer has to supply the 'material' in the form as held by the public authority and it is not required to do research on behalf of the citizen to deduce anything from the material and then supply it to him.
- 5. It is also appropriate to mention the decision given by the Supreme Court of India in the matter of Central Board of Secondary Education & Anr. Vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay & Ors (Civil Appeal No.6454 of 2011) reported as 2011(3)RCT(Civil) and circulated by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training vide No. 1/18/2011-IR dated 16.9.2011 which is as follows:-

"At this juncture, it is necessary to clear some misconceptions about the RTI Act. The RTI Act provides access to all information that is available and existing. This is clear from a combined reading of section 3 and the definitions of 'information' and 'right to information' under clauses (f) and (j) of section 2 of the Act. If a public authority has any information in the form of data or analysed data, or abstracts, or statistics, an applicant may access such information, subject to the exemptions in section 8 of the Act. But where the information sought is not a part of the record of a public authority, and where such information is not required to be maintained under any law or the rules or regulations of the public authority, the Act does not cast an obligation upon the public authority, to collect or collate such non available information and then furnish it to an applicant. A public authority is also not required to furnish information which require drawing of inferences and/or making of assumptions. It is also not required to provide 'advice' or 'opinion' to an applicant, nor required to obtain and furnish any 'opinion' or 'advice' to an applicant. The reference to 'opinion' or 'advice' in the

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definition of 'information' in section 2(f) of the Act, only refers to such material available in the records of the public authority. Many public authorities have, as a public relation exercise, provide advice, guidance and opinion to the citizens. But that is purely voluntary and should not be confused with any obligation under the RTI Act."

7. Keeping in view the above, the Commission is of the view that no further directions can be given to the respondent authority in this case as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated:27.10.2022