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.....Appellant

V/s

**Sh. Charanjeet Singh,
Executive Officer-
-cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Mullanpur Dakha, Distt Ludhiana**

Encl. RTI Application

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A

Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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4. From the perusal of the RTI application of both the cases, it is noticed that the appellant has sought the similar information in both the cases. But the appellant has mentioned while filing the deficiencies that the brief of the Appeal Case No. 253 of 2021 is traceable and further submitted that most probably till date the respondent PIO has not supplied any information.

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In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex parte.

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10. To come up on **11.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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xii. Provide certified copies of law having provision of Concept of Deemed to approved building plans as given in "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" and process of cancellation of Deemed to approved building plans. Though "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" is there on the website of Local Govt. Punjab but I am not able to locate the calculation table so please mention section and subsections of rules/law.

xiii. Provide certified copies records regarding fixing of officials responsible whose negligence lead to Deemed to approved building plans and process of collection or recovering the fees of such building plans. Though "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" is there on the website of Local Govt. Punjab but I am not able to locate the calculation table so please mention section and subsections of rules/law.

xiv. Provide certified records of Deemed to approved building plans in MC Mullanpur Dakha and responsibility fixed on concerned officials alongwith action initiated against guilty officials for this negligence in MC Mullanpur Dakha.

xv. Provide certified copies PB-PGRAMS complaint No. PBLOC/E/2020/00363. Provide copies of correspondence made regarding the complaint and the present status of the complaint. Provide copy of rules regarding the time frame to completing the inquiry in complaint sent to Punjab Govt. Public Grievance portal and the consequences of unexplainable delay in completing the inquiry of complaint.

xvi. In case part of the information sought by the applicant pertains to some other PIO, the application be transferred to him U/s 6 (3) of RTI Act. 2005.

xvii. Kindly provide an appointment to verify the original records pertaining to information sought after providing the information.

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3. The appellant has sought the similar information in Appeal Case No. 258 of 2021, sought information in which is as follows:-

The Information is urgently required within 48 hours U/s 7(1) to expose rampant corruption in MC Dakha leading to murderous attack on journalist and RTI Activist with police and political patronage due to which the life and liberty of the applicant is at risk. This FIR against the some persons including a MC and the brother of the president of the MC Dakha U/s 307, 379B, 120B IPC is already registered. The applicant still risks death threat from persons exposed by me. Illegal builders, Staff and Councillors of MC might be persons behind attack on applicant including its president and EO. Even yesterday (on 14-7-2020) I was forced to visit MC Office Mullanpur secured by police party as I was tipped that I may face another attack today. Due to police the EO and president of MC Dakha changed the type of attack to escape from my RTI Applications

(Section 7 (1) of RTI Act states that: Provided that where the information sought for concerns the life or liberty of a person, the same shall be provided within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the request. Under the political pressure the police department in convenience with the accused seems to help the accused of FIR No. 90 registered at PS Dakha on 1-6-2019 in which fatal attack on the application was made)

(5) Particulars of information required: -

(a) Subject matter of information: Regarding cancellation of Empanelment and Debarring of Architect Nikita Gupta in ULB of Mullanpur Dakha and attempt to stop Advocate Rakesh Kumar Gupta to file RTI applications in the ULB of Mullanpur Dakha. Status of PB-PGRAMS complaint No. PBLOC/E/2020/00363. Dispute reports in building plan of online file No. PB/LDH/Mulla/25511. Concept of Deemed to approved and auto approval of building plans. The information is required expose the corruption by the Building branch officials, EO and the president of the MC using arm-twisting tactics to extort money from architects and their clients.

(b) The period to which the information relates**: 1-1-2020 till providing of Information.

(c) Specify details of information required***:

