



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

Appeal Order No. D-232-234 /UT/RTI/SSP, dated : 19-07-2022
Name of Appellant : Sh. A.P.S. Maan, Adv.
R/o H. No. 21, Sector 09,
Chandigarh.
Concerned CPIOs : CPIO/Police Lines
Date of RTI application : 16.05.2022
Date of CPIO's Reply : 31.05.2022
Date of 1st Appeal : 15.06.2022

ORDER

The appellant has preferred his 1st appeal through online RTI portal vide no. PODEP/A/E/22/00068 dated 15.06.2022 against the reply/order of CPIO/Police Lines in connection with his RTI application submitted through online RTI portal vide no. PODEP/R/E/22/00357 dated 16.05.2022 with the contention that requisite information was not supplied to him.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN RTI APPLICATION :-

The appellant vide his RTI application dated 16.05.2022 had sought information on 08 points in connection with Dog Squad of Chandigarh Police.

COMMENTS OF CPIO/Police Lines :-

Comments of CPIO/Police Lines have been obtained who submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received in his office through online RTI portal vide no. PODEP/R/E/22/00357 dated 16.05.2022 which was transferred to him by Nodal Officer RTI Cell on 23.05.2022 for supplying the requisite information. Thereafter, requisite information was denied u/s 8(1)(j) of RTI act, being third party information and the same was conveyed to the appellant vide letter no. 09/RTI-22/DSP-Lines(CPIO) dated 27.05.2022.

DECISION :-

I have gone through the contents of RTI application, appeal of the appellant, comments of CPIO/Police Lines vis-à-vis material available on record which revealed that the appellant vide his RTI application dated 16.05.2022 had sought information on 08 points in question form regarding dog squad of Chandigarh Police i.e. Does Chandigarh Police has a dog squad?, if yes how many dogs there?, what breed of dogs in dog squad, till what age dogs serve and after retirement these killed or sold?, what

police done with pups?, diet of police dogs?, are police dogs neutered?, how police dogs trained? etc.

In reply, CPIO/Police Lines wrongly attracted section 8(1)(j) of RTI act while denying information to the appellant considering the same as third party information whereas information should have been denied u/s 8(1)(g) of RTI act. Being an important part of police force, these dogs are trained specially for security and investigation related tasks and so many times these dogs demonstrated to be very helpful for police force. These dogs are properly cared and looked after by dog squad staff as per certain guidelines/manuals. As these dogs are being used primarily for security duties and other investigation related tasks, hence, the extensive requisite information sought by the appellant relates to police dogs cannot be supplied and denied u/s 8(1)(g) of RTI act, which is reproduced hereunder :

"Section 8 (1) (g) : information, the disclosure of which would endanger the life or physical safety of any person or identify the source of information or assistance given in confidence for law enforcement or security purposes;"

The instant appeal stands disposed off accordingly.

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



(Kuldeep Singh Chahal, IPS)
Senior Superintendent of Police
Union Territory, Chandigarh-cum-
1st Appellate Authority.

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Copies to:-

1. CPIO/Police Lines
2. Computer Section.