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## **Sh. Sanjeev Manhas, Advocate**

S/o Sh. Sawan Singh,

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Tehsil & Distt Pathankot

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**RTI Application No. 13981**

...Appellant

V/s

## **Public Information Officer,**

**O/o** Secretary,

District Legal Services Authority,

Judicial Court Complex,

Tarn Taran

## **First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o** Director,

Legal Services Authority,

Opposite GMADA Community Centre,

Sector 69, SAS Nagar

....Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 6701 of 2024**

## **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.04.2026 vide which the order was reserved to be pronounced later on.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

“That the undersigned applicant is seeking an information from your office pertaining to the judgment Haryana High Court case i.e. COCP No 2020 - of 2022 dared 30-1-2023 under RTI Act 2005, which are as follows:-

1. Please give the COMPLETE information about the TOTAL number of premature release (PMR) cases recommended by Superintendent of Center jail, GOINDWAL SAHIB which is pending approval by the competent authority since the date of above noted judgment 30-1-23 as per the direction of the Honourable Court (Supra) mention in part (a)

- (i) Name of the convict with father name along with their case (FIR no. dated, u/s, P.S. district detail and address
- (ii) Dated when PMR recommended by Jail superintendent
- (iii) Present status convict (in jail / on Bail)
- (iv) Complete detail of the case pending in this regard.

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2. Give the complete information about the total number of convicts lodged in center jail (Supra) has been release on bail in compliance para (b) of the above noted judgment/order
  - (i) Name of the convict with father name along with their case (FIR no dated, u/s, P.S. District detail and address).
  - (ii) Dated when PMR recommended by Jail Superintendent.
  - (iii) Date when family member of the convict informed.
  - (iv) Case no.
  - (v) Date of order.
3. Give the complete information total number of convicts resident of other states which are lodged in center jail (Supra) has been release on bail in compliance para (e) of the above noted judgment/order.
  - (i) Name of the convict with father name laong with their case (FIR no. dated, u/s, P.S. District detail and address).
  - (ii) Dated when PMR recommended by Jail Superintendent.
  - (iii) Date when family member of the convict informed.
  - (iv) Case no.
  - (v) Date of order.
  - (vi) Name of court.
4. Gove the complete and detail information about the action taken by yours office in compliance para (f) to (h) of above noted judgment/order (judgment order uploaded herewith).
5. Give the information about the total number cases filed before Ld. CJM and any Ld. Other court(s) in jurisdiction of District Tarn Taran as per the above noted judgment
  - (i) Case number.
  - (ii) Party name.
  - (iii) Name of Ld. Court.
  - (iv) Present status of the case.”

3. The respondent filed the reply vide no. 92 dated 06.01.2026. During the last hearing the respondent requested to close the case. Since, the appellant was absent. In the interest of natural justice, a liberty was given to the parties concerned to file their final submissions, within 30 days but till date no submissions have been received from any party, from which, it has transpired that they have more to say in this case.

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4. It is appropriate to mention the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal nos. 6454 of 2011 in a case: Central Board of Secondary Education and another Versus Aditya Bandhopadhyay & Ors. before Ld. Judges - R. V. Raveendran and A. K. Patnaik and the relevant portion of the same is as follows :

“35. *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 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.*

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5. Keeping in view the above, the Commission is of the view that no further directions can be given to the respondent PIO as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Therefore, this case is **disposed of & closed.**

**Dated: 01.06.2026**

**(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab**