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File No: SIC/J/A/51/2013  
Decision No. SIC/J/A/51/2013/98

Smt. Veena Kaul	..... Appellant	Present
Dr. Ravi Shanker Sharma Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu.	..... PIO	Present
Sh. Sher Singh Asstt. Commissioner (Revenue) Jammu.	.....PIO	Present

**Jammu**  
**23.04.2013**

Briefly the facts in this appeal are that Smt. Veena Kaul R/o. 46-A Patoli Mangotrian, Jammu, moved an application dated 29.11.2012 under J&K RTI Act, 2009 before the PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, seeking the following information:-

- 1. Kindly provide the details i.e. name, parentage, Resident, owner of the land, (period 1989 to till 31-10-2012 under khasra no. 373 Karan Vihar situated at village Upper Thather, Tehsil & Distt. Jammu) purchased by different (Vendees) period (1989-1995) under khasra No. 355, claiming their land falling under khasra no. 373.*
- 2. Kindly provide the details i.e. name, parentage, Resident of the vendees presently in possession of land under khasra no. 373, Karan*

*Vihar situated at village Upper Thather, Tehsil & Distt. Jammu purchased by different (Vendees) period (1989-1995) under khasra No. 355, claiming their land falling under khasra no. 373.*

- 3. Total kanal's of land falling in khasra no. 355 situated at village Upper Thather, Tehsil & Distt. Jammu.*
- 4. Total kanal's of land failing in khasra no. 373 situated at village Upper Thather Tehsil & Distt. Jammu.*
- 5. Kindly provide me the nature of the land comprising khasra no. 355 situated at Karan Vihar, village Upper Thather, Tehsil & Distt. Jammu.*
- 6. Kindly provide me the nature of the land comprising khasra no. 373 situated at Karan Vihar, village Upper Thather, Tehsil & Distt. Jammu.*
- 7. Kindly provide the copy of Mutation No. 136 under khasra no. 355 situated at Upper Thather presently named Karan Vihar, Jammu.*
- 8. Kindly provide the copy of Mutation No. 137 under khasra no. 355 situated at Upper Thather presently named Karan Vihar, Jammu.*

The information seeker has alleged in her appeal before the Commission that the PIO passed an order on 13-12-2012 and furnished her incomplete information which does not correspond to RTI application. She further alleged that the PIO has stated that disclosure has no relation to any public activity or interest and providing the information in respect of query no. 1 & 2 will require a time period of 4 months. She also alleged malafide intention on the part of PIO to hide the facts and submitted that the stand taken by the PIO in dealing with her RTI application is completely unjustified.

The information seeker filed an appeal before the FAA on 26-12-2012 which till date has not been adjudicated and disposed of. Thus, feeling aggrieved of inaction on the part of the PIO she preferred appeal dated 01-03-2013 before the Commission and prayed for disclosure of information by the FAA as well as by the Revenue Authorities as sought by her in RTI application. After receiving the appeal of the information seeker the Commission directed the FAA as well as the PIO to send counter reply to the Commission within 7 days from the receipt of the notice. In response to the aforesaid notice Dr. G.J. Singh, Asstt. Commissioner Revenue / APIO, Jammu vide letter no. DCJ/PIO/RTI/2012-13/4374 dated 25-03-2013 intimated the

Commission that the information was provided to the applicant vide office letter no. DCJ/PIO/RTI/2012-13/3526 dated 13-12-2012 which the applicant has acknowledged and the information provided to the applicant was the same as was received from the office of the Tehsildar, Jammu. The PIO also intimated that the field agency with regard to query no. 1 & 2 have requested that additional time is required for submission of the information as the information is pertaining to the period spanning over 23 years and area measuring over 400 kanals of land. The APIO further submitted in the aforesaid letter that if the applicant is unsatisfied with the information provided to her, she can examine the record in his office at date and time to be fixed by the Commission.

In view of the aforesaid facts, it is apparent that the information sought by the information seeker is voluminous in nature and it is not possible for the Revenue Authorities to compile and collate such information as it is not readily available in the computerized form and such an exercise would disproportionately divert the resources of a public authority. In such circumstances it would be feasible, if the information seeker is allowed an opportunity to access the record on date and time to be settled in consultation with the PIO.

The PIO is thus directed to allow the information seeker an opportunity to access the record in his office on any working day during office hours and in case the information seeker requests for photocopy of the relevant documents that may be furnished to her free of cost.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Notice of this decision be given free of cost to the parties.

**Sd/-**

Dr. S.K. Sharma  
State Information Commissioner

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1. 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate Authority / Deputy Commissioner, Jammu.
2. Public Information Officer /Sh. Ravi Shanker Sharma, Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Jammu.

3. Public Information Officer / Sh. Sher Singh, Asstt. Commissioner (Revenue), Jammu.
4. Sh. Upendar Krishen Kaul R/o 46-A, Patoli Mangotrian, Jammu.
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