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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan,
President of Anti Corruption Council,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
UBDC, Gurdaspur Division,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
UBDC Circle, Amritsar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.4082/2019

PRESENT : (i) Appellant is absent..
(ii) Sh. Karam Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.

3. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that incomplete information has been supplied to him.

4. On behalf of the PIO, Sh.Karam Singh, Clerk has come present, without any authority letter from the PIO. The Commission takes serious view of the same and observes that the PIO should have appeared in person before the Commission to explain the non-supply of information to the appellant.

5. On the asking of the Court, the representative of the PIO who is present informs that complete information has been sent to the appellant. He states that no work has been executed during the period for which the information has been sought in the RTI application and the appellant

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has been informed accordingly. PIO is, however, directed to appear in person and file an affidavit to the effect that no work was undertaken during the period mentioned by the Appellant in the RTI Application and also produce a postal receipt for having sent the information to the appellant to this effect.

6. The Appellant is also advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which the case shall be decided in absentia.

7. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 12.02.2020 at 11.30 AM.

8. Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
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Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
UBDC Circle, Amritsar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.4086/2019

PRESENT : (i) Appellant is absent..
(ii) Sh. Karam Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.

3. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that incomplete information has been supplied to him.

4. On behalf of the PIO, Sh.Karam Singh, Clerk has come present, without any authority letter from the PIO. The Commission takes serious view of the same and observes that the PIO should have appeared in person before the Commission to explain the non-supply of information to the appellant.

5. On the asking of the Court, the representative of the PIO who is present informs that complete information has been sent to the appellant. He states that no work has been executed during the period for which the information has been sought in the RTI application and the appellant

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has been informed accordingly. PIO is, however, directed to appear in person and file an affidavit to the effect that no work was undertaken during the period mentioned by the Appellant in the RTI Application and also produce a postal receipt for having sent the information to the appellant to this effect.

6. The Appellant is also advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which the case shall be decided in absentia.

7. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 12.02.2020 at 11.30 AM.

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...Appellant

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O/o Executive Engineer,
Eastern Canal Division,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Canal Circle, Ferozepur

...Respondents

AC.No. 4083 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Appellant is absent..
(ii) Sh. Navdeep Singh, SDO, Eastern Canal Division, Ferozepur on behalf of the
PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.
3. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that incomplete information has been supplied to him.
4. Sh. Navdeep Singh, SDO comes present on behalf of the PIO and produces authority letter to appear in the court on behalf of PIO. He states that he has brought the information along with him for handing over to the appellant. Since the appellant is absent, the representative of the PIO is directed to send the same to the Appellant by registered post.
5. PIO is also directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day to allow the appellant to peruse the record and to identify the information related to his RTI Application. Photocopy of the same be given. The same is to be done before next date of hearing.

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6. The absence of PIO is viewed seriously. He is directed to come present on the next date of hearing to avoid initiation of any penal action.

7. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **12.02.2020 at 11.30 AM.**

8. Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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...Appellant

Vs

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O/o Executive Engineer,
Eastern Canal Division,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Canal Circle, Ferozepur

...Respondents

AC.No. 4084 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Appellant is absent..
(ii) Sh. Navdeep Singh, SDO, Eastern Canal Division, Ferozepur on behalf of the
PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.
3. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that incomplete information has been supplied to him.
4. Sh. Navdeep Singh, SDO comes present on behalf of the PIO and produces authority letter to appear in the court on behalf of PIO. He states that he has brought the information along with him for handing over to the appellant. Since the appellant is absent, the representative of the PIO is directed to send the same to the Appellant by registered post.
5. PIO is also directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day to allow the appellant to peruse the record and to identify the information related to his RTI Application. Photocopy of the same be given. The same is to be done before next date of hearing.

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6. The absence of PIO is viewed seriously. He is directed to come present on the next date of hearing to avoid initiation of any penal action.
7. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing **on 12.02.2020 at 11.30 AM.**
8. Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer-I
Pb. Mandi Board, Division, Patiala,

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Chief Engineer (North),
Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali.

