

Information Commission widens RTI access to cooperative housing societies

Orders Registrar to provide video of society’s annual general body meeting

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 28
In a significant ruling with implications for cooperative group housing societies across Haryana, the State Information Commission (SIC) has held that any information accessible to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies can be provided under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

The ruling comes amid repeated claims by several group housing societies that they are outside the RTI ambit because they neither receive government aid nor qualify as “public authorities” under the Act.

“Once the respondent public authority (Registrar, Co-operative Societies) has the legal authority to access the information from the Society, the same cannot be denied to the appellant merely on the ground that the Society is not a public authority under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act,” the Commission observed.

The order was passed by the Bench of Dr Ajay Kumar Sura while directing the office of the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Haryana, to provide the complete “unedited videography” of the General Body Meeting of the New Haryana Officers Cooperative Group Housing

Society Ltd., Panchkula, held on July 8, 2023.

The society has retired IAS, IPS and HCS officers among its members.

The case arose after retired District and Sessions Judge Kuldip Jain sought, through an RTI application filed on September 5, 2023, a certified copy of the unedited video recording and minutes of the meeting. While the minutes were provided, the video footage was denied.

The society argued that the videography was its property and that it did not fall within the ambit of a “public authority” under the RTI Act. During hearings, former

society president and retired IAS officer Satwanti Ahlawat submitted that the society was “fully owned, controlled and financed by its members, not by the Haryana Government.” Later, another former president, retired IAS officer Renu Phulia, argued that the discussions captured in the video were personal matters of members with no public-interest connection.

Rejecting the contention, the Commission said the issue was “not whether the Society itself is a public authority, but whether the information sought by the appellant is accessible to the office of Registrar Coop-

erative Societies.”

The SIC noted that the Registrar exercises statutory, supervisory and regulatory control over cooperative societies and had already directed the society on August 7, 2023, to furnish the videography.

Citing Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, the Commission held that “information” also includes material relating to any private body that can be accessed by a public authority under any existing law. The Commission further directed the Registrar to initiate action under the Haryana Cooperative Societies Act and related rules if the society fails to comply.

Dr Archana Gupta is new state BJP president

Second woman to lead party in state in 43 years

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PANIPAT, MAY 28
The BJP on Thursday appointed Dr Archana Gupta as its new state president. Gupta, who was serving as the state general secretary of the party, is the second woman to become the state party president in 43 years. Earlier, Dr Kamla Verma was the state president from 1980 to 1983.

A gold medalist in radiology, Gupta replaces Mohan Lal Badoli, who was serving on the post since 2024.

Gupta is considered a close aide of former CM and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, and top party leaders and RSS functionaries in the state.

As per party sources, some more people were in the race for the post, but the main contest was between Cabinet minister Krishan Bedi and Gupta. As Vaishya (Bania) are said to be the cadre vote bank of the party, the top leadership also considered the names of former MLA Asim Goyal and Deepak Mangla.

With her appointment, the BJP has succeeded in balancing the caste equation in the state, as only Cabinet minister Vipul Goel belongs to Vaishya

EXAMPLE OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

“ I thank senior BJP leaders for trusting me with the post. People should see how the BJP has worked to empower women in Haryana. In contrast, the Congress and Trinamool Congress have actively worked to deny women their rights. My priority will be to strengthen the party and connect more women with the party.” — Dr Archana Gupta



POLITICAL RISE

- Born in Samalkha in 1968, Dr Gupta runs a diagnostic centre in Panipat. Her grandfather, Lala Sooraj Bhan, was a freedom fighter. She pursued MBBS (MD) in radiology from Rohtak in 1994
- Line from Panipat. She served as the district coordinator from 2010 to 2016
- Was appointed district president of the party Mahila Morcha in 2016, and Panipat party president in 2020
- Was appointed state general secretary in 2024

Bahadurgarh factory blast caused by chemical reaction, says report

JHAJJAR, MAY 28
The explosion at a chemical factory in Bahadurgarh last week was not caused by a boiler blast, but was likely triggered by an uncontrolled

chemical reaction inside a kettle during the manufacturing process, according to a report submitted by the local office of the Department of Industry and Commerce to Deputy Commissioner Varsha Khangwal.

Confirming the findings, Joint Director (Industry) Sanjit Kaur ruled out initial speculation of a boiler malfunction. Instead, she pointed to several industrial risk factors associated with chemical manufacturing units handling volatile and flammable substances such as vinyl acetate monomer (VAM), a key ingredient used in adhesive and PVA-based production. The explosion occurred at a factory in the Modern Industrial Estate, Bahadurgarh, on May 22, leaving one worker dead and seven others injured. — TNS

Bandhwari cleanup delayed yet again; Centre sets fresh one-year target

Khattar orders daily progress reports, drone surveys to speed up work

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GURUGRAM, MAY 28
The Haryana Government has once again sought an additional year to clear the massive Bandhwari landfill site on the Gurugram-Faridabad border, prompting Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal to direct officials to complete the remediation work within the next 12 months.

The landfill site, which has remained under scrutiny for years due to repeated fires, leachate contamination, environmental hazards and civic complaints, has missed multiple cleanup deadlines since 2018. Even as remediation efforts continue, fresh dumping of municipal waste from Gurugram and Faridabad has added to the burden at the site.

During his visit to the Bandhwari waste disposal plant on Thursday, the Union Minister reviewed the ongoing garbage disposal and bio-remediation work and instructed officials to accelerate the process.

He directed authorities to submit a detailed daily progress report every 24 hours to ensure continuous monitoring of the cleanup operation. At present, two agencies are engaged in waste disposal and remediation work at the landfill. Stressing that there should be “no laxity” in the process, Khattar directed officials to deploy additional agencies so that the waste mountain could be cleared within the stipulated timeframe.

The minister also asked



Union minister Manohar Lal Khattar at the Bandhwari landfill site on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

officials to identify a separate site for the disposal of fresh waste to ensure that new dumping does not obstruct the clearance of the legacy waste already accumulated at Bandhwari.

Following the inspection, Khattar chaired a high-level review meeting at the PWD Rest House with senior officials from Gurugram and Faridabad. During the meeting, he said sanitation and waste management remained the primary responsibility of municipal corporations and should be treated with the highest priority. “Cities become the identity of a country, and visitors from abroad first see these urban centres,” he said, while stressing the need to maintain world-class cleanliness standards.

Reiterating that the Band-

hwari landfill must be completely cleared within a year, he assured officials that any hurdles affecting the remediation work would be resolved immediately.

To strengthen monitoring and transparency, the minister directed officials to conduct regular drone surveys of the landfill site. He said modern technology would help track both the pace and quality of the remediation process.

The minister also reviewed Gurugram’s sanitation system and instructed officials to ensure that garbage was not visible at any public place in the city. He suggested dividing all municipal wards into seven zones and assigning officers of the rank of Additional Commissioner and Joint Commissioner to monitor each zone for better accountability.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Inviting Objections for Proposed Transfer of Ownership in Property Tax Record (PID: 1CU77AJ1) in continuation of the subject cited above, it is hereby notified for general information that the property bearing Property ID (PID): 1CU77AJ1, as recorded in the Property Tax Dues Payment & No Dues Certificate Management System, U.B. Haryana, presently stands in the name of Late Shri Bhim Singh, 616/5, Madanpuri, Gurugram. An application bearing No. 0128125/703-5257437 has been received seeking transfer of ownership in favour of Sudhir Kumar, Param jeet singh, Indrajit, Krishna Kumar, Manjeet, Sonika Bhaskar, Preeti Choudhary, Sushil Rathi, Uravshi Chaudhary, Aashi Chaudhary on account of the demise of the Bhim Singh on 28.09.2019 in support of the claim, a copy of Jmabandi no. 79052 dated 09.03.2026, duly registered by the Tehsildar, Gurugram, has been submitted.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given to all legal heirs and other interested/ concerned persons that any objections, if any, to the proposed transfer of ownership may be filed in writing, along with supporting documentary evidence, before the office of the Municipal Corporation, Gurugram within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notice in the event that no objection is received within the stipulated period, the ownership of the aforesaid property shall be transferred in favour of Sudhir Kumar, Param jeet singh, Indrajit, Krishna Kumar, Manjeet, Sonika Bhaskar, Preeti Choudhary, Sushil Rathi, Uravshi Chaudhary, Aashi Chaudhary without any further reference, and no claim or objection shall be entertained thereafter. The Municipal Corporation, Gurugram shall not be held responsible for any dispute arising at a later stage in this regard. This notice is issued for wide public circulation.

Endst: No. MCG/ZTO-4/2026/15189

Zonal Taxation Officer-II
Date: 27.05.2026 Municipal Corporation Gurugram

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: - Inviting Objections for Proposed Transfer of Ownership in Property Tax Record (PID: 1CHW4G50) in continuation of the subject cited above, it is hereby notified for general information that the property bearing Property ID (PID): 1CHW4G50, as recorded in the Property Tax Dues Payment & No Dues Certificate Management System, U.B. Haryana, presently stands in the name of Late Shri Bhim Singh and Smt. Ram Rati, resident of 717/27, Madanpuri, Gurugram. An application bearing No. 0128125/703-5257437 has been received seeking transfer of ownership in favour of Sudhir Kumar, Param jeet singh, Indrajit, Krishna Kumar, Manjeet, Sonika Bhaskar, Preeti Choudhary, Sushil Rathi, Uravshi Chaudhary, Aashi Chaudhary on account of the demise of the Bhim Singh on 28.09.2019 and Ram Rati on 06.12.2021. In support of the claim, a copy of Jmabandi no. 79052 dated 09.03.2026, duly registered by the Tehsildar, Gurugram, has been submitted. Accordingly, notice is hereby given to all legal heirs and other interested/ concerned persons that any objections, if any, to the proposed transfer of ownership may be filed in writing, along with supporting documentary evidence, before the office of the Municipal Corporation, Gurugram within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notice in the event that no objection is received within the stipulated period, the ownership of the aforesaid property shall be transferred in favour of Sudhir Kumar, Param jeet singh, Indrajit, Krishna Kumar, Manjeet, Sonika Bhaskar, Preeti Choudhary, Sushil Rathi, Uravshi Chaudhary, Aashi Chaudhary without any further reference, and no claim or objection shall be entertained thereafter. The Municipal Corporation, Gurugram shall not be held responsible for any dispute arising at a later stage in this regard. This notice is issued for wide public circulation.