- i. Certified copies of law/rules regarding debarring of architects to practice under an ULB and process to be adopted for debarring them. Pls provide copies of section and subsections of law/rules. Though "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" is there on the website of Local Govt. Punjab but I am not able to locate it so please mention section and subsections of rules/law.
- ii. Certified copies of law/rules regarding passing a resolution against an Architect to debar from practice by a house in ULB and process to be adopted for passing such resolution. Pls provide copies of section and subsections of law/rules. Though "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" is there on the website of Local Govt. Punjab but I am not able to locate it so please mention section and subsections of rules/law.
- iii. Certified copies of law/rules regarding attempt to stop a person from filing RTI applications by passing a resolution against the person by a house in ULB and process to be adopted for passing such resolution with a ULB. Pls provide copies of section and subsections of law/rules. Being a advocate, I have access to all Acts and law but I am not able to locate it so please mention section and subsections of the concerned rules/law.
- iv. Certified copies of law/rules of taking action against house of MC or any individual/organisation/department for their attempt made to stop a person from filing RTI applications by passing a resolution/order against the person. Pls provide copies of section and subsections of law/rules. Being a advocate, I have access to all Acts and law but I am not able to locate it so please mention section and subsections of the concerned rules/law.
- v. Certified copies of records pertaining to authority having power to allow architects (B. Arch. and members of COA) to practice under an ULB and/or to disallow them to practice. Though "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" is there on the website of Local Govt. Punjab but I am not able to locate the name and designation of "Authority", so please mention section and subsections of rules/law.
- vi. Certified copies of records pertaining to authority having power to allow architects (Engineers, Diploma holders, supervisors) to practice under an ULB and/or to disallow them to practice. Though "Punjab

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vii. Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" is there on the website of Local Govt. Punjab but I am not able to locate the name and designation of "Authority", so please mention section and subsections of rules/law. Provide certified copies of records and reports of financial loss caused to MC Dakha by Ar. Nikita G, and other approved architects and certified copies of notices sent to her and other approved architects.

viii. Certified copies of reports regarding disputed building plans and reports of JE and AME/ME mentioned in building plan of online file No. PB/LDH/Mulla/25511. Provide copies of intimation given to Ar. Nikita Gupta regarding the mistakes made by her in Building plans and copy of notice sent to her for giving an opportunity to be heard as per provisions of sections 3.14.1 (a)(7) of "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" or under any other section of any other Act.

ix. Certified copies of records of calculating the coverable area of online file No. PB/LDH/Mulla/25511 of Ar. Nikita Gupta and the result of the calculations done. Provide details of official who calculated the coverable area. Though "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" is there on the website of Local Govt. Punjab but I am not able to locate the calculation table so please mention section and subsections of rules/law.

x. Provide certified record (with date) of submission of building plan online file No. PB/LDH/Mulla/25511 and date since pending with MC Dakha. Applicability of section 3.14.2 of the "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018". Copy of report of detecting discrepancies in Building plan . copy of notice with date of issue and date of delivery of notice. Copy of of order of debarring the architect, copy of resolution passed by MC, copy of show cause notice given to Ar. Nikita Gupta, Copy of complaints, representations and replies sent by Ar. Nikita Gupta to branches in and to directorate of Local Govt. Punjab, DDLG Ludhiana, MC Dakha, present status of the case and all complaints, representations and replies.

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xii. Provide certified copies of all proceedings initiated against Advocate Rakesh Kumar Gupta and Architect Nikita Gupta by the MC Dakha and House of MC Dakha.

xiii. Provide certified copies of law having provision of Concept of Deemed to approved and Auto approval of building plans as given in "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" and process of cancellation of Deemed to approved and Auto approval of building plans. Though "Punjab Municipal Building Bye-Laws 2018" is there on the website of Local Govt. Punjab but I am not able to locate the section and subsections of rules/law.

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xv. Provide certified copies of representations/applications filed by Advocate Rakesh Kumar Gupta and Architect Nikita Gupta regarding the debarring of Ar. Nikita Gupta and her client's building plans to whom notices have been issued by MC Dakha and copy of action taken on them. provide and inquiry and action taken report of department. Also provide receipt and dispatch registers of these correspondences.

xvi. Provide certified copies PB-PGRAMS complaint No. PBLOC/E/2020/00363. Provide copies of correspondence made regarding the complaint and the present status of the complaint. Provide copy of rules regarding the time frame to completing the inquiry in complaint sent to Punjab Govt. Public Grievance portal and the consequences of unexplainable delay in completing the inquiry of complaint.

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4. From the perusal of the RTI application of both the cases, it is noticed that the appellant has sought the similar information in both the cases. But the appellant has mentioned while filing the deficiencies that the brief of the Appeal Case No. 253 of 2021 is traceable and further submitted that most probably till date the respondent PIO has not supplied any information.

