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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 Bath 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 abve, 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/-
(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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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,
O/o The Director,
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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5803 of 2024

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Present :

Appellant: Sh.Sh. Tirath Ramalong with his conseIAdv. 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/-
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