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Sh.NitinPratap Singh,
9, Bank Colony, Patiala

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector-35A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 152 of 2023

Present : Complainant: Sh.NitinPratap Singh(on webex& telephone call)
Respondent: Sh. Prabhjeet Singh (Clerk, O/o Department of Local Government, Pb.)

ORDER

1. The above-titled case was earlier heard by the **Division Bench comprising Hon'ble State Information Commissioner Dr.Bhupinder Singh Batth and Smt. Pooja Gupta on 27.08.2025.** Thereafter, the matter was fixed for hearing before the **undersigned Division Bench comprising Sh. Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, State Information Commissioner, and Sh. Harpreet Singh Sandhu, State Information Commissioner, on 08.01.2026.**
2. The RTI application pertains to seeking **certified copies of the approved building site plans of Amar Hospital in Residential Bank Colony, along with the complete case file and file notings relating to their approval, category of building approvals, CLU (if any), names and designations of the approving officials, applicable rules/bye-laws, and the relevant General Resolution of the Municipal Corporation, as detailed in the RTI application.**
3. During the hearing, the **respondent Sh. Prabhjeet Singh, Clerk, O/o Department of Local Government, Punjab,** sought an **adjournment.** The appellant joined the hearing through **Cisco Webex;** however, due to **poor network connectivity from the appellant's side,** the Webex connection got disconnected. Thereafter, the appellant was contacted telephonically.
4. It is observed that **on the last date of hearing i.e. 27.08.2025 also, the Complainant could not be heard due to network connectivity issues.** In view of the above, the **complainant is strictly directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing, as a last opportunity,** failing which the case shall be **decided on merits.**
5. Accordingly, the **PIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala, and the PIO, O/o Department of Local Government, Punjab, Sector-35A, Chandigarh,** are **directed to remain present before the Commission on the next date of hearing with a proper, point-wise reply to the RTI application along with relevant records, as sought by the appellant.**
6. **Next hearing on 19.02.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
08.01.2026

Sd/- Sd/-
(Harpreet Singh Sandhu) (Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Pb. State Information Commissioner, Pb.

CC : **PS/Reader To Hon'ble S.I.C, Harpreet Singh Sandhu**

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V.P.O. – NaaruNanagIKhas,
Tehsil & Distt. – Hoshiarpur - 146102 (Punjab)
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
State Council of Educational Research & Training (S. C. E. R. T.),
6th Floor of Block-E, PSEB Complex, Phase-8
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-160062

First Appellate Authority,
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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5803 of 2024

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Present :

Appellant: Sh.Sh. Tirath Ramalong with his counsel Adv. Vishal Mittal
Respondent: Sh. Vikramjeet Singh, Sr. Assistant

ORDER:

1. The above-titled case was earlier fixed for hearing on **13.11.2025 at 12:30 PM** before the **Division Bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioners, Punjab, Sh. Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal and Sh. Harpreet Singh Sandhu**. However, the said hearing was postponed and the case was re-fixed for hearing on **08.01.2026 at 12**. It is pertinent to mention that the case was earlier heard by the **Ld. State Information Commissioner, Sh. Virenderjit Singh Billing**, and was subsequently transferred to the present Bench.

Information Sought

2. The RTI application dated **22.02.2024** pertains to **PSTET-2018**, which is a concluded examination process. The information sought mainly relates to the **evaluation process, expert opinions, internal file notings, and decision-making records**, as mentioned in the RTI application.

Submissions of the Parties

3. The case is taken up for hearing today. **Both the parties are present**. Learned counsel for the appellant, **Sh. Vishal Mittal**, submitted that no satisfactory reply has been furnished by the PIO so far.

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4. The respondent-PIO, represented by **Sh. Vikramjeet Singh, Sr. Assistant**, submitted that a reply had already been sent to the appellant on **12.08.2025**. However, as the appellant remained dissatisfied, a **detailed final revised answer key comprising 13 pages** has been handed over today to the learned counsel for the appellant. The same is taken on record.

Observations & Directions

7. In view of the above, the appellant is granted an opportunity to examine the revised answer key and to file his **rejoinder, if any, on or before the next date of hearing.**
8. **Next hearing on 19.02.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
08.01.2026

Sd/-
(Harpreet Singh Sandhu) (Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Pb. State Information Commissioner, Pb.

CC : PS/Reader To Hon'ble S.I.C, Harpreet Singh Sandhu