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Sh. Sudhakar, S/o Sh. Ramjeet,
67, Silver City, Factory Area,
Tehsil and Distt. Patiala - 147001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare Punjab
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare Punjab
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4761 OF 2025

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Smt.Sandeep Kaur, APIO (8264214616)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2026 in the Commission. However, on 03.03.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 02.04.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. Respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant is third party information, hence cannot be provided.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file it is observed that the appellant demanded following information:-



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Complete proceedings of complaint filed by Parmala devi against Rajeev Kumar working at Mata Kaushilya Hospital Patiala regarding sexual harassment at work palace. 2. Complete proceedings of action taken report regarding sexual harassment at work place by Rajeev Kumar employee of Mata Kaushilya Hospital Patiala 3. Attested photocopy of appointment for sexual harassment committee in case of parmala devi vs Rajeev Kumar.

Further, the respondent has given in writing that the information demanded by the appellant cannot be provided to him under Section 8(i)(j) of the RTI Act 2005. **This objection of the respondent is upheld.** The Commission also relied upon the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP no. 27734 of 2012 titled Girish Ramchandra Deshpande Vs Cen. Information Commr. & Ors and another in its order on 03.10.2012 has held as under:-

(13. We are in agreement with the CIC and the courts below that the details called for by the petitioner i.e. copies of all memos issued to the third respondent, show cause notices and orders of censure/punishment etc. are qualified to be personal information as defined in clause (j) of Section 8(1) of the RTI Act. The performance of an employee/officer in an organization is primarily a matter between the employee and the employer and normally those aspects are governed by the service rules which fall under the expression "personal information", the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or public interest. On the other hand, the disclosure of which would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of that individual. Of course, in a given case, if the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer of the Appellate Authority is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information, appropriate orders could be passed but the petitioner cannot claim those details as a matter of right).

5. Hence, the information sought by the appellant on three points in his RTI is personal information, which cannot be provided to him as per above said law/directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Therefore the present appeal filed by the applicant stands **disposed of and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :02.04.2026

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Ms.Gursimran Kaur,D/o Sh. Tarlochan Singh
Plot No. 3, New Radhey Vihar Colony, Backside
Ashiana Enclave Ram Nagar 33, Futta road, Mundian
Kalanb, Ludhiana - 141015

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4764 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Lalit Sharma, Reader (8427702716)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.05.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.04.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. She has not informed the Commission about her absence for today's hearing.

3. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. He has also brought reply today in the Commission. He further states that the information demanded by the appellant is available on website i.e. <http://jamabandi.punjab.gov.in>.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the reply filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant. ***Copy of the reply , as submitted by the respondent be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.***

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5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Punjab

Date :02.04.2026

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Sh.Shekhar Kumar, S/o Sh.Puran Chand
Jhotianwali, PO Arniwala, Shekh Subhan
Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal, Brilliant College of
Education Bhamaniwala, Jalalabad
Distt. Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal, Brilliant College of
Education Bhamaniwala, Jalalabad
Distt. Fazilka

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5442 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Shekhar Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2026 in the Commission. However, on 03.03.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 02.04.2026 i.e today.

2. The respondent states that he has brought their information today pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. The copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

3. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is satisfied with it.

4. Since the appellant is satisfied with the information provided therefore, no further cause of action is left. Hence, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date :02.04.2026

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Jhotianwali, PO Arniwala, Shekh Subhan
Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal S.K Public Sr Sec School
Talwandi Bhai, Distt. Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal S.K Public Sr Sec School
Talwandi Bhai, Distt. Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5443 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Shekhar Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Advocate Sh. Munish Inder Singh (9855002740)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2026 in the Commission. However, on 03.03.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 02.04.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information.
3. Advocate Sh. Munish Inder Singh, is appearing on behalf of the respondent today. He has filed his vakalatnama. Further, he states that S.K Public Sr Sec School, Talwandi Bhai, Distt. Ferozepur, from whom the respondent has sought information, is purely a private institution and hence not covered under the provision of the RTI Act. Therefore, the information has not been provided. The respondent has also filed his reply regarding the same vide Commission diary no. 4377 dated 26.02.2026, which is taken on record.



