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Sh. Saudagar Singh, S/o Late Sh. Piara Singh,  
R/o House No 880 B, LIC Colony, Sector 4,  
Mundi Kharar, Distt Mohali.  
M : 7986668219

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Assistant Director/Deputy Director,  
Horticulture Department,  
Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Director, Horticulture,  
Plot No. 204(Kheti Bhawan), Near Dara Studio,  
Phase VI, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 3626 OF 2024**

Present :- (i) Sh. Saudagar Singh alongwith Sh. C.L.Premy, Advocate  
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 14.08.2023 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 21.10.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Saudagar Singh the appellant stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 3626 OF 2024**

fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

4. To come up on **04.02.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

**Date :08.01.2025**

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Sh. Sawinder Singh, S/o Sh. Bal Singh,  
VPO Shutrana, Tehsil Patran, Distt Patiala-147105  
M : 9814824772; 9417924772

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar, Patran, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Distt Revenue Officer, Patiala.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5007 OF 2023**

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

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.09.2024, vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and the reply sent by the respondent was scanned in the orders.

2. Today Appellant Sh. Sawinder Singh states that he is not satisfied with the reply of the respondent. He has filed his submissions which is taken on record.

4. Respondent is again absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing

5. In this case, it is ascertained that on the last date of hearing i.e. 25.09.2024, no appearance was made on behalf of the Respondent. This is indeed a serious matter. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, I wish to give another opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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7. To come up on **08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**Date :08.01.2025**

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)  
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Sh. Sukhraj Singh, S/o Sh. Resham Singh,  
Nanak Nagar, Street No 0, House No 479 B,  
Abohar, Distt Fazilka-152116.  
M : 8968283861  
RTI Application No 64704

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies,  
PB, Chandigarh.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5013 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Jagroop Singh, Suptd (8146557395) and Sh. DaEEP  
Kumar, Revenue Record Keeper Irrigation (9823072710)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.09.2024, vide which the appellant was not present and PIO, o/o Executive Engineer, Irrigation department, Abohar was impleaded as respondent no. 2.

2. The appellant is again absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. Respondent states that the reply alongwith information has already been sent to the appellant. He further states that he has also brought copy of reply today in the Commission. The same is as under:-

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਇੰਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ  
ਰੈਡ ਕਰੋਸ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ ਨੇੜੇ ਰੋਜ ਗਾਰਡਨ  
ਸੈਕਟਰ 16, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ- ਅਪੀਲ ਕੇਸ ਨੰਬਰ 5013 ਆਫ 2023

ਹਵਾਲਾ- ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਦੇ ਨੋਟਿਸ/ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 12566 ਮਿਤੀ 26/9/2024  
ਅਨੁਸਾਰ

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਾਨ ਜੀ

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਅਤੇ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਨਿਮਰਤਾ ਸਹਿਤ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ

1. ਇਸ ਮੰਡਲ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਲਿਫਟ ਪੰਪ/ਮੋਘਾ ਬੁਰਜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 427088-ਐਲ ਸਰਹੰਦ ਫੀਡਰ ਦੀ ਚੱਕਬੰਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਨਕਸ਼ਾ ਅਪੀਲ ਕਰਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਦਿਤੀ ਜਾ ਚੁਕੀ ਹੈ।
2. ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਤਹਿਤ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਲਿਫਟ ਪੰਪ ਦੀ ਵਾਰਾਬੰਦੀ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਇਸ ਮੰਡਲ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿਚ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।
3. ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਇਹ ਮੰਡਲ ਦਫਤਰ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਦੱਸਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਲਿਫਟ ਪੰਪ ਸਕੀਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਮੋਘਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਵਾਰਾਬੰਦੀ ਦਫਾ 68 ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਹਿਸੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਮੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਡੀ.ਸੀ.ਓ. ਅਬੋਹਰ-ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਲੋਂ Canal Act 1873 ਅਧੀਨ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਭਾਈਚਾਰਾ ਵਾਰਾਬੰਦੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਇਹ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿਤ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਇੰਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਫਸਰ-ਕਮ  
ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ  
ਅਬੋਹਰ ਕੈਨਾਲ ਡਵੀਜ਼ਨ ਜਲ ਸਰੋਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ  
ਅਬੋਹਰ