Endst: No. MCG/ZTO-4/2026/15188

Zonal Taxation Officer-II
Date: 27.05.2026 Municipal Corporation Gurugram

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Transfer of ownership of Property No. 1471, Sector-15, Urban Estate Faridabad, District Faridabad, Haryana, in respect of 50% undivided share upon the death of Co-allocotee Co-Owner SMT. RAM MURTI AGARWAL, WIFE OF JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL. SMT. RAM MURTI AGARWAL, in the said property in their favour being the legal heirs and request for re-allotment in their names if any person is having objection against the transfer of the bid house, he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate officer-II, HSPV, Faridabad, along with the supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Otherwise the Estate officer-II, HSPV, Faridabad, may accord permission to Transfer/Re-allotment of the said property as per HSPV policy and may not entertain subsequent claim if any.

LEGAL HEIRS - 1. JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL
2. GIRISH AGARWAL
On behalf of Estate Officer-II, HSPV, Faridabad

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C./84 BNSS)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Sagar S/o Karambir R/o Ward No. 2, Khedi Sampla, Distt. Rohtak, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 6429/22 U/s 379 IPC, PS JP Kalan, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Sagar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sagar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that **Sagar in FIR No. 6429/22 U/s 379 IPC, PS JP Kalan, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.07.2026**.

By order
Sh. Abhinav Ahlawat
Judicial Magistrate First Class
Dwarka Courts, New Delhi

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Police, villagers clash after encounter in Nuh

SANJAY YADAV

GURUGRAM, MAY 28
Panic gripped Ghuspethi village in Nuh district last night when villagers managed to free a notorious criminal, Shahid, alias Advani, from police custody. The police had nabbed him and his accomplice after a brief encounter.

The villagers also vandalised a vehicle belonging to the criminal and a private police vehicle. A villager also alleged that the police, along with a gaurakshak, shot at him. Additional force was called to the village, and the police arrested an accomplice of the criminal. An FIR was registered at Sadar Tauru police station. The police said the arrested accused was identified as Waris of Kharkhari village in Nuh district.

The other accused who misled the police, identified as Azaru, is admitted to hospital. According to a complaint filed

by SI Mahender Singh, he and his team were patrolling at IMT, Rojka Meo, when they received information that Shahid and Waris were heading toward Ghuspethi village to commit a crime. The police team reached near the village, where the vehicle of the accused was parked. Occupants of the vehicle reportedly fired at the police party.

“A member of the police team fired a shot into the air and they started firing again. I fired towards the driver’s feet. The accused got out of the vehicle and started running. Advani and Waris were nabbed. In the meantime, a large crowd gathered in the area. One of them was overpowered by the mob, and to distract the police, they shouted that Azaru had been shot by the police. The mob engaged in a scuffle with the police team, and freed Shahid. The mob then damaged the vehicles with rods,” the SI said.

Over 12 injured in clashes after Bakrid prayers in Nuh villages

Additional forces deployed as violence linked to old rivalries erupts

SANJAY YADAV

GURUGRAM, MAY 28
Clashes broke out between rival groups in two villages of Nuh district following Bakrid prayers on Thursday, leaving more than 12 people injured in separate incidents. Police intervened in both cases, admitted the injured to hospitals and launched investigations.

The first incident was reported from Nizampur village, where tensions linked to an old panchayat election rivalry triggered violence soon after Eid prayers. According to police and eyewitnesses, members of the Jamil Sarpanch and Ramji groups were returning from the eidgah after

offering prayers when an argument broke out between the two sides.

The verbal altercation quickly escalated into a violent clash, with both groups allegedly pelting stones and attacking each other with sticks and axes. The sudden violence created panic in the village, forcing residents to run for safety.

More than six people sustained injuries in the clash. Police personnel from the Akera police station rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control after considerable effort. Security has been tightened in the village and additional police personnel deployed as tensions continue to prevail.

Inspector Virendra Kumar, SHO of Akera police station, said, “Neither party has filed a complaint yet. Police are monitoring the entire matter and will take action according to the law if a complaint is received.”

In another incident, a bloody clash broke out between two groups in Singar village over an old rivalry. What began as a minor altercation soon turned violent, with members of both sides attacking each other using sticks and iron rods.

More than half a dozen people were injured in the violence.

After receiving information, police from Bichor police station reached the village and brought the

situation under control. The injured were admitted to the Community Health Centre in Punhana, where they are undergoing treatment.

Doctors said the condition of one of the injured persons remains critical after he suffered a serious head injury. Following first aid, he was referred to Shaheed Raja Hasan Khan Mewati Medical College at Nalhar for advanced treatment.

Dr Jatin Beniwal, physician at the Community Health Centre, Punhana, said, “Doctors are treating all the injured according to their injuries.”

Inspector Sukhbir, SHO of Bichor police station, said no complaint had been received so far.