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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Bishan Singh, (82642-00978)

S/o Shri Amar Nath,
R/o VPO Bariana,
Tehsil & Distt Hoshiarpur.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Hoshiarpur.

Regd. Post

Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Hoshiarpur.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 170 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **19.09.2023** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **09.04.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the complainant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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.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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 170 OF 2024

4. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o SDM, Hoshiarpur**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

5. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Jagir Singh, (97812-45046)

S/o Shri Sansar Singh,
Village Dadwal Ranipur,
Distt Pathankot.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDO, Mandi Board,
Pathankot.

Regd. Post

Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o SDO, Mandi Board,
Pathankot.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 173 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Jagir Singh, (97812-45046)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **02.05.2023** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **03.04.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent, but submitted a detailed reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing, which was received vide diary no. 9044 dated 18.06.2025, which is taken on record.

3. The complainant states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied by the respondent and requests the court for complete requisite information.

4. As the complainant is interested to collect / get the sought information. It is appropriate to mention the decision of the judgment of 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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 173 OF 2024

5. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o SDO, Mandi Board, Pathankot**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

6. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Amandeep Kumar, (7508650114)

S/o Shri Vasdev Ram,
R/o Village KakralaBhaika,
Tehsil Samana,
Distt Patiala.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal, L.A.D.M. DAV Sr. Sec Public School,
Budhlada, Distt Mansa.

Regd. Post

Remanded Back to:

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal, L.A.D.M. DAV Sr. Sec Public School,
Budhlada, Distt Mansa.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 174 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **02.01.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **09.04.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent, but submitted a point wise reply which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 9651 dated 26.06.2025.

3. The complainant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful.

4. 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.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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 174 OF 2024

5. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o Principal, L.A.D.M. DAV Sr. Sec Public School, Budhlada, Distt Mansa**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

6. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Gurinder Singh Mehndiratta, (98728-10153)

S/o Shri Amar Singh,
R/o # 152, Ward No. 10, Mohalla Harnampura,
Kotkapura, Distt Faridkot.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o E.O, MC, Kotkapura,
Faridkot.

Regd. Post

Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Kotkapura,
District Faridkot.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 175 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Gurinder Singh Mehndiratta, (98728-10153)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **08.08.2023** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **15.04.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent, but submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing, which was received vide diary no. 6633 dated 07.05.2025, mentioning therein that reply has already been sent to the complainant.

3. The complainant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

4. As the complainant is interested to collect / get the sought information. It is appropriate to mention the decision of the judgment of 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

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 175 OF 2024

Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

5. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o SDM, Kotkapura, Faridkot**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

6. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Ajit Singh, (85579-91358)

S/o Shri Jaswant Singh,
Village Shahidgarh, Tehsil Bassi Pathana,
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Bassi Pathana,
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.

Regd. Post

Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Bassi Pathana,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 305 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Ajit Singh, (85579-91358)
Respondent: Shri Amandeep Singh, Kanungo (83603-69871)

ORDER:

The application dated **07.03.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **30.07.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent states that he has brought a reply at today's hearing to provide the complainant and the same was handed over to the complainant during the hearing.

3. The complainant states that he is not satisfied with the reply provided by the respondent and further states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete requisite information.

4. As the complainant is interested to collect / get the sought information. It is appropriate to mention the decision of the judgment of 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

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 305 OF 2024

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

5. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o SDM, Bassi Pathana, Fatehgarh Sahib**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

6. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Mrs. Nirpaljit Kaur, (98768-24733)
682, Shaheed Sewa Singh,
Thikriwala Nagar, Patiala - 147003

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Improvement Trust,
Patiala.

Regd. Post
Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o Improvement Trust,
Patiala.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 306 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Rajdeep Singh on behalf of the complainant (98768-24733)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **20.05.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **23.07.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent. Shri Rajdeep Singh, is appearing on behalf of the complainant. He states that his essential purpose is to obtain the requested information as mentioned in his RTI application.

