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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,
HIMACHAL PRADESH POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
SHIMLA

(APPELLATE AUTHORITY)

Appeal No.P.III-5(11)-RTI-Dr. Pawan Kumar Banta /2025-(30)-

Dated:

Appellant:

Dr. Pawan Kumar Banta,
House, No. 500 A Sector IV, New Shimla-171009.

Vs.

State Public Information Officer:

The Public Information Officer-cum-Superintendent of
Police, Welfare, Police Headquarters, H.P, Shimla-171002.

"O R D E R"

This appeal has been preferred by Dr. Pawan Kumar Banta, House, No. 500 A, Sector IV, New Shimla-171009 against the Public Information Officer-cum Superintendent of Police (Welfare), Police Headquarter Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002 under RTI Act with reference to letter of the PIO, PHQ letter No.23214 dated 28.10.2025.

Appellant feeling aggrieved with the decision of PIO and files an appeal on the grounds *"That the Public Information Officer cum Superintendent of Police (Welfare), Police Head Quarter Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002 vide letter No.P-III-5(10)RTI-Dr. Pawan Kumar Banta/2025-(02)-23214 dated 28.10.2025 cannot be provided as per Rule 8 (1)(J) of the Right to information Act, 2005."*

The brief facts of the case are that the appellant had filed an RTI application which was received to the PIO PHQ on 30.09.2025 under Right to Information Act, 2005 (herein after called the 'Act') wherein he had sought certain information from the PIO PHQ.

Accordingly, the PIO, State Police Headquarters H.P. Shimla has sought the requisite information from concerned branches i.e. I/C Control Room PHQ, I/C L&O branch PHQ. Accordingly, as per the report of I/C L&O branch the PIO PHQ has informed the appellant vide letter No.P-III-5(10) RTI-Dr.Pawan Kumar Banta/2025-(02)-23214 dated 28.10.2025.

I have carefully gone through the appeal submitted by the appellant and the records available on file under RTI Act, 2005. I have also perused the requisite information sought by the appellant under the RTI Act, 2005. The undersigned had also scheduled a hearing in the matter on 17.11.2025 at 11:00 A.M. and the appellant was duly informed vide letter

No.22812 dated 12.11.2025 through registered post. However, the appellant did not attend the hearing on the scheduled date and time. Upon examination, it is observed that the information sought pertains to personal information, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or public interest, or which would cause an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual. As per my opinion and facts of the appeal this may lead to third party information and as per Section 8(i) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 "*information which relates to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer or the appellate authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information:*" is exempted. In the present case, no larger public interest has been established by the appellant to warrant the disclosure of the requested information. Therefore, the PIO, Police Headquarters, has rightly denied the information in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Keeping in view of above, the aforesaid appeal is disposed off accordingly.

In case the appellant is not satisfied with this order, he may file an appeal within ninety days from the date on which the decision should have been or was actually received, before the 2nd Appellant Authority-cum-State Information Commission, Himachal Pradesh, Keonthal Commercial Complex, Khalini, Shimla-171002 as per the provisions of RTI Act.

(Gurdev Chand Sharma) IPS
1st Appellate Authority-cum-
Dy. Inspector General of Police (Welfare & Admn.),
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Endst. No. As Above-

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Dated:

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1. The Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Inspector General of Police, Headquarter PHQ, Shimla-171002 for information and necessary action.
2. Dr. Pawan Kumar Banta, House, No. 500 A, Sector IV, New Shimla-171009. (Through Registered Post).
3. Incharge SCRB, Khalini, Shimla-2 to upload the same in HP Police web Portal.
4. Guard File.

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