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**Sh. Chetan Kumar, ETT Teacher,**  
Government Elementary School, Bhaini Rajputan,  
Block Chogwan-I, District Amritsar.  
C/O Sh. D.P. Bali, Advocate, Chamber No 820,  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, District Courts, Ludhiana. (M: 7009090680).

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director,  
Department of Rural Development & Panchayats,  
Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector- 62, Phase- VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director Public Instructions (Elementary Education),  
Vidya Bhawan, Punjab School Education Board,  
Block –E, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Phase-VIII, Ajitgarh Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director Public Instructions (Elementary Education),  
Vidya Bhawan, Punjab School Education Board,  
Block –E, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Phase-VIII, Ajitgarh Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4081 of 2024**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Chetan Kumar, the appellant along with Counsel D.P.Bali.  
(ii) Sh. Amandeep Singh, Sr. Assistant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar Bansal, Assistant Director-cum-PIO, Ms. Rupinderjit Kaur, Assistant Director along with Ms. Rapinderjit Kaur, Superintendent O/o DRDP, Mohali on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER:**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.02.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO O/o Rural Development and Panchayat, represented by Ms. Rupinderjit Kaur, Assistant Director, states that she has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant for his perusal.
3. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant shows his satisfaction over the same.
4. Keeping in view the prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that, no further cause of action is required to be taken. As such, the present case is **disposed of & closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Pooja Gupta)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Dated: 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

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**Sh. Rajneesh Bharara**, (M: 9918896100)  
# 520, Preet Colony, Zirakpur-140603,  
District SAS Nagar, Punjab.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar.

**First Appellate Authority**,  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Zirakpur-140603.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1082 of 2024**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Rajneesh Bharara, the appellant.  
(ii) Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, along with Adv. Gulshan Mehta on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.02.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that after the lapse of two years, complete information has still not been provided to him and requested that the respondent PIO should be penalized as per Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005. The appellant further adds that he again wants to inspect the record, as his representative was not aware about the contents of the RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, along with Adv. Gulshan Mehta, state that the appellant filed an RTI application seeking voluminous information and despite demand for RTI fee, the appellant requested inspection instead of depositing the copying cost and the appellant was allowed inspection as per the directions of the Commission vide order dated 09.07.2025. During the inspection 100 pages were handed over to the appellant, free of cost but the appellant has not paid any fee and as such not entitled to raise any deficiency because he has demanded huge voluminous information containing thousands of pages. They further submit that the appellant habitually seeks voluminous information having no public interest and avoids paying fees on one pretext to the other. The respondent PIO also states that he has brought the original record today in the Commission, which contains 76481 pages and if the appellant wants to get the copies, he can photostate from the outside.

4. From the perusal of the case file and the averments narrated by the respondent PIO, it is ascertained that the appellant is unnecessarily harassing the respondent PIO and wasting the time of the department as well as the Commission. In this appeal case, five hearings were held and the appellant

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was given ample opportunities to inspect the record instead of going himself, he sent his representative, who was also not aware about the facts of the case, as the appellant admitted himself, today during the proceedings, which shows that the appellant has no public interest in getting the information instead of harassing the respondent PIO. The information demanded by the appellant is vague and voluminous and collecting and compiling is diverting the resource of the public authority. It is also pertinent to mention here judgment of 'The Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under -

(37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under 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 counter-productive 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 prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

5. After hearing the averments of the respondent and on perusal of the facts on record, the Commission concludes that undoubtedly, the appellant is misusing the RTI act to settle personal scores. The Commission rules that such vexatious applications can be summarily dismissed at the level of the CPIO since it is obvious that these applications are not being preferred in public interest and are in fact adversely impacting the functioning of the public authority instead of strengthening it, which is contrary to the letter and spirit of the RTI Act.

6. In view of the above, there is no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. Thus, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**