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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. 152of 2023

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

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 08.01.2026, whereby the complainant was strictly directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing as a last opportunity, failing which the case was to be decided on merits. The PIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Patiala, and the PIO, O/o Department of Local Government, Punjab, Sector-35A, Chandigarh, were also directed to remain present with a proper, point-wise reply along with relevant records.
2. Today, in compliance with the said order, **Sh. Karamjit Singh, ATP-cum-PIO, Municipal Corporation, Patiala, and Sh. Gurpreet Singh (BI), Town Planning Wing, Department of Local Government, Punjab,** are present before the Commission and represent the case. They submitted that the requisite information/reply available on the office record has already been supplied to the appellant through email as well as by post.
3. However, the appellant has again failed to appear in person before the Commission, despite specific directions issued in the last order. He was thereafter connected through Cisco Webex and also telephonically, and submitted his grievance regarding non-receipt of information. He further requested that the case be listed before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for further consideration.
4. In view of the above submissions and the request made by the appellant, the case file is hereby sent to the Deputy Registrar to place the same before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for further necessary action, as deemed appropriate.

Sd/-

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Chandigarh
19.02.2026
(Harpreet Singh Sandhu)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.

CC :DR (PSIC) – alongwith case file

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Sh. Tirath Ram, S/o Sh. Ram Nath,(M.: 9463436018)
V.P.O. – NaaruNanagIKhas,
Tehsil &Distt. – Hoshiarpur - 146102 (Punjab)...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,
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(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5803 of 2024

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Present :

Appellant: Sh.Sh. Tirath Ram along with his counsel Adv. Vishal Mittal
Respondent: Ms. Seema Khera, Assistant Director, Sh. Vikramjeet Singh, Sr.
Assistant

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 08.01.2026, whereby the appellant was granted an opportunity to examine the revised final answer key (13 pages) supplied by the respondent and to file a rejoinder, if any, on or before the next date of hearing.

Information Sought

*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.*

2. Today, both parties are present and have been heard. The respondent-PIO is represented by Ms. Seema Khera, Assistant Director, and Sh. Vikramjeet Singh, Senior Assistant. They reiterate their earlier submissions and submit that the information available on record has already been supplied and nothing further remains to be disclosed in the matter.
3. The appellant is represented through learned counsel Sh. Vishal Mittal, who has filed a detailed rejoinder, which is taken on record. A copy thereof has also been furnished to the respondent-PIO.

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The learned counsel has further relied upon a judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, contending that the report of an Expert Committee does not fall within the ambit of fiduciary relationship and, therefore, cannot be denied on that ground.

4. In view of the fresh submissions made by the appellant and the legal plea raised, the respondent-PIO is granted an opportunity to file a specific, point-wise written response to the rejoinder filed today, dealing with the contentions raised therein as well as the applicability of the judgment cited.
5. The respondent shall also file an undertaking/affidavit clearly stating the factual position of the case, including the nature of record available, the extent of information supplied, and the grounds, if any, for denial of the remaining information.
6. The matter is accordingly adjourned for the aforesaid purpose. The written response along with the undertaking shall be filed well before the next date of hearing, with a copy in advance to the appellant.
7. **Next hearing on 16.04.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
19.02.2026

(Harpreet Singh Sandhu)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.

Sd/-

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.

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