3. As the complainant is interested to collect / get the sought information. It is appropriate to mention the decision of the judgment of 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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 306 OF 2024

4. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o Improvement Trust, Patiala**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

5. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Rajdeep Singh, (98768-24733)
682, Shaheed Sewa Singh,
Thikriwala Nagar, Patiala - 147003

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Improvement Trust,
Patiala.

Regd. Post
Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o Improvement Trust,
Patiala.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 307 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Rajdeep Singh (98768-24733)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **13.05.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **23.07.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent. The complainant states that his essential purpose is to obtain the requested information as mentioned in his RTI application.

3. As the complainant is interested to collect / get the sought information. It is appropriate to mention the decision of the judgment of 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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 307 OF 2024

4. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o Improvement Trust, Patiala**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

5. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Parminderjit Singh Gill, (98768-00700)

S/o Shri Harbhajan Singh,
R/o VPO Bhathadhua, Ludhiana - 141110
RTI Application No. 119836

....Complainant

Versus

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

Regd. Post

Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 308 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **17.04.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **24.07.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the complainant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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.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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 308 OF 2024

4. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

5. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Harjit Singh, (99156-26805)

S/o Shri Charan Singh,
R/o Street No. 3, Green Avenue,
Bajwa Colony, Gurdaspur.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Gurdaspur.

Regd. Post

Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Gurdaspur.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 309 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Harjit Singh, (99156-26805)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **03.05.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **30.07.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent. The complainant states that his essential purpose is to obtain the requested information as mentioned in his RTI application.

3. As the complainant is interested to collect / get the sought information. It is appropriate to mention the decision of the judgment of 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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 309 OF 2024

4. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o SDM, Gurdaspur**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

5. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Vishal Mohindra, (98729-39804)

R/o 1 - A/1,
Model Town Patiala - 147001

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

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Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Patiala.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 310 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Narinder Kumar, Supervisor (98768-94349)

ORDER:

The application dated **15.06.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **05.08.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the complainant. Further, he submits a reply appended with replies sent to the complainant during the course of hearing.

3. The complainant is absent, but submitted his written submission which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 8646 dated 10.06.2025, mentioning therein that he has not received complete information and requests that strict action be taken against the respondent PIO.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, it is observed that the respondent has reply within stipulated time period as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005. There is no evidence of any malice on the part of the PIO. In view of the respondent's reply and plea made during this hearing, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the respondent PIO. However, the complainant mentioned in his submission that he has not received complete information.

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5. 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.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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

6. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o Commissioner, MC, Patiala**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

7. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Sukhdev Singh, (95924-64854)

S/o Shri Maghar Singh,
VPO Sakrali, Tehsil Nabha,
Distt Patiala – 147201

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Nabha,
Distt Patiala.

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Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Patiala.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 312 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The application dated **27.05.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **07.08.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the complainant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. 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.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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 312 OF 2024

4. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o DDPO, Patiala**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

5. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Om Parkash Bansal, (93566-04205)

R/o Flat # 17FF, HIG Flats, SST Nagar,
Patiala.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (UD),
Patiala.

Regd. Post

Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD),
Patiala.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 313 OF 2024

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Shri S.K Bansal, Accountant (96460-09710)

ORDER:

The application dated **12.06.2024** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **12.08.2024** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for **18.06.2025**, which was postponed due to administrative reasons and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the complainant.
3. The complainant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful.
4. After going through the case 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.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. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 313 OF 2024

5. Since, an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant who is interested in getting the information, accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, the case is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. O/o ADC (UD), Patiala**, to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order.

6. With these directions, the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file second appeal, if he is not satisfied / does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Harmit Singh Sidhu, (98786-91567)

(Reporter), Rojana Desh Sewak,
C/o Baba Kala Finance Co. , Phul Road,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o E.O, Nagar Council, Rampura Phul,
Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o A.D.C (U.D),
Bathinda.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3401 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.04.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **18.06.2025**, but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **04.09.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 17.06.2025, has been received from him, mentioning therein that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 1840 dated 13.06.2025 and also appended the information.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard. The appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.09.2025

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