4. ***Copy of the above said reply alongwith information, as submitted by the respondent today in the Commission be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.***

Appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent, if any, within fifteen days from receipt of the order. Respondent is directed to ensure that the deficiencies in the information are made good before the next date of hearing. *It is made clear that in case the Appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.*

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 5013 OF 2023**

5. To come up on **08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

**Date :08.01.2025**

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Sh. Ram Murti Sogalpur,  
Village Sogalpur, Po Ghanaur,  
Tehsil Rajpura, Distt Patiala-140702.  
M ; 9317878015

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,  
Punjab, Civil Secretariat - 2, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Financial Commissioner,  
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,  
Punjab, Civil Secretariat - 2, Chandigarh.

PIO O/o Department of revenue and  
rehabilitation and Disaster Management Punjab,  
Civil Secretariat-1, Sector 1, Chandigarh.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 5810 OF 2022**

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Smt. Manpreet Kaur, Senior Assistant (9803388390), Sh. Arshdeep Singh, Sr Assistant and Sh. Khushbir Chugh

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.09.2024 passed by the Commission vide which the appellant was not present and the notice of hearing was sent to him by registered post received back undelivered with the remarks of the postal authorities as “undelivered”. The appellant was also called from Commission office but the number is “NOT AVAILABLE”.

2. Today, the appellant is again absent. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today’s hearing.

3. Respondents states that the reply has been sent to the appellant.





**APPEAL CASE NO. 5810 OF 2022**

4. After hearing the respondent and examining the case file, it is ascertained that today the appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Even the last order dated 25.09.2024 sent to him has not been returned undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. As per the respondent, reply has already been sent to the appellant. Taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the Appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed. ***Respondent is exempted from the next date of hearing.***

5. To come up on **08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

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Sh. Surinder Kumar Dogra,  
S/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Dogra,  
# 2464, Shiv Nagar Camp,  
Yamunanagar, Haryana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Cooperation, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Cooperation, Pathankot.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 3113 OF 2023**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.10.2024, vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent was not even present on the last date of hearing, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

3. To come up on 08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

**Date :08.01.2025**

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Sh. Harnek Singh, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,  
Ward No 7, Village Gure,  
Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana.  
M : 9814500253  
RTI Application No 49198

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural),  
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Inspector General of Police,  
Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2393 OF 2023**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.10.2024, vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Respondent has sent his point-wise reply in the Commission through mail. The same is taken on record.

3. ***Copy of the same be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.*** Further the appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies, if any within fifteen days from the receipt of the order. Respondent is directed to ensure that the deficiencies in the information are made good before the next date of hearing.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. To come up on **08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :08.01.2025

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Shri Malkit Singh, (78375 37570)  
S/o Shri Piara Singh, Village Lalleh,  
P.O Karahewala, Block Makhu,  
Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozepur.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Makhu, District Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ferozepur.

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 464 OF 2022**  
**(CONVERTED INTO APPEAL CASE)**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, SIC. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 02.06.2022 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 19.07.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the bench and both the parties are not present, hence taking a lenient view one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

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**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 464 OF 2022  
(CONVERTED INTO APPEAL CASE)**

4. To come up on **08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

**Date :08.01.2025**

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Shri Sanjeev Thakur, (98142 89764)  
S/o Shri Baldev Singh Salaria,  
R/o Mohalla Rajput Nagar, Village Gurha Khurd,  
Post Office Madhopur Cantt., Pathankot – 145024

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Narot Jaimal Singh, District Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Pathankot.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 103 OF 2023**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, SIC. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 26.08.2022 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 26.09.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present, hence taking a lenient view one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 103 OF 2023**

4. To come up on **08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**

**State Information Commissioner**

**Punjab**

**Date :08.01.2025**

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Shri Gurbhej Singh, (98144 68488)  
S/o Shri Baldev Singh, R/o Village Tibbi Kalan,  
Block Mamdot, Tehsil & District Ferozepur– 152023

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Mamdot, District Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ferozepur.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 106 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : (i) Sh. Ashish Kumar, APIO (9815629021) Sh. Harwinder Singh, APIO ( 9780570096)

**ORDER**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, SIC. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 11.04.2022 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 02.09.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. During the hearing dated 18.09.2023, before the bench of former SIC, Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, the respondent was directed to provide the information to the appellant.

4. Today the appellant is not present and the respondent states that as per the directions given by the Commission, information has been sent to the appellant. The appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent, if any, within fifteen days from receipt of the



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**APPEAL CASE NO. 106 OF 2023**

order. Respondent is directed to ensure that the deficiencies in the information are made good before the next date of hearing. *It is made clear that in case the Appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed*

5. To come up on \_08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

**Date :08.01.2025**

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Shri Gurbhej Singh, (98144 68488)  
S/o Shri Baldev Singh, R/o Village Tibbi Kalan,  
Block Mamdot, Tehsil & District Ferozepur– 152023

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Mamdot, District Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Ferozepur.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 107 OF 2023**

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : (i) Sh. Ashish Kumar, APIO (9815629021) Sh. Harwinder Singh, APIO ( 9780570096)

**ORDER**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, SIC. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 10.05.2022 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 02.09.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. During the hearing dated 18.09.2023, before the bench of former SIC, Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, the respondent was directed to provide the information to the appellant.

4. Today the appellant is not present and the respondent states that as per the directions given by the Commission, information has been given to the appellant. The appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent, if any, within fifteen days from receipt of the order. Respondent is directed to ensure that the deficiencies in the information are made good

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before the next date of hearing. *It is made clear that in case the Appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed*

5. To come up on **08.04.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**

**State Information Commissioner**

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**Date :08.01.2025**

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Sh. Manjit Singh,  
# 2877, Phase 7, Mohali.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SHO, Police Station,  
Phase 1, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali.

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 183 OF 2024**

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

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 12.06.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the . Complaint case was filed in the Commission on 23.04.2024 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The complainant states that he only wants action against the respondent for not sent any reply/response to her RTI within prescribed time.

4. The perusal of the file shows that the complainant filed complaint case with the Commission. He has not availed the provision of the Sections 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). In this regard, the Commission places reliance on a judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12.12.2011 in the matter of [Central Information Commissioner vs. State of Manipur](#) wherein it was held as under:

"...28. The question which falls for decision in this case is the jurisdiction, if any, of the Information Commissioner under [Section 18](#) in directing disclosure of information. In the impugned judgment of the Division Bench, the High Court held that the Chief Information Commissioner acted beyond his jurisdiction by passing the impugned decision dated 30th May, 2007 and 14th August, 2007. The Division Bench also held that under [Section 18](#) of the Act the State Information Commissioner is not empowered to pass a direction to the State Information Officer for furnishing the information sought for by the complainant."

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**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 183 OF 2024**

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.

5. In this case, the complainant wants action against the respondent for not sent any reply/response to him RTI within prescribed time. Therefore, keeping the above the respondent-PIO is directed to come present on the next date of hearing and explain his conduct and status of the complaint to enable the Commission to arrive a reasonable /logical conclusion in the matter.

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. To come up on 22.07.2025 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

**Date :08.01.2025**

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# 107/C, Ravinder Nagar, PO Model Town,  
Jalandhar-144003.  
M:-9872627283

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Commissioner,  
MC, Jalandhar.

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 185 OF 2024**

Present :- (i) Sh. Kuldip Kumar the complainant  
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 03.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the . Complaint case was filed in the Commission on 23.04.2024 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The complainant states that he only wants action against the respondent for not sent any reply/response to her RTI within prescribed time.

4. The perusal of the file shows that the complainant filed complaint case with the Commission. He has not availed the provision of the Sections 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). In this regard, the Commission places reliance on a judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12.12.2011 in the matter of [Central Information Commissioner vs. State of Manipur](#) wherein it was held as under:

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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.

5. In this case, the complainant wants action against the respondent for not sent any reply/response to him RTI within prescribed time. Therefore, keeping the above the respondent-PIO is directed to come present on the next date of hearing and explain his conduct and status of the complaint to enable the Commission to arrive a reasonable /logical conclusion in the matter.

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. To come up on 20.05.2025 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

**Date :08.01.2025**