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## Ms. Diksha Dhiman

D/o Sh. Karnail Singh,  
#2463, Street No. 7,  
Sewakpura, Backde Kalsiya Wala Dera,  
Millerganj, Ludhiana  
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...Appellant

V/s

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Manager,  
Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o General Manager,  
Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 6933 of 2024

**Present:** Sh. Karnail Singh Dhiman (7986653386), father of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.07.2024 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 28.08.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.11.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Thereafter the case was fixed for hearing twice but was postponed due to administrative reasons and fixed for hearing today i.e. 10.04.2026.

2. The representative of the appellant requested to direct the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. However, the respondent is absent but the written submissions have already been received mentioning therein that the said Verka Milk Plant does not fall under the purview of RTI Act, 2005, in accordance with the following judgments:

- Civil Appeal No. 9017 of 2013 titled as Thalappalam Service Cooperative Bank Limited Vs. State of Kerala, judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- CWP No. 13910 of 2024 titled as Punjab State Federation of Co-operative Sugar Mills Ltd. Vs. The State Information Commission, Punjab and another, judgment passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.

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3. The submissions made by the respondent discussed in detail with the appellant and after deliberations the following **directions are issued to the General Manager, Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana** to submit in a sealed cover for consideration of the Commission:

- i. Copy of the Constitution of the Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana
- ii. Copy of the Audit Reports of the last 03 years
- iii. Whether the said Milk Plant is under the Milkfed, if so, then the details thereof, be submitted.

4. In the interest of natural justice, **Managing Director, Milkfed, is also impleaded as a necessary party in this case** with the directions to submit:

- i. Whether the working of the Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana is being monitored by the Milkfed, if so, the details along with the rules and regulations be submitted
- ii. Whether any officer/official of the Verka Milk Plant can be punished by Managing Director, Milkfed under any Act/Rules, if so, the details of the same be submitted.
- iii. The rules regarding the employment given in the said Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana is being monitored/controlled by the Milkfed, if so, the details thereof, be submitted.
- iv. If any, agreement has been entered to provide the Manpower on outsource basis in the field office i.e Verka Milk Plant be submitted.
- v. Copy of Balance Sheets of last 03 years be submitted.
- vi. Copy of Audit Report of last 03 years of Head Quarter be submitted.

The **Managing Director, Milkfed**, is also hereby directed to submit the above said documents in a sealed cover on/or before the next date of hearing and an appropriate directions be issued to the competent officer/official to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which, **he may be directed for personal appearance along with General Manager, Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana in this case.**

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5. To come up on **07.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 10.04.2026**

**(Inderal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.**

**CC:**

**Managing Director**  
Milkfed,  
Sector-34 A  
Chandigarh

**Encl. RTI application**

**General Manager,**  
Verka Milk Plant,  
Ludhiana