5. Keeping in view the above, the appellant is directed to submit the following:

- v) Whether the similar information can be sought in both cases.
- vi) Whether the submissions made by the appellant is sustainable or not in the eyes of Law.
- vii) Whether such type of an attitude by the appellant that his appeal case is not traceable that too at the belated stage when the respondent is present all the way from Mullanpur Dakha, Ludhiana is not a burden on the State Exchequer and why not a stringent action may not be taken to curb this practice.
- viii) Why a stringent action may not be taken against the appellant for seeking the similar information in both the cases on one hand and not apprising the Commission with the facts willfully and deliberately that he has sought the similar information.

6. So far as the respondent is concerned, the Data Entry Operator, is present. On asking particularly, he informed that he is an outsourced employee and is present on the instructions of the Executive Officer, Sh. Charanjeet Singh.

7. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, **Sh. Charanjeet Singh, Executive Officer-cum-Public Information Officer**, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

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In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex parte.

8. To ensure the presence of the concerned Executive Officer, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Executive Officer-cum-Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

9. **Last opportunity** is also given to the appellant to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations along with written submissions mentioned above, failing which, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard and the decision will be taken as per the facts established by Law.

10. To come up on **11.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 08.01.2026

CC:

Sh. Anurag Verma, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
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Sh. Ashok Kumar

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.....Appellant

V/s

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O/o Punjab Information Officer,

O/o Managing Director,

Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,

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First Appellate Authority,

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4720 of 2022

Present: Sh. Shivam Goyal (9653822888) on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Tarnjeet Sapra, PIO (9814708284) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.05.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 15.10.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to take the consent from third party information related to whom has been sought and after receipt of the same an appropriate decision be taken and the said decision be conveyed to the Commission within 30 days. It is further clarified that in case no response will be received from third party then the PIO is at liberty to take the decision in no case later than 30 days.

3. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. To come up on **02.04.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 08.01.2026

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4719 Of 2022

Present: Sh. Shivam Goyal (9653822888) on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Tarnjeet Sapra, PIO (9814708284) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range, Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3776 of 2024

Present: Sh. Shivam Goyal (9653822888) on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, O/o SSP, Sangrur (8054545411) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.11.2025.

2. The appellant requested to direct the respondent PIO to supply the complete information. However, the respondent PIO, O/o the SSP, Sangrur, submitted the reply along with the supporting documents, the response of the respondent is as follows:

ਹਵਾਲਾ ਉਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ।

2. ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਉਕਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਇੰਡੋਕਮ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਸਾਲ 2011 ਵਾਲੇ ਤੋਂ ਪਾਇਆਂ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਦਫਤਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਕੰਟਰੋਲਰ, ਖੁਗਾਕ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਖਪਤਕਾਰ ਮਾਲੇ, ਸੰਗਰੂਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: ਜਿਖਸਕ-2011/9379 ਮਿਤੀ 14.11.2011 ਅਤੇ ਡਾਇਰੀ ਡਿਸਪੈਂਚ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 7763/ਸੀ ਮਿਤੀ 16.11.2011 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੱਤਰ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ, ਜੋ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 9054/ਪੀ ਅਤੇ ਟੋਕਨ ਨੰ: 57355 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਲ ਵਾ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਲਈ ਮੁੱਖ ਅਫਸਰ ਥਾਣਾ ਭਵਾਨੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ, ਜੋ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਲ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਮਿਤੀ 02.01.2012 ਨੂੰ ਦਾਖਲ ਦਫਤਰ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੀ ਦੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੇਜ ਨੰ: 314 ਪੰਚ ਐਂਟਰੀ ਦਰਸਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।

ਇਸਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਸਾਲ 2010, 2011 ਅਤੇ ਸਾਲ 2012 ਦੌਰਾਨ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹੋਈਆ ਦਰਖਾਸਤਾ ਦੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਨੰ: 2003-07/ਪੀ.ਸੀ ਮਿਤੀ 30.03.2016 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਤਲਾਵ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਹ ਪੱਤਰ/ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਤਲਾਵ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ।

ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੈ।

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3. The respondent filed the reply but whether any appropriate procedure with regard to the destruction of record has been adopted or not is not clarified from the submissions of the respondent. As such he is directed to submit the copy of instructions/rules to destruct the record and the procedure adopted for the said destruction be placed on record.

4. Since, the matter regarding misplacement of official documents was reported to the police authorities by the DFSC but no written submissions have been received from the said office. In the interest of natural justice, one opportunity is also granted to the DFSC, Sangrur to remain present in person on the next date of hearing along with the written submissions with regard to the letter issued to the Police Authority for misplacing the documents.

