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Sh. Tarsem Lal Gupta, Retd. Telephone Attendant,
Public Relation Department, # 461, Sector 8,
Part-2, Urban Estate, Karnal, Haryana.
M : 9867315192

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Information and Public Relations,
Secretariat -1, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 348 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tarsem Lal Gupta the Complainant alongwith S.S.Hundal
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Dharminder Singh, Suptd (9988293504), Smt.
Ravinder Kaur, PRO (9877053533) and Smt. Sarita , Clerk (9876912778)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint Case was filed in the Commission on 10.09.2024 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
3. Respondent states that the point-wise reply has been sent to the complainant.
4. Complainant states that he is not satisfied with the same.
5. After going through the file, it is observed that this is the complaint case. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010)- Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. State of Manipur and another, in Para 31 whereof, it has been held that while entertaining a complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act , 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information which is as under:-

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(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).

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

6. 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. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

7. The instant matter is now remanded back to the First Appellate Authority. The commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the complaint (copy enclosed) 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. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter.

8. 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.

9. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties **through registered post**.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 04.03.2025

First Appellate Authority
O/o Joint Director,
Information and Public Relations, Punjab
Sectt. -1, Chandigarh

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg,
C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A,
Shastari Nagar Model Town,
Ludhiana.
M: 7814322100

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
Construction PWD B&R Division No 1,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
PWD B&R Construction Circle,
Ferozepur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.2268 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Gurjinder Singh, SDO (9778760007) and Sh. Prince Bajaj, Junior Assistant (9779300539)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order date 09.10.2025 vide which an inspection rights were given to the appellant.

2. Today the appellant states that he has received the information. He further states that the information was only four pages long. He further states that the respondent called him to his office to inspect the record and harassed him. For this the Appellant demands that the Respondent be penalized and he be compensated for the detriment suffered.

3. Respondent states that the information has been given to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant has not received the information within stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. Hence he has demanded that the respondent be penalized and he be compensated. The Commission has gone through this case very minutely and found that the departmental officials are not properly sensitized and trained to discharge their functions under the RTI Act 2005. There are glaring systemic deficiencies in the office of

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XEN, Construction PWD B&R, Division No. 1, Ferozpur. Appropriate mechanism has not been provided to keep the record properly by the public authority due to which the information / request under RTI Act, 2005 are not being served properly. ***However, taking a lenient view, PIO is warned to be careful in future while dealing with the RTI applications.*** The appeal is, therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 04.03.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S. Batth)
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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan,
S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan ,
President of Anti Corruption Council,
Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot.
M : 9814354649

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
Construction Division No 2,
PWD B&R, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
PWD B&R, Construction Circle,
Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.2926 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order date 09.10.2025 vide which

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. A letter has been received from the appellant - Sh. Yogesh Mahajan that he has received the information and is satisfied.

3. In view of the foregoing, no cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date : 04.03.2025

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Sh. Anil Singla,
H No MCB Z4, 03542, BarnalaByepass Road,
Opposite Flyover, Near BibiWalaChowk,
Kamla Nehru Colony, Bathinda.
M : 9888288316

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum- Deputy Registrar,
O/o Cooperative Societies, Government of the Punjab,
Room No. 463, District Administrative Complex,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority-cum-Joint Registrar,
Cooperative Societies,
Ferozpur Division, Ferozpur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2922 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.10.2025 vide which the appellant was not present.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The respondent has sent his reply alongwith the judgment passed by Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana High Court vide judgment dated 09.01.2025 in CM-19892-CWP-2024 in CWP-13580-2015 dated 09.01.2025 in the matter of The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative House Building Societies Limited vs The State Information Commission, Punjab and another and in CM-50-CWP-2025 in CWP-20904-2015 in the matter of The Punjab State Cooperative Bank Limited vs State Information Commission, Punjab and others held that :-

“keeping in view the judgment in General Manager, The Kisan Sahkari Chini Mills (supra), qua the petitioner- HOUSEFED, the State has only 21% share and qua petitioner-Cooperative Bank, state has not more than 1% of share, which is not good enough to treat the petitioners as Public Authority so as to be amenable to the RTI Act 2005. Once, the Cooperative Societies have been kept apart from the definition of Public Authority and law has already been settled on the said issue by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, ignorance of said settled principle of law by the State Information Commission, Punjab in the impugned orders cannot be upheld.

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Once , the writ petition is not maintainable against the Cooperative Societies, making the petitioners amenable to the right to Information Act, 2005 will be contrary to the settled principle of law by treating it as a Public Authority.

The State has a power to pass appropriate amendment so as to include the Cooperative Societies under the jurisdiction of RTI Act.

At this stage, learned counsel for the State has submitted that to her knowledge, no such amendment has been undertaken so far by the State so as to bring the petitioners under the jurisdiction of Right to Information Act, 2005.

Till the date any such amendment is made by the State, keeping in view the settled principle of law and the facts qua the petitioners notice hereinbefore, orders dated 20.05.2015 and 27.08.2015 passed by the State Information Commission, Punjab are contrary to settled principle of law and cannot be sustained and are set aside”.

6. In view of the above circumstances, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh,
S/o Sh. Dev Raj, # 104,
SarainMohalla, Pathankot.
M: 9988389841
RTI Application No 49787

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2963 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order date 09.10.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. They are absent for second consecutive time without any intimation.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. The case is, therefore, **closed and disposed of**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties. *However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within one month from the receipt of this order.*

Date : 04.03.2025

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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Ms. Sonampreet Kaur,
D/o Sh. Satnam Singh,
R/o Street No 8, Prakash Vihar,
Batala Road, Amritsar.
M: 9717244104

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Treasury Officer,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3807 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Baldeep Singh, Clerk (7889006064)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 27.11.2024 and 22.01.2025 vide which, neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and the reply submitted by the respondent was sent to the appellant with these directions to go through the same and point out deficiencies, if any.

2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has not informed the commission about his absence for today's hearing. The appellant is absent continuously third time without any intimation, which appears appellant is not serious and does not intend to pursue the case.

3. Keeping in view the above prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. As such, the present case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. *However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within one month from the receipt of this order.*

Sd/-

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh,
S/o Sh. Dev Raj, # 104,
Sarain Mohalla, Pathankot-145001.
M : 9988389841
RTI Application No 48985

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2507 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order date 21.01.2025, vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. They are absent for second consecutive time without any intimation.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. The case is, therefore, **closed and disposed of**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties. *However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within one month from the receipt of this order.*

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate,
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur-144410.
M : 9041004313

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 209 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.

4. Since, the appellant has received the information and is satisfied, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate,
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur-144410.
M : 9041004313

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 210 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.06.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.

4. Since, the appellant has received the information and is satisfied, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate,
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Backside Sanjh Kender,
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M : 9041004313

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 214 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.

4. Since, the appellant has received the information and is satisfied, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Distt Ludhiana-141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways,
Bus Stand, Jalandhar-I.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, State Transport Department, PB,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 225 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Jasbir Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Vinod Sagar, Clerk (7696638009)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 05.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 09.10.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The appellant states that he has received the information. An email has also been received from the appellant at diary no.3124 dated 28.02.2025 stating that he has received the information and is satisfied.

4. In view of the foregoing, no cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Distt Ludhiana-141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways ,
Bus Stand, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, State Transport Department, PB,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 228 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Beant Singh, Conductor (9876479874)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 28.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.10.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The appellant states that he has received the information. An email has also been received at diary no.2395 dated 14.02.2025 stating that he has received the information and is satisfied.

4. In view of the foregoing, no cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties. Sd/-

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Distt Ludhiana-141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways ,
Bus Stand, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, State Transport Department, PB,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 229 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Jasbir singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Smt. Indu, Sr. Assisant (7814849683)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 28.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 29.09.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The appellant states that he has received the information. An email has also been received at diary no. 476 dated 03.03.2025 stating that he has received the information and is satisfied.

4. In view of the foregoing, no cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties. **Sd/-**

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh Acchru Bansal, S/o Ved Parkash Bansal,
R/o Gayatri Bhawan State Bank Street,
Samana, Distt Patiala-147101
(M-9316152052)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Subordinate Services Selection Board, Pb
Van Bhawan, Sector-68, SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Subordinate Services Selection Board, Pb
Van Bhawan, Sector-68, SAS Nagar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1225 OF 2025
(LIFE AND LIBERTY)

Present :- (i) Sh Acchru Bansal, Appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Amanpreet Singh, Sr Asstt (9780240261)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.02.2025 under **Section 7(1) pertaining to Life and Liberty**, of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The respondent states that he has brought the information today to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

4. The appellant has gone through the same and states that the information is complete but the same is not certified.

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant is satisfied with the information provided but the same is not certified.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1225 OF 2025

Respondent assures the Bench that the certified copy of the information will be sent to the appellant through registered post. The appellant has expressed his satisfaction over the same and stated that he has no objection if the case is disposed of accordingly.

6. In view of the above, the Respondent-PIO is directed to provide a certified copy of the information, to the appellant within a week, with a copy to the Commission office. With this, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed off and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025