

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE—CUM-1st APPELLATE AU0THORITY (UNDER RTI ACT 2005), UT, CHANDIGARH.

Appeal Order No. D-238-240 /UT/RTI/SSP, dated: 28.06.2023

Name of Appellant : Sh. Rohit Kumar Jindal

R/O Chamber No. 11 Lawyers Complex

Distt Court Sector-43, Chandigarh

Concerned CPIO : CPIO/South

Date of RTI application : 12.05.2023

Reply of CPIO on : 25.05.2023

Date of 1st Appeal : 05.06.2023

ORDER

The appellant has preferred his 1st appeal dated 05.06.2023 against the disposal of his RTI application dated 12.05.2023 by CPIO/South with the contentions that requisite information was not supplied to him.

Information sought vide RTI application :

The appellant vide his RTI application dated 12.05.2023 had sought information regarding details/locations of nakas/police barricading set up in the area of Police Station Sector 34 on dated 31.12.2022, 01.01.2023 and 20.01.2023 alongwith details of police officials deployed on these nakas.

Comments of CPIO/South :-

CPIO/South vide his comments submitted that RTI application of the appellant was received in his office on dated 12.05.2023. As the matter pertained to PS-34, Chandigarh, accordingly, report from SHO PS-34 was obtained and the requisite information pertaining to locations of nakas and staff deployed on these nakas, was denied to the appellant u/s 8(1) (j) of RTI Act, 2005, being personal information vide No. 119/RTI-2023/CPIO-South/UT/Chandigarh Dated 25.05.2023.

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 appellant had sought information regarding details/locations of nakas/police barricading set up in the area of Police Station Sector 34 on dated 31.12.2022, 01.01.2023 and 20.01.2023 alongwith details of police officials deployed on these nakas.

In reply, CPIO/South has denied the requisite information to the appellant u/s 8(1) (j) of RTI Act, 2005, being personal information.

So far as the appeal is concerned, it is important to mention here that any police barricading or nakas are installed as a preventive measures to control the crime situation and to maintain the law & order in the area for the safety & security of the general public. Nakas are also deployed on any specific day or occasion to control the anti-social elements on that particular day or function so that the same may be celebrated in a peaceful manner. Hence, information related to locations of nakas and staff deployed on these nakas, is a sensitive information which cannot be disclosed in a routine manner for the security purposes, so, denied u/s 8(1)(g) of RTI act. There is no larger public interest involved in disclosing this information. So, CPIO rightly denied the requisite information but he should also apply section 8(1)(g) of RTI act alongwith section 8(1) (j).

With these observations, instant appeal stands disposed off.

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.

(Kanwardeep Kaur, IPS) Senior Superintendent of Police Union Territory, Chandigarh-cum-1st Appellate Authority.

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