5. To ensure the presence of the concerned officials, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Administrative Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned officials will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

6. The respondent PIO is directed to bring a detailed written reply on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.

7. To come up on **02.04.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 08.01.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

After the hearing was over, Sh. Yogesh Goyal, Jr. Auditor (9256558030) and Sh. Saurabh Gupta, AFSO (8968384244) appeared and they were apprised with the proceedings of this case.

Dated: 08.01.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Administrative Secretary (by name)
Department of Food, Civil Supplies
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Anaj Bhawan, Sector-39C,
Chandigarh

Senior Superintendent of Police,
Sangrur

District Controller,
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.....Appellant

V/s

Sh. Rupinder Pal Singh, PCS

Secretary-cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5971 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.04.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 15.10.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. The respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Rupinder Pal Singh, PCS, Public Information Officer-cum-Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda but in-spite of that neither he has filed any response nor he is present. In the interest of natural justice, **one opportunity** is given to him to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the written submissions, if any, failing which, the decision may be taken as per the facts established by Law.

3. To ensure the presence of the concerned PIO-cum-RTA, Bathinda, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Chief Secretary, Punjab and Principal Secretary, Transport, Punjab. It is further clarified that in case he will not file his written response and/or will be personally present then the decision regarding show cause notice will be taken as per the procedure established by Law. They are also directed that a compliance report be sent to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 5971 of 2023

4. To come up on **02.04.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)

**Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab**

CC:

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Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Chief Secretary Office,
6th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat -1,
Sector 1, Chandigarh, 160001

Sh. Varun Roojam, IAS,
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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Member Secretary,
Fee Regularity Board-Cum-
District Education Officer (SE),
Jalandhar

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (EE),
Jalandhar

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal,
D.I.P.S. School,
Maqsudan, Distt Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Member Secretary,
Fee Regularity Board-Cum-
District Education Officer (SEC),
Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 908 of 2023 Heard Through Cisco Webex

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Rajiv Joshi, DEO (SE), Jalandhar (9815648929), Ms. Sarjeet Kaur, Clerk DEO (SE), Jalandhar (9876115810) and Sh. Rajeev Sharma, GM, DIPS, Jalandhar (9988217217) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.08.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 15.10.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. The representative of the school information related to whom has been sought i.e. D.I.P.S. School, Maqsudan, District Ludhiana, submits that the school is not a Public Authority and reiterated the submissions already made in this regard.

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3. Also, the respondent PIO submits that the information which can be derived from the school and is available in the official record of the office of DEO (SE), has been supplied to the appellant. Regarding the remaining information, related to the school cannot be supplied as the school is not a Public Authority as per the submissions made by the representative of the school concerned.

4. After hearing the submissions, and going through the record available in the case file, the GM of the school is directed to submit the complete documents (files) related to an affiliation and/or recognition if so received from the Government to ascertain whether the said school falls under section 2 (h) of the RTI Act and is a Public Authority within 30 days from the issue of this order.

5. The order in this case is **Reserved**, which will be pronounced later on.

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Dated: 08.01.2026

CC:

Sh. Kamal Kishor Yadav, IAS
Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Higher Education
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9,
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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal,
Holy Angels School,
Rajpura, Distt Patiala

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Patiala

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal,
Holy Angels School,
Rajpura, Distt Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5047 Of 2023 Heard through Cisco Webex

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Adv. Varun Issar (9815029594) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.04.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 15.10.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. The representative of the school submitted the judgments referred to by the appellant i.e. Appeal No.-CIC/DIRED/A/2022/611156-UM and Complaint No.-CIC/DIRED/C/2023/608414-UM and submits that the school is not a Public Authority and also reiterated the submissions already made in this case.

3. After hearing the submissions, and going through the record available in the case file, the Principal of the School is directed to submit the complete documents (files) related to an affiliation and/or recognition if so received from the Government to ascertain whether the said school falls under section 2 (h) of the RTI Act and is a Public Authority within 30 days from issue of this order.

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Appeal Case No. 5047 Of 2023 Heard through Cisco Webex

4. The order in this case is **Reserved**, which will be pronounced later on.

(Inderpal Singh)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC:

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Patiala

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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Sri Muktsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Faridkot Range,
Faridkot

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6042 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Hardial Singh, ASI (9855600185) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 10.06.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. The appellant has sought the following information:

1— कृप्या जानकारी दी जावे कि पुलिस द्वारा मनप्रीत कौर पुत्री बलविन्द्र सिंह पुत्र हरभजन सिंह पुन्नू खेरा रोड, गली नं0-5, भगत सिंह नगर, गांव मलोट, थाना सदर, मलोट के वीजा के संबंध में हाल ही में पुलिस वेरिफिकेशन कार्यवाही किस तिथि को अमल में लाई गई।

2— कृप्या उक्त मनप्रीत कौर के वीजा के संबंध में की गई पुलिस वेरिफिकेशन से संबंधित तमाम दस्तावेजों की सत्यापित प्रतिलिपि उपलब्ध करवाई जावे।

3— कृप्या जानकारी दी जावे कि उक्त मनप्रीत कौर के वीजा के संबंध में पुलिस द्वारा हाल ही में की गई उक्त पुलिस वेरिफिकेशन कार्यवाही के दौरान क्या उक्त मनप्रीत कौर द्वारा पुलिस को खुद (मनप्रीत कौर) के खिलाफ जिला कोर्ट, सिरसा (हरियाणा) में चैक बाउंस से संबंधित दो कीमिनल केस (केस बअनुवान मान सिंह बनाम मनप्रीत कौर, CNR No. HRS1030068342023, CIS No. NACT-2216-2023,

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Appeal Case No. 6042 of 2024

ਸੁਨਵਾਈ ਤਿਥਿ 15-4-24 ਤਥਾ ਕੇਸ ਬਅਨੁਵਾਨ-ਅਸੀਨ ਖਾਨ ਬਨਾਮ ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ,
CNR No. HRS1030050542023, CIS No. NACT-1497-2023, ਸੁਨਵਾਈ ਤਿਥਿ
15-4-24 ਵ ਤਲਾਕ ਕਾ ਕੇਸ-ਨਵਜੋਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਨਾਮ ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਕੇ ਮਾਨਨੀਧ ਕੋਰਟ
ਮੈਂ ਸਥ-ਯੂਡਿਸ/ਵਿਚਾਰਾਧੀਨ ਹੋਨੇ ਕੀ ਜਾਨਕਾਰੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਕੋ ਦੀ ਜਾ ਚੁਕੀ ਹੈ, ਯਦਿ
ਹਾਂ, ਤੋ ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਕੇ ਵਿਰੁਦਧ ਮਾਨਨੀਧ ਨਿਆਲਿਆਂ ਮੈਂ ਉਕਤ ਤਮਾਸ ਕੋਰਟ ਕੇਸ ਪੈਡਿੰਗ
ਹੋਨੇ ਕੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਉਕਤ ਵੀਜਾ ਕਾਰਧਵਾਹੀ ਕੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਮੈਂ ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਕੋ
ਕਲੀਨ ਚਿਟ ਕਿਸ ਆਧਾਰ ਪਰ ਦੀ ਗਈ।

4— ਕੁਝ ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਕੇ ਵੀਜਾ ਕੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਮੈਂ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਵੇਰਿਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਾਰਧਵਾਹੀ ਕਰਨੇ
ਵਾਲੇ ਪੁਲਿਸਕਰਮੀਂ ਕਾ ਨਾਮ, ਪਦਨਾਮ, ਵੇਲਟ ਨੰਬਰ, ਤੈਨਾਤੀ ਸਥਲ ਕਾ ਸਤਿਧਾਪਿਤ ਵਿਵਰਣ
ਉਪਲਬਧ ਕਰਵਾਯਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

5— ਕੁਝ ਉਕਤ ਸਾਮਲੇ ਕੇ ਵਰਤਮਾਨ ਸਟੇਟਸ ਕੀ ਜਾਨਕਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

3. After the perusal of the RTI application, it is ascertained that the appellant is seeking the information related to his wife against whom two Criminal Cases were lodged but the Police Verification had been issued even though the Criminal cases were registered against Smt. Manpreet Kaur.

4. Also, the response has been received from the PIO that the information sought relates to third party and denied the same as per section 11 of the RTI Act and in accordance with the decision passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in CLP Civil No. 27734 of 2012 and 10044 of 2010.

5. That Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005, is a mandatory provision to deal with third party information but the exemptions have been mentioned in Section 8 of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. To take the matter to its logical end, the respondent PIO is directed to submit the present status of the Criminal Cases lodged against Smt. Manpreet Kaur, information related to which has been sought by the appellant.

7. To come up on **12.03.2026 at 11:30 A.M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Dated: 08.01.2026

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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer-

-cum-Station House Officer,

O/o Station House Officer,

Police Station Sohana,

SAS Nagar

Encl. RTI Application

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Inspector General of Police,

Roopnagar Range,

Roopnagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6061 Of 2024

Present: Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.08.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing on 16.10.2025 but case was not heard due to administrative reasons and fixed for today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

Subject:— PGRS complaint copy under RTI 2005.

Respected Sir, kindly provide the following under RTI 2005:—

(1) Complaint copy filed by Preetpal Singh, HNo.8 Sector 37, SAS Nagar Mohali. This complaint is through PGRS portal to DSP (City 2) Sohana Police Station against Mr. Jasbir Singh R/o H.No. 856, 2nd floor, Sector 77, SAS Nagar Mohali. Complaint filed in June 2024

(2) kindly provide the copy of compromise done between above two parties Preetpal Singh R/o H.N 856, first floor, Sec. 77, SAS Nagar and Mr.Jasbir Singh R/o H.No. 856, 2nd floor, Sec. 77, SAS Nagar mohali.

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Appeal Case No. 6061 Of 2024

(3) Copy of the complaint by Preetpal Singh
R/o H.No. 886, Sector 77, SAS Nagar against
Mr. Jasbir Singh R/o H.No. 856, 2nd floor, Sec-77,

Station to the ASI Kamalpreet Singh in
the month of January 2024.

- Also provide the closing of complaint copy
of the above.

3. Further he has requested to direct the respondent PIO to supply the complete information. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent

4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, **Public Information Officer-cum-Station House Officer**, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex parte.

5. To come up on **18.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 08.01.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar, Akal University,
Talwandi Sabo, Distt Bathinda

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Registrar, Akal University,
Talwandi Sabo, Distt Bathinda

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4037 Of 2024 Heard through Cisco Webex

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Kumar, the appellant through Cisco Webex.

Adv. Pahulpreet Kaur at PSIC (6280296729) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.05.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 16.10.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. The appellant requested for the sought information. However, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the written submissions. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **12.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 08.01.2026

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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Manager,
Markfed, Mansa

Public Information Officer,
O/o Managing Director, Punjab
Punjab State Co-Op Supply &
Marketing Federation LTD,
Markfed House Plot No. 4, Dakshin Marg
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First Appellate Authority,
O/o Managing Director, Punjab
Punjab State Co-Op Supply &
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Markfed House Plot No. 4, Dakshin Marg
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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4018 of 2024

Present: Sh. Kewal Kumar Goyal, the appellant.

Sh. Gurbant Singh, Markfed (9888364664), Sh. Pawan Narang (9815328463) and Sh. Baldev Krishan S/M (9915245207) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 16.10.2025 but case was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. The respondent submits that the District Manager, Markfed submitted the response already sent to the Law Officer, Markfed, Chandigarh in which he has requested to get the directions to withdraw the case in the Hon'ble Court as on the basis of One-Time Settlement Policy, 2025. He further submits that the next date of hearing in the said case is 27.01.2026 and requested for an adjournment.

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Appeal Case No. 4018 of 2024

3. The mandate of the RTI Act, 2005, is transparency and accountability. In light of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to submit the present status of the said case well before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on **12.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)

**Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab**

CC:

Sh. Harpal Singh

District Manager,
Markfed, Mansa

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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Manager,
Markfed, Mansa

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Manager,
Markfed, Mansa

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4616 Of 2024

Present: Sh. Kewal Kumar Goyal, the appellant.

Sh. Gurbant Singh, Markfed (9888364664), Sh. Pawan Narang (9815328463) and Sh. Baldev Krishan S/M (9915245207) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 16.10.2025 but case was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 08.01.2026.

2. The respondent submits that the District Manager, Markfed submitted the response already sent to the Law Officer, Markfed, Chandigarh in which he has requested to get the directions to withdraw the case in the Hon'ble Court as on the basis of One-Time Settlement Policy, 2025. He further submits that the next date of hearing in the said case is 27.01.2026 and requested for an adjournment.

3. The mandate of the RTI Act, 2005, is transparency and accountability. In light of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to submit the present status of the said case well before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on **12.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 08.01.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab