



.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

# Sh. Arun Garg, (7888459837, 9517578970)

S/o Sh. Sham Lal and Ms Aditi Grag, D/o Sh. Sham Garg, H No 40-41, Central Townm Village Dad, P.O Lalton Kalan, Distt Ludhiana - 142022 Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Superintendent Central Jail, Ludhiana.

# First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintendent Central Jail, Ludhiana.

## Appeal Case No.5047 of 2021

### (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

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RTI application filed on	:	02-07-2021
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	31-08-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Present: Appellant: Absent Respondent: Sh. Kawar Surteg (DSP), 7837557510

# ORDER :

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint cases in the Commission dated 08.11.2021. Accordingly, the case was postponed and is fixed for today.

# Information Sought:

Commissioner of Police -cum- Executive Magistrate Ludhiana:-

- (01) Attested copies of all date-wise warrants of sending/commitment of persons to this jail by the Court of Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Police -cum- Executive Magistrate Ludhiana for the last 10-12 years since year 2010.
- (02) Attested copies of all date-wise case-wise warrants/orders of release of persons sent to this jail by the Court of Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Police -cum- Executive Magistrate Ludhiana for the last 10-12 years since year 2010.
- (03) Information of all revisions-appeals-writs-other petitions against the order of the Court of Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Police -cum- Executive Magistrate Ludhiana for the last 10-12 years since year 2010.
- (04) Concerned provision of law/rule providing attested copy thereof, if any information is denied on any ground or any record is claimed not maintained or not available.
- (05) Names & designations with official address, mobile, e-mail of the jail officials along with attested copy of concerned office order/notification/other document for the last 10-12 years since year 2010.
- (06) Names & designations with official address, mobile, e-mail of present PIO/APIO & FAA along with attested copy of concerned office order/notification/other document.
- (07) Availability of complete/any part of sought information on internet through official web-site and its access to public along with addresses of concerned web-pages.

# 2. Observation:

Appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. Respondent, Sh. Kawar Surteg stated that sought information is a third party information which is exempted u/s 8(1)j of RTI act.

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The Commission agrees with the contention of the CPIO that such information is purely in the nature of personal information and no larger public interest has been shown.

Reference is drawn to the decision dated 13.11.2019 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Central Public Information Officer... vs Subhash Chandra Agarwal, the relevant paragraph relating to interpretation of personal information reads as follows:

36. If one's right to know is absolute, then the same may invade another's right to privacy and breach confidentiality, and, therefore, the former right has to be harmonised with the need for personal privacy, confidentiality of information and effective governance......

59. Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, details of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive.

## 3. Decision:

In view of the above observations and also the judicial dicta mentioned above, the Commission is not inclined to direct disclosure of information. The reply of the PIO dated 30.03.2022 is considered proper. No further action is required in the matter.

The appeal is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated: 30.03.2022

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### Dr. Sahil Kumar Sharma, (9878739668)

V.P.O Jandwal, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot – 145001 Versus

### **Public Information Officer**

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot.

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Inspector General of Police, Border Range, Amritsar.

# Appeal Case No.5224 of 2021

## (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	23-06-2021
PIO replied on	:	13-07-2021
First appeal filed on	:	09-08-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	14-08-2021

Present: Appellant: Sh. Nitin Saluja on behalf of applicant Respondent: Sh. Dalbir Singh (ASI), 9780002884

## ORDER:

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint cases in the Commission dated 18.11.2021. Accordingly, the case was postponed and is fixed for today.

## Information Sought:

- 1) Kindly provide me information in Yes/No format whether the statements sent by above said letter have been included in the investigation.
- Please provide me certified copies of all statements/documents sent to you through Register Post No.RP888538624IN which have been received by Police Station division No. 1 on 27/05/2021.
- Please provide me certified copy of Email sent to official Email ID ps.div1.ptk.police@punjab.gov.in\_of Police Station Division No. 1 on 9/01/2021 at 5:07 PM by my Email ID sahil2615sharma@gmail.com.
- 4) Please provide me certified copy of Email sent to official Email ID
  <u>ps.div1.ptk.police@punjab.gov.in</u> of Police Station Division No. 1 on 15/03/2021 at
  2:09 PM by my Email ID <u>sahil2615sharma@gmail.com</u>.
- 5) Please provide me certified copy of Email sent to official Email ID <u>shodiv1ptk@gmail.com</u> of Police Station Division No.1 on 15/03/2021 at 2:09 PM by my Email ID <u>sahil2615sharma@gmail.com</u>.
- 6) Please provide me certified copy of Email (Carbon Copy) sent to official Email ID <u>sspptk@gmail.com</u> of SSP Office, Pathankot on 15/03/2021 at 2:09 PM by my Email ID <u>sahil2615sharma@gmail.com</u>.

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- 2. Both the parties are present and heard.
- 3. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, observes that the appellant vide points of the RTI application is seeking a certified copies of his own documents/emails submitted by him, which he is not entitled to seek as a matter of right under the RTI Act.

In this regard, the Hon'ble Madras High Court in the case of High Court, Madras vs. Central Information Commission, Writ Petition No. 26781/2013 dated 17.09.2014 has held as follows:-

".....we fail to understand as to how the second respondent is entitled to justify his claim for seeking the copies of his complaints and appeals. It is needless to say that they are not the information available within the knowledge of the petitioner; on the other hand, admittedly, they are the documents of the second respondent himself, and therefore, if he does not have copies of the same, he has to blame himself and he cannot seek those details as a matter of right ...... Further, those documents cannot be brought under the definition "information" as defined under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act." In view of the above ratio, information sought cannot be provided to the appellant.

4. With the above observations, the appeal is disposed of.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated: 30.03.2022

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# Sh. Harjeet Singh, (9814809717)

S/o Sh. Balbir Singh, # 133, Urban Estate, Ram Tirath Road, Amritsar. Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, PWD, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali.

# First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, Panchayati Raj, PWD, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali.

# Appeal Case No.5257 of 2021

#### (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

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RTI application filed on	:	07-08-2021
PIO replied on	:	10-09-2021
First appeal filed on	:	24-09-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Present: Appellant: Sh. Harjeet Singh Respondent: Sh. Rajiv Kumar (Sr. Asst.), 7973765802

# ORDER:

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint cases in the Commission dated 22.11.2021. Accordingly, the case was postponed and is fixed for today.

# Information Sought:

- 1. Certified Copies of All letters/ written queries from the office of Investigating Officer or SHO Police Station Phase 8, Mohali (SAS Nagar) in connection with the FIR No. 5 dated 13-01-2018.
- 2. Certified Copies of all Reply/s to letters/written queries as mention at point No. 1.
- 3. Note: The applicant reserves the right to inspect the original letters/documents u/s 2(j)(i) of the RTI Act of the documents/letters provided in response to the above query/s. Hearing:
- 1. Both the parties were present at the hearing. The Appellant reiterated the contents of the RTI application and stated that false and misleading replies were provided by the Respondent on all the points while citing Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. In its reply, the Respondent produced a copy of their written submission dated 28.03.2022 wherein while re-iterating their earlier written submission dated 10.09.2021, the Respondent provided a copy of all the correspondences made with the Appellant in the matter, till date.

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.....Respondent

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# Decision:

2. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, directs the respondent to furnish an affidavit providing therein the factual situation (as discussed in court) and affirming the position that the information sought by the appellant has been supplied to best extent. In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking/affidavit may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission therein mentioning the reasons for its non-availability. The above directions of the Commission shall be complied with, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

With the above directions , the appeal is disposed of.

Chandigarh Dated: 30.03.2022 (Maninder Singh Patti) State Information Commissioner, Pb.

Sd/-

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.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

**Public Information Officer** O/o Chief Engineer, Panchayati Raj, PWD, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali.

## **First Appellate Authority**

O/o Financial Commissioner, Rural Developemnt & Panchayat Department, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali.

# Appeal Case No.5258 of 2021

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:	07-08-2021
:	16-09-2021
:	24-09-2021
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Present: Appellant: Sh. Harjeet Singh Respondent: Sh. Rajiv Kumar (Sr. Asst.), 7973765802

## **ORDER:**

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint cases in the Commission dated 22.11.2021. Accordingly, the case was postponed and is fixed for today.

### Information Sought:

- Certified Copies of Purchase Bill/s of Closed Circuit Cameras and DVR/s installed in and around/ outside the office of Chief Engineer Panchayti Raj PW Punjab, (earlier office of the Superintending Engineer Panchayti Raj Circle Punjab) at Vikas Bhawan Sector-62, SAS Nagar.
- Technical specifications of the CCTVs and the DVR/s mentioned above as provided by the Manufacturer/Vendor.
- How long is the retention time of the recordings of the CCTV footages i.e. for how many days the recording remains saved/retrievable before it gets automatically deleted?
- 4. Are the CCTV Cameras able to record audio recording too?
- If the answer to point No. 4 is in 'Yes' then from how much distance the same can record quality audio?
- 6. Can the whole day footage recording of the CCTV Cameras as mentioned at point No. 1 of date 12-10-2017 be retrieved or if the same has been saved anywhere? Note: The applicant reserves the right to inspect the original letters/documents/CCTV Footage u/s 2(j)(i) of the RTI Act of the same provided in response to the above query/s.
- 2. From a perusal of the relevant case records, it is noted that the appellant is aggrieved with the fact that partial information has been supplied so far by the respondent authority.
- 3. In view of the above observations, the PIO is directed to visit the RTI application afresh and furnish a modified reply to the appellant on the points 3,4,5,6 raised in the RTI application.

In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking/affidavit may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission therein mentioning the reasons for its non-availability.

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The respondent Sh. Rajiv Kumar agreed on the same and assured the commission to comply the with aforesaid direction of the commission within 30 days.

Accordingly, on the assurance of respondent authority this instant appeal case is **Disposed of** with the directions to respondent PIO, to file a updated reply / supply information within 45 days from issue of this order. Failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within 2 month in case any submission regarding the receiving of information.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated: 30.03.2022

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## Sh. Hardev Singh,( 9417323173)

S/o Sh. Banta Singh, Village Dhupsari, P.O Govt. Multitechnical College, Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur - 143506 Versus

.....Respondent

**Public Information Officer** O/o Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Secretary, Punjab, Chandigarh.

## Appeal Case No.5428 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

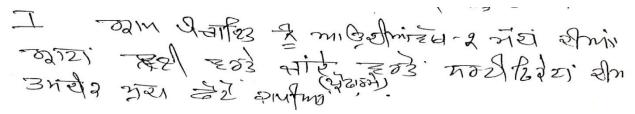
RTI application filed on	:	20-08-2021
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	05-10-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Present: Appellant: Sh. Hardev Singh Respondent: Ms. Mandeep Kaur (Stenotypist), 7888525657

# ORDER:

 The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint cases in the Commission dated 26.11.2021. Accordingly, the case was postponed and is fixed for today.

# **Information Sought:**



2. Appellant, Sh. Hardev Singh sated that he has received the sought information but it has not been certified by the respondent PIO. On this the respondent Ms. Mandeep Kaur replied that she will provide the certified copies of the same.

3. In the view of above the appellant is directed to visit the respondent office at mutually convenient date & time and get the requisite documents/information attested by the concerned competent authority of the department. A compliance report to this effect shall be sent to the Commission by the PIO within 30 days from the receipt of this order

With the above directions to PIO, the appeal is disposed of.

Sd/-

(Maninder Singh Patti) State Information Commissioner, Pb.

Chandigarh Dated: 30.03.2022

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<b>Sh. Baldev Singh, (9814715043)</b> S/o Sh. Swaran Singh,				
House No 933/7 A, Street No 5, New Deep Nagar				
Civil Lines, Ludhiana – 141001	, Appellant/Complainant			
Versus				
Public Information Officer O/o Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur. First Appellate Authority	Respondent			
O/o Deputy Commissioner,				
Gurdaspur. Appeal Case No.5430 of 2021				
(Cisco Webex Proc				
RTI application filed on	: 03-05-2021			
PIO replied on	: 21-06-2021			
First appeal filed on	: 13-07-2021			
First Appellate Authority order	: 09-08-2021			

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Present: Appellant: Sh. Baldev Singh Respondent: Sh. Anil Kumar (Suptd.), 9465562163

### **ORDER:**

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint cases in the Commission dated 01.12.2021. Accordingly, the case was postponed and is fixed for today.

# Information Sought:

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- 2. Both the parties were present and heard. The respondent submitted that the appellant was informed that no record pertaining to his application exists/available with them.
- 3. Having heard both the parties and on perusal of the available records, it is evident that no appropriate response as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 has been provided by the PIO. The Deputy Commissioner, is under obligation to order for thorough inquiry and search for the requisite missing documents, submit a comprehensive reply on the missing property documents in their office Develop a policy to tackle such situation and develop a system for redressal whereby alternative relief can be provided to the person whose documents have been lost.

In case the documents are not found then they are required to file an affidavit on this score. A compliance report to this effect shall be sent to the Commission by the PIO within 30 days from the receipt of this order

With the above directions to PIO, the appeal is **disposed of**.

Sd/-

(Maninder Singh Patti) State Information Commissioner, Pb.

Chandigarh Dated: 30.03.2022



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## Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, (9888490031)

RTI Activist, President, Whistle Blower, NCAG Office, Ludhiana, # 1331-5, Street No 5, Near Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana - 141003 .....Appellant/Complainant Versus .....Respondent

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Additional Director General of Police (Jails), Punjab, SCO 8-9, Sector 17 A, Chandigarh.

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Additional Director General of Police (Jails), Punjab, SCO 8-9, Sector 17 A, Chandigarh.

## Appeal Case No.5060 of 2021 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	16-04-2021
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	28-07-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Appellant: Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia Present: Respondent: Sh. Kanwar V.P Singh (DSP), 9707400013

## ORDER :

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint cases in the Commission dated 08.11.2021. Accordingly, the case was postponed and is fixed for today.

### Information Sought:

Sir:- Ludhiana ਦੀ Central Jail Tajpur Road ਵਿਚ ਗਾਇਕ ਕਰਨ ਔਜਲਾ ਦੀ VIP ਵਰਤਾਵ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਜੋ ਜਾਂਚ Pb Govt.ਵਲੋਂ A.D.G.P. Jail PB ਵਲੋਂ Sr.most Officer ਵਲੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਉਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀ ਸੁਚਨਾ Provide ਕਰਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ Daily Jagbani ਦੀ ਖਬਰ 10-04-2021 ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਤ ਹੋਈ copy Enclosed ਹੈ/-

- 1. ਉਕਤ ਗਾਇਕ ਦੀ Entry ਦਾ Record + ਸਾਰਾ ਕਾਫਲਾ ਦੀ ਐਂਟਰੀ ਦਾ Jail ਦਾ Record+Jail ਵਿਚ ਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਮਨਜੂਰੀ ਦਾ Record ਅਤੇ ਜੋ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨਾਲ ਸਨ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ+Address ਦੇਣੇ/-
- 2. ਜੋ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਜੇਲ ਤੱਕ ਕਾਫਲਾ ਗਿਆ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਦਾ Record+RC ਕਾਪੀਆਂ+ਡਰਾਈਵਰਜ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ+Driving Licence+ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਦੀ Insurance ਹਰ ਇਕ ਗੱਡੀ ਦਾ ਦੇਣਾ/-
- 3. ਜੋ M/C ਦੀ ਗੱਡੀ ਜਿਪਸੀ ਦਾ RC No.Driver ਦਾ Name+ ਡਰਾਈਵਿੰਗ Licence+Insurance+ ਵਿਚ ਬੇਠੇ ਮੁਲਾਜਮ ਤੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ+M/C ਵਲੋਂ ਗੱਡੀ ਭੇਜਣ ਦਾ Record ਮਨਜੂਰੀ ਦਾ Record/-
- 4. ਜਾਂਚ ਅਫਸਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਵੇਲੇ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਸਾਰਾ ਇਕੱਠਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ+Photos+ਸਾਰੇ Record ਕੀਤੇ ਬਿਆਨ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਂਚ ਅਫਸਰ ਦੀ Fact+Finding Report ਅਤੇ Action Taken Report ਸਮੇਤ ਉਕਤ ਘਟਨਾਕਰਮ ਦੀ Complete File ਦਾ Complete Record ਦੇਣਾ/- /

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2. The respondents have cogently and persuasively argued that the information as requested by the appellant, comes within the ambit of the exemptions under Section 8(1)(h) and 8(1)(g) of the RTI Act. Both these Sections prohibit disclosure of information connected with ongoing investigations and prosecutions and, information disclosure of which would compromise the source of the information of law enforcement authorities and could jeopardize the life or physical safety of those providing such tip-offs.

**3.** In the light of the aforementioned settled position of law, this Commission is of the considered opinion that the contention of the respondent is found reasonable and there appears no reason to interfere with the same. **The replies of respondents upheld. The matter is disposed of accordingly at Commission's end**. The appellant is at liberty to obtain necessary information from the respondent Authority at the appropriate stage/ or on the completion of the enquiry.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated: 30.03.2022