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4085 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Appellant is absent..
(ii) Sh.Dharwinder Kumar, SDO, Punjab Mandi Board, Patiala on behalf of the
PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 02.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.
3. Today, on behalf the PIO/Respondent, Sh. Dharwinder Kumar, SDO comes present and produces authority letter to attend the hearing. He refers to letter dated 11.12.2019 which is available on record. The perusal of the same shows that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter dated 05.12.2019 which is enclosed with the letter dated 11.12.2019.
4. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that complete information has been supplied to him.
5. As per the statement made by the representative of the PIO in the Court as also the letter dated 06.01.2020 of the Appellant confirming receipt of information, no further intervention of the Commission is called for. **The appeal case is disposed off and the case is closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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.....Appellant

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O/o Executive Engineer,
Construction Division, PWD B&R,
Sirhind.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Circle No.2, PWD B&R, Patiala.

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4090 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Appellant is absent..
(ii) Sh.Anil Tyagi, Clerk, O/o XEN, Const. Divn., PWD (B&R), Sirhind on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.

3. Today, on behalf the PIO/Respondent, Sh.Anil Tyagi, Clerk comes present without any authority letter and produces letter dated 19.12.2019 which shows the acknowledgement of receipt of information by the appellant put on the letter itself, which is taken on record.

4. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that complete information has been supplied to him.

5. During hearing, the Commission observes that PIO has deputed a representative for the hearing without any authority letter and without any knowledge about the case. PIO is directed to attend the hearing in person as sending representative without even briefing them on the case is against the very essence and spirit of the RTI Act. The same be done for future cases.

6. In view of the fact that the information has been received by the appellant, no further cause of action is left. **As such, the appeal case is disposed off and the case is closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Construction Division, PWD B&R,
Sirhind.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Circle No.2, PWD B&R, Patiala.

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4093 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Appellant is absent..
(ii) Sh.Anil Tyagi, Clerk, O/o XEN, Const. Divn., PWD (B&R), Sirhind on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.

3. Today, on behalf the PIO/Respondent, Sh.Anil Tyagi, Clerk comes present without any authority letter and produces letter dated 19.12.2019 which shows the acknowledgement of receipt of information by the appellant put on the letter itself, which is taken on record.

4. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that complete information has been supplied to him.

5. During hearing, the Commission observes that PIO has deputed a representative for the hearing without any authority letter and without any knowledge about the case. PIO is directed to attend the hearing in person as sending representative without even briefing them on the case is against the very essence and spirit of the RTI Act. The same be done for future cases.

6. In view of the fact that the information has been received by the appellant, no further cause of action is left. **As such, the appeal case is disposed off and the case is closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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.....Appellant

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O/o Executive Engineer,
Water Supply &* Sanitation Division,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer
Water Supply & Sanitation,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

AC.No.4087 of 2019

PRESENT : None

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.
3. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that no information has been supplied to him.
4. Nobody has come present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. However, a letter has been received through e.mail expressing their inability to attend the hearing due to an urgent meeting. The Commission views this attitude adversely. It shows the casual approach on the part of Office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Khanna towards the notice of Commission. PIO is directed to come in person on the next date of hearing, otherwise penal consequences shall follow.
5. The appellant is also advised to come present in person on the next date of hearing.
6. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **12.02.2020 at 11.30AM**. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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.....Appellant

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O/o Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer
Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

AC.No.4088 of 2019

PRESENT : None

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.
3. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that no information has been supplied to him.
4. Nobody has come present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. However, a letter has been received through e.mail expressing their inability to attend the hearing due to an urgent meeting. The Commission views this attitude adversely. It shows the casual approach on the part of Office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Khanna towards the notice of Commission. PIO is directed to come in person on the next date of hearing, otherwise penal consequences shall follow.
5. The appellant is also advised to come present in person on the next date of hearing.
6. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **12.02.2020 at 11.30AM**. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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O/o Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division
No.2, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer
Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,
Patiala.

.....Respondent

AC.No.4089 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Mr. Yogesh Mahajan, Appellant is absent.
(ii) Ms. Yashika, SDO, O/o XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2,
Patiala, on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.

3. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that incomplete information has been supplied to him.

4. Ms. Yashika, SDO comes present on behalf of the PIO/respondent. She states that the information has been supplied. Since the appellant has informed that incomplete information has been received by him, the PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day to allow the appellant to peruse the record and to identify the information he desires as per his RTI Application. Ms. Yashika who is present today shall ensure inspection of the record by the appellant and supply of any deficient information as identified by the appellant after perusal of the official record. The same will be ensured before the next date of hearing.

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5. The absence of PIO is viewed seriously. He is directed to come present on the next date of hearing to avoid initiation of any penal action.

6. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **12.02.2020 at 11.30 AM.**

7. Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Water Supply & Sanitation Division
No.2, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer
Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,
Patiala.

.....Respondent

AC.No.4092 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Mr. Yogesh Mahajan, Appellant is absent.
(ii) Ms. Yashika, SDO, O/o XEN, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.2,
Patiala, on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 01.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.

3. The Appellant Sh.Yogesh Mahajan is absent but he has sent a letter dated 06.01.2020 requesting for excusing his absence for the hearing today. He has also informed that incomplete information has been supplied to him.

4. Ms. Yashika, comes present on behalf of the PIO/respondent. She states that the information has been supplied. Since the appellant has informed that incomplete information has been received by him. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day to allow the appellant to peruse the record and to indentify the information he desires as per his RTI Application. Ms. Yashika who is present today shall ensure inspection of the record by the appellant and supply of any deficient information as identified by the appellant after perusal of the official record. The same will be ensured before the next date of hearing.

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5. The absence of PIO is viewed seriously. He is directed to come present on the next date of hearing to avoid initiation of any penal action.

6. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **12.02.2020 at 11.30 AM.**

7. Both the parties to come present on the next date of hearing. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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R/o 357-Bank Encalve,
Near Multani Gym, Jalandhar

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Registrar-1,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Sub-Divisional Magistrate,
Jalandhar-1.

.....Respondent

AC.No.4227 of 2019

PRESENT : i) Mr. Yogesh Mahajan, Appellant is absent.
ii) Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Junior Assistant on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 07.01.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 25.02.2019 and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.11.2019 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.

3. The Appellant comes present today. He states that no information has been supplied to him by the PIO/Respondents so far.

4. On behalf of PIO/Respondent, Shri Rakesh, Junior Assistant appears and states that the information sought by the appellant cannot be supplied being in question form and questions are not replied as per RTI Act. The Bench ruled that instead of replying to each question, the PIO/Respondent should have given copy of the relevant Law/Rules/ Instructions with regard to the registration of sale deed of a property.

5. As a follow up to further discussion on the case, the respondent states that in another Appeal Case No.3654/2019 pending before Ld. SIC Sh.Pawan Kumar Singla, final judgment on a similar case has been received. On the asking of the **Bench**, he produces a copy of the same which is taken on record.

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6. A copy of the same is also handed over to the appellant. On perusing the same, the appellant expresses his satisfaction with regard to the information supplied to him on his RTI Application.

7. In view of the above, **the appeal case is disposed off and the case is closed.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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13.01.2020

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...Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of School Education,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sec.9, Chandigarh.

Remanded Back

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department Of School Education,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,,Sec.9,Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

CC No.965 of 2019

PRESENT :

- i) Mr. Rajinder Kumar, Appellant is absent.
- ii) Mrs. Sudesh Kumari, Supdt., Education-4, PIO/Respondent along with Mrs. Sukhjeet Kaur, Sr. Asstt./APIO, Deptt. of School Education, Pb.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 13.07.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.11.2019 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2020 by the Commission.
3. The Complainant is absent without any intimation to the Commission.
4. On behalf of Respondent, PIO Mrs. Sudesh Kumar, Supdt. and APIO Mrs. Sukhjeet Kaur, Sr.Asstt. come present. On the asking of the Bench regarding the non-supply of information to the Complaint, APIO states that the information regarding DPC meeting for promotion of the Lecturers to PES Group-1, sought by the complainant is quite voluminous as it is about 202 employees. She also states that the complainant was called to the office and was shown the relevant record.
5. The perusal of the file reveals that that the complainant has not reverted back to the PIO after he was given an opportunity to inspect the record. From further perusal of the record as available on the file, it is ascertained that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

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7. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant case.

8. In view of the aforesaid, the instant matter is remanded to the First Appellate Authority. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

9. In view of the above, the case is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
13.01.2020**

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