

CHANDIGARH POLICE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE—CUM-1st APPELLATE AUTHORITY (UNDER RTI ACT 2005), UT, CHANDIGARH.

Appeal Order No. D-223- 225

/UT/RTI/SSP, dated: 16:07:2024

Name of Appellant

Ms. Navjot Lehal,

R/o F-144, Phase 8/B, Sector 74,

Ind. Area, Mohali, Punjab

Mob. 94652-24814

Concerned CPIO

CPIO/South

Date of RTI application

01.05.2024

Reply of CPIO

31.05.2024

Date of 1st Appeal

19.06.2024

ORDER

The appellant has preferred her 1st appeal dated 19.06.2024 against the disposal of her RTI application dated 01.05.2024 by CPIO/South with the contentions that requisite information was not provided to him.

Information sought vide RTI application:

The appellant vide her RTI application had sought information on 12 points regarding compliance of directions passed by Hon'ble Court and received in SSP office vide no. R-214/UT-SSP/Litigation Branch dated 24.01.2024, R-509/UT-SSP/Litigation Branch dated 16.02.2024, R-775/UT-SSP/Litigation Branch dated 07.03.2024 and R-1097/UT-SSP/Litigation Branch dated 03.04.2024 i.e. copy of all notices issued to all 19 accused, Act/Rules/Notifications for serving notice upon dead Gurinder Pal Singh Batra, Act/Rules/Notifications where accused society president can withheld original society records, seizure memo of original proceedings books of Ajanta Society pertaining to period 8th August 2022 to 7th August 2023, seizure memo of original society record, legal action taken by SHO-49 against accused no. 13, date on which original ledger of land cost as seized from accused no. 09 R.K. Thukral, name/desgination/service number of official who signed the notice to accused P.C. Singal, , name/desgination/service number of official who signed the notice to dead person Gurinder Pal Singh Batra, PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building Society Ltd. of 331 members, PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building First Society Ltd. of 150 members and PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building Second Society Ltd. of 181 members.

COMMENTS OF CPIO/South :-

CPIO/South vide his comments submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received in his office to supply the requisite information. Accordingly, available information was obtained from SHO PS Sector 49 and the same in pointwise

form was supplied to the appellant vide letter No. 122/RTI-24/CPIO-South/Chandigarh dated 31.05.2024.

DECISION :-

I have gone through the contents of RTI application, appeal of the appellant, comments of CPIO/South vis-à-vis material available on record which revealed that the appellant vide her RTI application had sought information 12 points regarding compliance of directions passed by Hon'ble Court and received in SSP office vide no. R-214/UT-SSP/Litigation Branch dated 24.01.2024, R-509/UT-SSP/Litigation Branch dated 16.02.2024, R-775/UT-SSP/Litigation Branch dated 07.03.2024 and R-1097/UT-SSP/Litigation Branch dated 03.04.2024 i.e. copy of all notices issued to all 19 accused, Act/Rules/Notifications for serving notice upon dead Gurinder Pal Singh Batra, Act/Rules/Notifications where accused society president can withheld original society records, seizure memo of original proceedings books of Ajanta Society pertaining to period 8th August 2022 to 7th August 2023, seizure memo of original society record, legal action taken by SHO-49 against accused no. 13, date on which original ledger of land cost as seized from accused no. 09 R.K. Thukral, name/desgination/service number of official who signed the notice to accused P.C. Singal, , name/desgination/service number of official who signed the notice to dead person Gurinder Pal Singh Batra, PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building Society Ltd. of 331 members, PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building First Society Ltd. of 150 members and PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building Second Society Ltd. of 181 members.

In reply, CPIO/South had provided the available information in pointwise form to the appellant after obtaining the same from SHO PS Sector 49, Chandigarh.

Insofar appeal is concerned, information regarding point no. 1 (copy of all notices issued to all 19 accused), CPIO/South has denied the requisite information to the appellant, appropriately, as per the provisions of section 8 (1) (j) of RTI Act, as these are not directly related with the appellant. Moreover, case is still under investigation.

Information on point nos. 2, 10, 11 & 12 i.e. Act/Rules/Notifications for serving notice upon dead Gurinder Pal Singh Batra, PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building Society Ltd. of 331 members, PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building First Society Ltd. of 150 members and PAN/TAN of legal Entity/AOP namely Ajanta Coop. House Building Second Society Ltd. of 181 members. In this regard, CPIO/South has appropriately denied the sought information to the appellant as no such information is available in the record.

Further, information pertaining to points no. 4, 5 & 7 i.e. seizure memo of original proceedings books of Ajanta Society pertaining to period 8th August 2022 to 7th August 2023, seizure memo of original society record & date on which original ledger of land cost as seized from accused no. 09 R.K. Thukral, has already been provided by CPIO/South, hence, no action is required to be taken on these points.

Moreover, information pertaining to points No. 6, 8 & 9 i.e. legal action taken by SHO-49 against accused no. 13, name/desgination/service number of official who signed the notice to accused P.C. Singal, , name/desgination/service number of official who signed the notice to dead person Gurinder Pal Singh Batra, is concerned, CPIO/South has inadvertently denied the sought information to the appellant as per the provisions of section 2 (f) of RTI Act. Therefore, CPIO/South is hereby directed to reconsider the above mentioned points and take necessary action strictly as per the provisions of RTI Act.

As far as point No. 03 is concerned i.e. Act/Rules/Notifications where accused society president can withheld original society records, CPIO/South has denied the sought information as case is still under investigation, without giving clear reasons/justifications/provisions for the same. Therefore, CPIO/South is hereby directed to examine the RTI applications carefully and provide proper reasons/justifications and apply concerned provisions of RTI Act while providing the requisite information.

With these observations, instant appeal stands disposed off.

In case, the appellant is not satisfied with the disposal of his appeal, she 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.

(Kanwardeep Kaur, IPS)
Senior Superintendent of Police
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