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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Nankana Sahib Education Trust,

Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Nankana Sahib Education Trust,

Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6366 of 2023

ORDER

This order may be read with reference with the previous order dated 08.10.2025 vide which an order was reserved to be pronounced.

2. The appellant sought the following information:

“Time Period: Since inception of Trust till date

1. Attested Photostat/scanned copy of First Trust Deed of Nankana Sahib Education trust (NSET), Gull Park, Gill Road, Ludhiana.
2. Attested Photostat/scanned copies of all the trust deeds of NSET registered with Registrar of Societies, Ludhiana since inception of the trust till date.
3. Attested Photostat/scanned copies of all the amendments made in the trust deed of NSET registered/ not registered with Registrar of Societies, Ludhiana since inception of the trust till date.
4. Agenda points/items, proceedings, attendance of trustees and recorded comments of trustees on proceedings of all the meetings of Board of Trustees since inception of the trust till date.
5. Names, Designation, Appointment Letters and Termination Letters of all the trustees since inception of the trust till date.

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6. Details of disposal of documents (name of document, date of disposal, approval order for disposal, list of trustees present) since inception of the trust till date.
7. Attested Photostat/scanned copies of dispatch register, forwarding letters and enclosures vide which decision of amendments in the trust deed since inception of the trust till date.
8. Attested Photostat/scanned copies of Certificates of Registration of Trust deed issued by the Registrar of Societies since inception of the trust till date.
9. Attested Photostat/scanned copies of the Income and Expenditure accounts, Balance Sheets and Financial Audit Reports since inception of the trust till date.
10. Attested Photostat/scanned copies of details of Financial contribution/collections/deposits by the trustees and SGPC (Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee) since inception of the trust till date.
11. Attested Photostat/scanned copies of all the rules and regulations including detailed description of each according to which the present Board of Trustees is functioning.
12. Attested Photostat/scanned copies of all the original of consultancy fund, all amendments in rules and regulations, income from consultancy and details of expenditure from this fund since inception of the trust till date.”

3. Thereafter, the appellant filed the first appeal and feeling aggrieved, he filed the second appeal before the Commission. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties. In the interest of natural justice, the case was adjourned number of times and the reasonable opportunities were given to the parties in this case.

4. After the detailed deliberations with both the parties, the case was reserved on 08.10.2025 with the liberty to both the parties to make their final submissions within thirty days. Thereafter, the appellant approached the Commission mentioning the deficiencies viz.a.viz. the sought information and the relevant portion of the same is as follows:

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SN	Information Sought	Information Received	Information Not Provided So Far	Remarks
1	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copy of First Trust Deed of Nankana Sahib Education Trust (NSET), Gill Park, Gill Road, Ludhiana.	YES; 1953 Deed i.e. First Deed Received in the Courtroom on 07/05/2025; Missing Page no. 12 of 1953 Deed Received on 06/06/2025;	-- N.A. --	Shown original 1953 Deed on 03/06/2025
2	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of all the trust deeds of NSET registered with Registrar of Societies, Ludhiana since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; 1958 Deed i.e. Third Deed Received in the Courtroom on 07/05/2025; Copy of Backside of page 1 of 1958 Deed Received on 16/06/2025 about that I found during inspection of records that it was improper in copy provided in the court; -sd- copy ONLY of 1954	Original Copy of 1954 Deed	Shown original 1958 Deed on 06/06/2025; Original Copy of 1954 Deed NOT shown NOR given; EVEN the original -sd- copy of 1954 Deed not shown; Office Supdt. tried to convince me by showing 10 to 12 year old -sd- copy

		Deed Received on 04/07/2025		of 1954 Deed After 06/06/2025 PIO, FAA and Office Supdt. totally refused to obey Court's orders and NOT allowed me to inspect any record but agreed to provide the duly signed & stamped sought documents
3	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of all the amendments made in the trust deed of NSET registered/ not registered with Registrar of Societies, Ludhiana since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Three (03) pages of copies of amendments made in Deed Received on 04/07/2025 out which one (01) page mention the amendment date 13/09/1980 and in other two (02) pages related to amendments on which any date or year not mentioned	Authentic details of amendments in the Deed	Received information is without inspection of records hence authenticity of documents not certain
4a	Agenda points/items of all the meetings of Board of Trustees since inception of the trust till date.	NO; Saying record is confidential and third party in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025	Agenda points/items of all the meetings of Board of Trustees	Not allowed to inspect record; This information is Mandatory Disclosure and MUST be available to Public. It is NOT come under confidential and third party information once meeting held
4b	Proceedings of all the meetings of Board of Trustees since inception of the trust till date.	NO; Saying record is confidential and third party in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025	Proceedings of all the meetings of Board of Trustees	Not allowed to inspect record; This information is Mandatory Disclosure and MUST be available to Public. It is NOT come under confidential and third party information once meeting held
4c	Attendance of trustees of all the meetings of Board of Trustees since inception of the trust till date.	NO; Saying record is confidential and third party in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025	Attendance of trustees of all the meetings of Board of Trustees	Not allowed to inspect record; This information is Mandatory Disclosure and MUST be available

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				to Public. It is NOT come under confidential and third party information once meeting held
4d	Recorded comments of trustees on proceedings of all the meetings of Board of Trustees since inception of the trust till date.	NO; Saying record is confidential and third party in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025	Recorded comments of trustees on proceedings of all the meetings of Board of Trustees	Not allowed to inspect record; This information is Mandatory Disclosure and MUST be available to Public. It is NOT come under confidential and third party information once meeting held
5a	Names and Designation all the trustees since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Got for 2003 to 2023 only Received on 19/08/2025	Information before 2003	Not allowed to inspect record: This information is also necessary to check the authenticity of Trust Deeds
5b	Appointment Letters of all the trustees since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Received selection letter only of Trustees (SGPC members) and hand written details on same letter of Trustees (Gill Village) from 2003 to 2008; selection letter and appointment letters of Trustees (SGPC members) from 2017 to 2022 and 2022 to 2027; Only selection letter of Trustees (Gill Village) from 2003 to 2008 and 2008 to 2013 on 04/07/2025	Information before 2003 and 2008 to 2013 and 2013 to 2017 for Trustees (SGPC members) and appointment letters of Trustees (Gill Village) before 2003 and after 2003; Appointment letters of any other type of Trustees	Received information is without inspection of records hence authenticity of documents not certain. This information is also necessary to check the authenticity of Trust Deeds
5c	Termination Letters of the trustees since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Saying in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025 that no termination letter given to any trustee	Authentic details about termination of trustees	Not allowed to inspect record; During my service in the institute I have heard about termination (dismissal) of some trustees; even recently also
6a	Details of disposal of documents (name of document, date of disposal and list of trustees present) since inception of the trust till date.	YES; Saying in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025 that disposal of document is NIL	--N.A.--	Not allowed to inspect record
6b	Details of disposal of documents (Approval order for	Since disposal of documents is NIL so this point is N.A.	--N.A.--	Not allowed to inspect record

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	disposal) since inception of the trust till date.			
7a	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of dispatch register vide which decision of amendments in the trust deed had been sent to Registrar of Societies for incorporation in trust deed since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Saying in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025 that no amendments made within 20 years	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of dispatch register vide which decision of amendments in the trust deed had been sent to Registrar of Societies for incorporation in trust deed	Not allowed to inspect record
7b	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of forwarding letters and enclosures vide which decision of amendments in the trust deed had been sent to Registrar of Societies for incorporation in trust deed since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Saying in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025 that no amendments made within 20 years	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of forwarding letters and enclosures vide which decision of amendments in the trust deed had been sent to Registrar of Societies for incorporation in trust deed	Not allowed to inspect record. This information before 2003 is also very much necessary to check the authenticity of Trust Deeds
8	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of Certificates of Registration of Trust deed issued by Registrar of Societies since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Saying in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025 that the registration on backside of Trust is available and given	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of Certificates of Registration of Trust Deeds	Not allowed to inspect record despite the fact that the Registration No. of Trust Deed the authorities put on the public portal NGO/NPO Darpan (downloaded details on 17.11.2023, 28.02.2024 and then on 05.05.2025)
9a	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of the Income and Expenditure accounts since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Received for the period from 2014 to 2023 on 04/07/2025 and from 2003 to 2013 on 21/07/2025	Information before 2003	Received information is without inspection of records hence authenticity of documents not certain
9b	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of Balance sheets since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Received for the year 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 on 04/07/2025 and for the year 2003 to 2012 on 21.07.2025	Information before year 2003 and for the year 2015, 2016 and 2020	Received information is without inspection of records hence authenticity of documents not certain
9c	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of Financial Audit Reports since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Received only few pages of Financial Audit Reports for each year from 2003 to 2023 on 30/07/2025	Complete pages of Financial Audit Reports from 2003 to 2023 as well as before 2003	Received information is without inspection of records hence authenticity of