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4. After hearing both the parties and going through the reply filed by the respondent, it has been ascertained that the appellant has demanded information from S.K Public Sr Sec School, TalwandiBhai, Distt.Ferozepur, which is purely a private institution and is not aided school and that they are not covered under the provision of the RTI Act. Even, the appellant has not been able to place on record any material to show that the said School satisfies any of the ingredients of a public authority as defined under the RTI Act. Hence, the contention of the Respondent is upheld. The appellant may take note that the school which is not owned or controlled by the government or substantially financed by the government it cannot come within the definition of a “public authority” as defined under the Act.

5. In these circumstances, no further action can be taken in this matter. Hence, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Punjab

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Jhotianwali, PO Arniwala, Shekh Subhan
Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Sports, Hockey Stadium
Sector 63, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Sports, Hockey Stadium
Sector 63, Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5444 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Shekhar Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: ShParminder Singh, SrAsstt. (98645-00011)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2026 in the Commission. However, on 03.03.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 02.04.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information.
3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant, through his RTI application, cannot be provided u/s 8(1)(j) as the same is third-party information. Further, the respondent has also filed his reply today, which is taken on record.
4. After going through the above, it has been seen and observed that the nature of information sought is mainly the information which has the relevance and governance of the relationship of the employer and the employee and not between this official and the



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appellant. Accordingly, from the perusal of this RTI application it has become abundantly clear that the purpose of the appellant in seeking this kind of information does not involve any larger public, as per the details mentioned in his application and it should not be in the public domain as has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other Hon'ble Courts to avoid the humiliation and harassment of the employees. Allowing this kind of information will certainly strengthen the abuse of the process of law.

5. As discussed above the appellant for seeking the personal information in the instant case has not been made with due bona fides and in larger public interest. The furnishing of the information asked for, if provided, would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of the individual under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act and may also lead to intimidation of such officials. Further, the Commission also relied upon the decision dated 13.11.2019 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010 titled in Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India Vs. Subhash Chandra Aggarwal, regarding Right to Information Act, 2005 in which in para no. 59 of the above referred case had defined 'Personal Information' under the Right to Information Act 2005, the relevant part of the judgment is reproduced below:-

"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 the investments, lending and borrowing etc. are personal information. Such 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.

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6. Hence, the appellant through his RTI application dated 09.05.2024, seeks third party information of ShBaliyar Singh, which cannot be provided to him as per above said law/directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Therefore the present appeal filed by the applicant stands **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Govt. Primary School, Passiwal,
Distt. Ropar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Govt. Primary School, Passiwal,
Distt. Ropar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5437 OF 2024

Present :- (i) ShShekhar Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: ShYograj, Incharge and Sh Prince, Clerk
(8288002242)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2026 in the Commission. However, on 03.03.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 02.04.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information.
3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant, through his RTI application, cannot be provided as the same is third-party information of Ms Parveen Rani, ETT Teacher and the so-called third party in this case, has also given in writing that her personal information shall not be shared with anyone else. He adds that their reply, regarding the same has already been provided to the appellant. Further, the respondent has also filed his reply today, which is taken on record.



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4. After going through the above, it has been seen and observed that the nature of information sought is mainly the information which has the relevance and governance of the relationship of the employer and the employee and not between this official and the appellant. Accordingly, from the perusal of this RTI application it has become abundantly clear that the purpose of the appellant in seeking this kind of information does not involve any larger public, as per the details mentioned in his application and it should not be in the public domain as has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other Hon'ble Courts to avoid the humiliation and harassment of the employees. Allowing this kind of information will certainly strengthen the abuse of the process of law.

5. As discussed above the appellant for seeking the personal information in the instant case has not been made with due bona fides and in larger public interest. The furnishing of the information asked for, if provided, would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of the individual under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act and may also lead to intimidation of such officials. Further, the Commission also relied upon the decision dated 13.11.2019 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 10044 of 2010 titled in Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India Vs. Subhash Chandra Aggarwal, regarding Right to Information Act, 2005 in which in para no. 59 of the above referred case had defined 'Personal Information' under the Right to Information Act 2005, the relevant part of the judgment is reproduced below:-

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available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive.

6. Hence, the appellant through his RTI application dated 09.05.2024, seeks third party information of Ms Parveen Rani, ETT Teacher, which cannot be provided to him as per above said law/directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Therefore the present appeal filed by the applicant stands **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :02.04.2026