# OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE-CUM-1st APPELLATE AUTHORITY (UNDER RTI ACT 2005), UNION TERRITORY, CHANDIGARH

Appeal Order No. D-330-332 /UT/RTI/SSP, dated : 18.6.99

Name of Appellant

Sh. Vikas Kumar Goel

R/o # Tehsil/Civil Court Complex,

Dera Bassi, Punjab.

Concerned CPIOs

CPIO/Central

Date of RTI application

08.04.2019.

Reply of CPIOs

17.04.2019

Date of 1st Appeal

23.05.2019

## ORDER

The appellant has preferred his 1st appeal against the reply/order of CPIO/Central in connection with his RTI application dated 08.04.2019 with the contentions that requisite information was not supplied to him. The same was diarized vide No. R-92/UT/RTI/FAA/SSP dated 23.05.2019 for further proceeding under RTI Act.

# Information sought vide RTI application:

The appellant vide his RTI application, had sought CCTV footage of cameras installed in PS Sector 26, PS Sector 11 and Crime Branch Sector 11, Chandigarh for the period from 25.03.2019 to 29.03.2019.

#### Comments of CPIO/Central:

CPIO/Central submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received from CAPIO/PHQ vide letter no. 828/RTI/CAPIO(PHQ)/UT/PWS dated 08.04.2019. In this regard, report was obtained from SHO PS Sector 11 who submitted that the sought information is too lengthy and containing data of number of informers, complainants general public visitors to Police Station for various purposes which cannot be disclosed to anyone as the same may hamper the investigation process as well as can cause harm to the visitors. Moreover, arms & ammunitions are lying in the Malkahna of the Police Station and by supplying the CCTV footage entrance gate of PS, can disclose the confidentiality and secrecy of the Malkhana and the same would endanger the life of the police personnel. Hence, the sought information was denied u/s 8(1)(h) of RTI act. The appellant was informed accordingly vide letter no. 160/CPIO/Central dated 17.04.2019.

## Decision:

I have gone through the contents of RTI application, appeal of the appellant, comments of CPIO/Central vis-à-vis material available on record which revealed that the

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appellant vide his RTI application, had sought CCTV footage of cameras installed in PS Sector 26, PS Sector 11 and Crime Branch Sector 11, Chandigarh for the period from 25.03.2019 to 29.03.2019.

In reply, CPIO/Central had obtained CCTV footage with the comments that sought information is too lengthy and containing data of number of informers, complainants, general public visitors to Police Station for various purposes which cannot be disclosed to anyone as the same may hamper the investigation process as well as can cause harm to the visitors. Moreover, arms & ammunitions are also lying in the Malkahna and by supplying the CCTV footage of the Police Station, can disclose the confidentiality and secrecy of the Malkhana and the same would endanger the life and physical safety of the police personnel. Hence, the sought information was denied u/s 8(1)(j) of RTI act.

It is pertinent to mention here that similar appeal of the appellant (filed against CPIO/East) was disposed of vide this office order No. 290-292/UT/RTI/SSP dated 23.05.2019 with the following observation:-

"So far as the appeal is concerned, the appellant has filed present appeal against CPIO/East. Hence, the same is being entertained only against CPIO/East. Moreover, the information sought for, is not specific in nature, appellant has sought CCTV footage of five days i.e. 25.03.2019 to 29.03.2019 which cannot be provided as it contains information pertaining to different type of visitors/informers of Police Station who have nothing to do with the appellant's matter and disclosure of such information may jeopardise the identity of the informers of local police which endangers the safety & security of the visitors. Moreover, no public interest is involved in the matter. Hence, CPIO/East has rightly denied the information u/s 8(1)(g) of RTI act."

Since, the facts and circumstances of the present appeal is similar in nature, therefore, the present appeal is also disposed of with the similar observations as mentioned above.

In case, the appellant is not satisfied with the disposal of this appeal, he can file second appeal before the Hon'ble CIC, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi - 110067 under the RTI Act within 90 days.

(Nilambari Jagadale, IPS)
Senior Superintendent of Police
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