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## Sh. Sohan Lal Jain

House No. 221, Street -11,  
Manjit Nagar, Bhadson road,  
Patiala-147001  
(M:9417939487)

Appellant

Vs

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab  
Department of Medical & Research,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal,  
Government Medical College,  
Sangrur Road, Patiala

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab  
Department of Medical & Research,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1227 of 2022

#### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2025 vide which the order was reserved to be pronounced.

2. The brief of the case is that the appellant has sought the following information from the office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab i.e. a request of the appellant dated 13.01.2021:

- “1. Copy of the action taken till date by Hon'ble Chief Minister Ji, Punjab on my representation dated 13.01.2021 sent by regd post on 15.01.2021 to the Main Civil Secretariat, Punjab.
2. Copy of the official notings by various officials of Govt. on my representation dt.13.01.2021 sent to Hon'ble Chief Minister Ji by regd post on 15.01.2021 before putting the case for final orders of Punjab Govt. officers.
3. Copy of final decision taken on my representation dt 13.01.2021 sent by regd post to Hon'ble Chief Minister Ji Subject Request for justice by Pb. Govt.”

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3. The appellant submits that the letter dated 13.01.2021, action taken of which has been sought, was sent by the Superintendent (Health-3 Branch), Punjab Government, Medical Education and Research Department total 14 pages to the Director, Medical Education and Research Department vide Memo No. 1/133/2021/1/4HB3/1804 dated 10.06.2022 with the directions that action on the appellant's request should be taken on priority basis, copy of which was also sent to the appellant. The appellant also requested to trace of Memo No. CMO-GENODAK/253/2020-GA/797627 dated 07.07.2021 as the said letter has not been received in the office record as has been written by Sh. Paramjit Pal, Public Information Officer-cum-Superintendent vide memo no. 11/133/2021/4HB3/8289 dated 27.09.2021, which was sent to the PIO, office of the Chief Minister, Punjab and has requested to supply the information related to the letter dated 13.01.2021.

4. The appellant filed the First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority but due to non-satisfaction, feeling aggrieved, he filed the second appeal before the Commission and accordingly a notice of hearing was issued.

5. The office of Chief Minister, Punjab, transferred the RTI application to the Research and Medical Education and further the said office transferred the RTI application to the Director, Medical Education and Research, Punjab. Being the custodian of the record, the said office further transferred the RTI application to the PIO, Government Medical College, Sangrur Road, Patiala.

6. The respondent from the said office also appeared in this case and preliminarily contended that the main grievance of the appellant is that he was transferred and on transfer there was a mention of recovery in the LTC and accordingly, the recovery was made from the salary of the appellant. The respondent further contended that the record concerning the recovery has already been supplied to the appellant. But no status/information of letter dated 13.01.2021 has been provided to the appellant, which appears that the respondent willfully and deliberately not given the information. As per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, there is a Section 20 which prescribed the procedure to deal with such type of cases.

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7. Keeping in view the above as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, a **disciplinary action is recommended** to the Director, Medical & Education and Research Department (Establishment 1 Branch) against the concerned PIO and against the Superintendent and Senior Assistant (being the custodian of the record-deemed PIOs) office of the Principal, Government Medical College, Sangrur Road, Patiala.
8. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal, Government Medical College, Patiala to direct the concerned PIO/officials to provide the status of the representation dated 13.01.2021 of the appellant within 30 days from the receipt of this order and in case in case no action has been taken on the said representation then the specific reply be sent to the appellant.
9. As such, the case is **disposed of & closed**.

Dated: 18.02.2026

(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab

CC:

**Director (by name)**  
Medical & Education and  
Research Department (Establishment 1 Branch)  
Medical Education Bhawan,  
Sector 69, SAS Nagar (Mohali)- 160062

**Principal (by name)**  
Government Medical College,  
Sangrur Road, Patiala