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Sh. Jagdev Singh, S/o Bikkar Singh,
Ghudda Near Shaheed Bhagat Singh Library,
Tehsil & Distt Bathinda-151401.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Sangat, Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority
O/o BDPO, Sangat, Distt Bathinda.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5469 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary
(9369700005)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.02.2026 vide which the appellant was not present.

2. Today again the appellant is not present.
3. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the reply has been sent to the appellant by the respondent that the information demanded by the appellant cannot be provided to him under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act 2005. This objection of the respondent is upheld. The appellant may note that it is settled legal position that information that can be provided under the RTI Act is that which is already on record of the Public Authority. The PIO cannot be asked to create any record for answering the RTI questions. As per the Supreme Court decision in Khanapuram Gandaiah vs Administrative Officer & Ors on 4 January, 2010 in SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO.34868 OF 2009 the definition of information as given under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act 2005, shows that an applicant under Section 6 of the RTI Act can get any information which is already in

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existence and accessible to the public authority under law. Of course, under the RTI Act an applicant is entitled to get copy of the opinions, advices, circulars, orders, etc., but he cannot ask for any information as to why such opinions, advices, circulars, orders, etc. have been passed. Hence, the information sought by him cannot be supplied. The appeal is, therefore **dismissed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :07.04.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh
Chandigarh Road, Distt. Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Bureau and Investigation, Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Bureau and Investigation, Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 163 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Jasbir Singh, appellant
(ii) For the Respondent- Sh Tarsem, ASI and Sh Amrit Singh, Sr Asstt. (98775-89262)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.11.2025 vide which the respondent had sought some time.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that he has received the information and that the case be closed. The appellant has given the same in writing also.
4. Since the appellant is satisfied therefore, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :07.04.2026

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Backside SanjhKender,
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 215 OF 2024

Present :- (i) ShTejinder Singh, appellant
(ii) For the Respondent- Sh. Rajinder Singh, Jr. Asstt. (83602-43903)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.11.2025 vide which one last opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

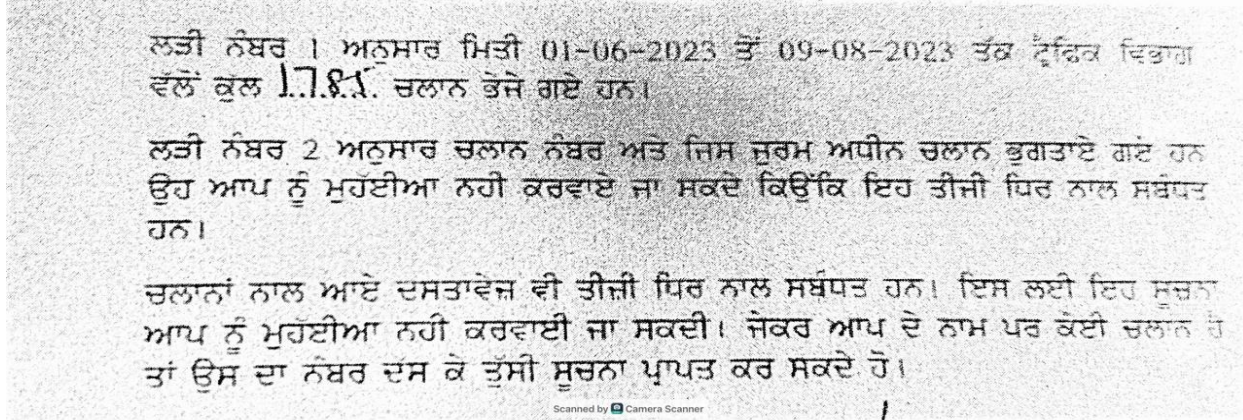
2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. He has also filed copy of the same.
3. The appellant states that the information be provided to him.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, that the appellant through his RTI application has sought the following information:-

- “1) ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮਿੱਤੀ: 1-6-2023 ਤੋਂ 9-8-2023 ਤੱਕ ਟਰੈਫਿਕ ਚਲਾਨ ਭੁਗਤਨ ਲਈ ਆਰਟੀਏ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਟਰੈਫਿਕ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਭੇਜੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ, ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਲਿਸਟ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।
- 2) ਇਹ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਆਏ ਚਲਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਨੰਬਰ ਅਤੇ ਜਿਸ ਜੁਰਮ ਅਧੀਨ ਚਲਾਨ ਭੁਗਤ ਕੇ ਜੋ ਜੁਰਮਾਨੇ ਦੀ ਰਸੀਦ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆ ਜਾਣ।
- 3) ਜੋ ਚਲਾਨ ਆਏ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਜੋ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਸੀਨ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਲਿਸਟ/ਸਬੰਧਤ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ”



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The respondent has filed the copy of the information sent to the appellant as under:-



5. 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. 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 interest for asking the information as per the details mentioned in his application which are in the form of queries /questions and personal information and was not supplied as per the stance taken by the respondents 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.

6. 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



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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).

7. In view of the above, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided permissible reply/information to the appellant. Therefore, the contention of the respondent is hereby upheld. 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/-

Dated :07.04.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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