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Ludhiana - 140003 (Punjab)  
(M.-9779594470)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Department Social Justice  
Empowerment & Minorities,, Pb.,  
SCO 6, Sector 55, Phase 1,  
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

## Complaint Case No. 299 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
28.12.2022	--	17.07.2024

Present : Complainant : Absent  
Respondent : Sh. Surjeet Singh, Superintendent

### ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission dated 17.07.2024. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

2. **Complainant:** Absent, but has intimated telephonically about her inability to attend the hearing due to floods. **Respondent:** Sh. Surjeet Singh, Superintendent, appeared and submitted a written reply/information pertaining to the RTI application vide letter Ref. No. 216 dated 28.08.2025, along with all supporting enclosures. The same is hereby taken on record.

3. As, The complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, in which no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. 10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010) has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information.

3. Since there is an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal available to the Complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, which has not been availed in the instant case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order.

4. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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5. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is remanded to the concerned First Appellate Authority along with a copy of RTI application for their ready reference and is also directed to call the complainant **Ms. Navpreet Kaur** within 15 days of receipt of this order provide the information/reply pertaining to this RTI application. A compliance report of the same has to be sent in the commission. The compliant is disposed of accordingly, with the above observations and directions.

Chandigarh  
**02.09.2025**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

cc:

First Appellate Authority (FAA)  
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Ms. Balwinder Kaur  
D/o Sh. Sukhwinder Singh,  
PP-86, Emaar, Sector – 108,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)  
(M.-8699979527)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Sr. Superintendent of Police,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

## **Complaint Case No. 272 of 2024**

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
30.03.2023	24.05.2024	03.07.2024

Present : Complainant : Absent  
Respondent : Sh. Maninder Singh (HC- Incharge RTI O/o SSP , Mohali)  
Sh. DHarwinder Kumar (HC, PS Sohana)

### **ORDER:**

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

2. Respondent , Sh. Maninder Singh, HC – Incharge RTI, O/o SSP Mohali, stated that the RTI application pertained to Police Station Sohana, and accordingly, the same was transferred to them vide letter Ref. No. 178 dated 26.08.2025. Sh. Dharwinder Kumar, HC, PS Sohana, submitted that the information sought cannot be furnished to the complainant at this stage as the matter is *sub judice* (pending adjudication before the Court).

3. As, The complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, in which no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. 10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010) has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information.

3. Since there is an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal available to the Complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, which has not been availed in the instant case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order.

4. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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**Complaint Case No. 272 of 2024**

5. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is remanded to the concerned First Appellate Authority along with a copy of RTI application for their ready reference and is also directed to call the complainant **Ms. Balwinder Kaur** within 15 days of receipt of this order provide the information/reply pertaining to this RTI application. A compliance report of the same has to be sent in the commission. The complaint is **DISPOSED OF** accordingly, with the above observations and directions.

Chandigarh  
**02.09.2025**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

cc:

First Appellate Authority:

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Sr. Superintendent of Police,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

## Complaint Case No. 273 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
30.04.2024	24.05.2024	04.07.2024

Present : Complainant : Absent  
Respondent : Sh. Maninder Singh (HC- Incharge RTI O/o SSP , Mohali)

### ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

2. Complainant is absent. **Respondent:** Sh. Maninder Singh, HC – Incharge RTI, O/o SSP Mohali, stated that in the RTI application the complainant had only mentioned the complaint number without furnishing specific details. Due to this, the requisite information could not be provided. It was further submitted that a reply to this effect had already been sent to the appellant vide letter Ref. No. 28570 dated 24.05.2024.

3. As, The complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, in which no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Order rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. 10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010) has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information.

4. Since there is an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal available to the Complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, which has not been availed in the instant case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order.

5. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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**Complaint Case No. 273 of 2024**

6. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is remanded to the concerned First Appellate Authority along with a copy of RTI application for their ready reference and is also directed to call the complainant **Ms. Balwinder Kaur** within 15 days of receipt of this order provide the information/reply pertaining to this RTI application. A compliance report of the same has to be sent in the commission. The compliant is **DISPOSED OF** accordingly, with the above observations and directions.

Chandigarh

**02.09.2025**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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(M.-9501699233)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Faridkot Division,  
Faridkot(Punjab)

...Respondents

## Complaint Case No. 285 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
16.04.2024	02.05.2024	18.07.2024

Present : Complainant : Absent  
Respondent: Sh. Karam Chand (Suprintendent G-2)

### ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

2. Both the parties are present for hearing today. The respondent, Sh. Karam Chand (Superintendent, G-2), handed over the reply/information pertaining to the RTI application. After going through the same, the complainant stated that the reply is not appropriate and that he seeks a proper and appropriate reply.

3. It is observed that the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of **Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005**, under which no directions for providing further information can be issued by the Commission.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated **12.12.2011** in *Civil Appeal Nos. 10787–10788 of 2011* (arising out of SLP (C) Nos. 32768–32769/2010), has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Information Commission has **no jurisdiction to direct disclosure of information**.

5. Since there exists an **alternative and efficacious remedy** of first appeal under **Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005**, which has not been availed in the present case, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has not had the opportunity to review the decision of the PIO and pass a detailed, reasoned, speaking order as envisaged under the Act.

6. If the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a **Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005**.

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**Complaint Case No. 285 of 2024**

7. In view of the above observations, the present matter is **remanded to the concerned First Appellate Authority** along with a copy of the RTI application for ready reference. The FAA is directed to call the complainant, **Mr. Manjeet Singh**, within **15 days** of receipt of this order and to provide a reasoned decision on the information/reply pertaining to this RTI application. A **compliance report** of the same shall be submitted to the Commission.

8. The complaint is accordingly **DISPOSED OF** with the above observations and directions.

Chandigarh  
**02.09.2025**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

**CC: First Appellate Authority**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Faridkot Division,  
Faridkot(Punjab)

...Respondents

## Complaint Case No. 287 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
17.05.2024	14.06.2024	18.07.2024

Present : Complainant : Absent  
Respondent: Sh. Karam Chand (Suprintendent G-2)

### ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Both the parties are present for hearing today. The respondent, Sh. Karam Chand (Superintendent, G-2), handed over the reply/information pertaining to the RTI application. After going through the same, the complainant stated that the reply is not appropriate and that he seeks a proper and appropriate reply.
3. It is observed that the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of **Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005**, under which no directions for providing further information can be issued by the Commission.
4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated **12.12.2011** in *Civil Appeal Nos. 10787-10788 of 2011* (arising out of SLP (C) Nos. 32768-32769/2010), has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Information Commission has **no jurisdiction to direct disclosure of information**.
5. Since there exists an **alternative and efficacious remedy** of first appeal under **Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005**, which has not been availed in the present case, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has not had the opportunity to review the decision of the PIO and pass a detailed, reasoned, speaking order as envisaged under the Act.
6. If the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a **Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005**.

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**Complaint Case No. 287 of 2024**

7. In view of the above observations, the present matter is **remanded to the concerned First Appellate Authority** along with a copy of the RTI application for ready reference. The FAA is directed to call the complainant, **Mr. Manjeet Singh**, within **15 days** of receipt of this order and to provide a reasoned decision on the information/reply pertaining to this RTI application. A **compliance report** of the same shall be submitted to the Commission.

8. The complaint is accordingly **DISPOSED OF** with the above observations and directions.

Chandigarh  
**02.09.2025**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

**CC: First Appellate Authority**  
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Faridkot Division,  
Faridkot(Punjab)

...Respondents

## Complaint Case No. 288 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
13.09.2023	09.10.2023	18.07.2024

Present : Complainant : Absent  
Respondent: Sh. Karam Chand (Suprintendent G-2)

### ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Both the parties are present for hearing today. The respondent, Sh. Karam Chand (Superintendent, G-2), handed over the reply/information pertaining to the RTI application. After going through the same, the complainant stated that the reply is not appropriate and that he seeks a proper and appropriate reply.
3. It is observed that the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of **Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005**, under which no directions for providing further information can be issued by the Commission.
4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated **12.12.2011** in *Civil Appeal Nos. 10787-10788 of 2011* (arising out of SLP (C) Nos. 32768-32769/2010), has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Information Commission has **no jurisdiction to direct disclosure of information**.
5. Since there exists an **alternative and efficacious remedy** of first appeal under **Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005**, which has not been availed in the present case, the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has not had the opportunity to review the decision of the PIO and pass a detailed, reasoned, speaking order as envisaged under the Act.
6. If the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a **Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005**.

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7. In view of the above observations, the present matter is **remanded to the concerned First Appellate Authority** along with a copy of the RTI application for ready reference. The FAA is directed to call the complainant, **Mr. Manjeet Singh**, within **15 days** of receipt of this order and to provide a reasoned decision on the information/reply pertaining to this RTI application. A **compliance report** of the same shall be submitted to the Commission.

8. The complaint is accordingly **DISPOSED OF** with the above observations and directions.

Chandigarh  
**02.09.2025**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Advocate Lakhwinder Singh Brar, (89010 82511)**

SDJM Court,

Ellenabad, District Sirsa.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Regional Transport Authority,

Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Faridkot.

....Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5867 OF 2023**

Present :

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

**FINAL ORDER**

1. This order may be read in reference to the previous order of the Commission dated 02.07.2025, vide which the appellant was granted a **final opportunity** either to point out discrepancies upon receipt of the information or to collect the same from the Commission, failing which the matter was to be decided on merits.

2. Today, the PIO is absent. However, through email he has apprised the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing and has reiterated that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

3. The appellant is also absent today without any intimation. Further, compliance with the last order has not been made, as the appellant has neither pointed out any discrepancies in the information provided nor collected the same from the Commission despite being granted a final opportunity.

4. In view of the above, and as no further cause of action survives in the matter, the complaint is accordingly **DISPOSED OF**.

Chandigarh

**02.09.2025**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.