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10a	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of details of Financial contribution/collections/ deposits by the trustees since inception of the trust till date.	YES; Saying in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025 that NIL contribution	-- N.A. --	documents not certain -- N.A. --
10b	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of details of Financial contribution/collections/ deposits by SGPC (Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee) since inception of the trust till date.	YES; Saying in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025 that NIL contribution	-- N.A. --	-- N.A. --
11	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of all the rules and regulations including detailed description of each according to which the present Board of Trustees is functioning.	INCOMPLETE; Saying in consolidated reply on 19/08/2025 that No other specific rules only as per trust deed	Out of three trust deed which trust deed is applicable for functioning of Board of Trustees	Received information is without inspection of records hence authenticity of documents not certain
12a	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of all the original rules and regulations of consultancy fund since inception of the trust till date.	NO	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of all the original rules and regulations of consultancy fund since inception of the trust till date.	-- N.A.
12b	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of all amendments in rules and regulations since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Received on 21/07/2025 only amended rules of Industrial Consultancy Cell of Guru Nanak Dev Engg. College, Ludhiana of 25/06/2009	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of all amendments in rules and regulations before and after 2009	Received information is without inspection of records hence authenticity of documents not certain
12c	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of income from consultancy and details of expenditure from this fund since inception of the trust till date.	INCOMPLETE; Received on 21/07/2025 only copies of Ledger of Industrial Consultancy Cell of Guru Nanak Dev Engg. College, Ludhiana for the period from 2003 to 2023	Attested Photostat/ Scanned copies of income from consultancy and details of expenditure from this fund by NSET	Received information is without inspection of records hence authenticity of documents not certain

5. After going through the submissions made by the parties, it is observed as follows:
- i. Regarding Point No. 1, the appellant received the information.
 - ii. Regarding Point No. 2, 3, 5, 6,7, 8, 9, 11 and 12, the appellant preliminarily contended that he was not allowed to inspect the record although as per order dated 07.05.2025, the respondent requested during the hearing that an inspection be allowed to the appellant and any information pertaining to the RTI application will be supplied if so identified. As such, the PIO is directed to make

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available the record for an inspection of the appellant and if any, document is identified by the appellant, the same be supplied, duly certified and in case any document is not available on record then the specific undertaking be sent to the appellant with regard to the same.

- iii. Regarding Point No. 4, it is appropriate to mention the notification issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) dated 03.04.2023, according to which an autonomous college has been directed to conduct the meeting of the statutory body regularly and upload the minutes on the college website. The relevant portion of the notification 03.04.2023.

“University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023

9.4 The Autonomous College shall also put on its website the constitution of various Committees/Cells as mandated in the various UGC Regulations notified from time to time. The Autonomous College shall conduct the meetings of the statutory bodies regularly and upload the minutes of the meetings on the college website.”

Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to upload all the information on the website under the mandatory disclosure on the website and inform the appellant within 30 days else, a certified copy of the same be supplied to the appellant. The respondents are also directed to make available the record for inspection of the appellant and in case any document is not available on record then the specific undertaking be sent to the appellant with regard to the same.

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iv. Regarding Point No. 10, no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant.

6. In light of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to ensure compliance of this order within 30 days from the receipt of this order. As such, the case is **disposed of & closed.**

Dated: 16.02.2026

**(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab**