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**Shri Gulshan Rai Sharma, (9717827827)**

(Maj. Dr). Director & Principal, ITFT,  
Post COVID Camp Office - 240, Khuda Lahora,  
Chandigarh - 160014

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o I.K Gujral Punjab Technical University,  
Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Registrar, I.K Gujral Punjab Technical University,  
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 3717 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **15.11.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.06.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices/orders of the Commission. The perusal of the case file shows that a copy of the information was submitted by the respondent to the Commission via email dated 7.11.2023, stating therein that information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 14458 dated 06.11.2023.

3. The appellant is absent but he has sent a letter which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 14378 dated 14.11.2024, mentioning therein that he is satisfied with the supplied information and requested to close this case, which is taken on record.

4. As per the submission made by the appellant, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, this case is **disposed off and closed**.

**Date: 11.12.2024**

**Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner  
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**Shri Manjeet Singh, (9896880198)**

Advocate, S/o Sh. RS Singal,  
# 1277, Sector- 1, HUDA, Rohtak, Haryana – 124001

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology,  
Longowal, District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology,  
Longowal, District Sangrur.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3721 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Mohan Krishanan, CPIO-cum-Deputy Registrar (9349390809)

### **ORDER:**

The above said Appeal Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Appeal Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **06.01.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **22.02.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **07.06.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. The respondent states that information was sent to the appellant vide letter number 105 dated 13.02.2023, which was received in the Commission vide diary number 27160 dated 10.11.2023, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intends to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After having the detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the reply filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required in this case. Hence, this case is **disposed off and closed.**

**Date: 11.12.2024**

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**Shri Bikramjit Singh Atwal, (9781765800)**

S/o Sh. Lal Singh,  
R/o VPO Khanpur,  
Tehsil & District Malerkotla.

....Complainant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Ahmedgarh,  
District Malerkotla.

**Regd. Post**

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

**Encl. RTI application**

....Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 86 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Complainant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

The above said Complaint Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Complaint Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **19.05.2022** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **27.01.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. Today, neither the complainant nor the respondent is present. The complainant has filed a complaint case in the Commission.

3. It is appropriate to mention that 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.

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, Malerkotla**, 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.

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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.

Date: 11.12.2024

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Tehsil & District Malerkotla.

....Complainant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Ahmedgarh,  
District Malerkotla.

**Regd. Post**

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

**Encl. RTI application**

....Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 87 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Complainant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

The above said Complaint Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Complaint Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **25.05.2022** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **27.01.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. Today, neither the complainant nor the respondent is present. The complainant has filed a complaint case in the Commission.

3. It is appropriate to mention that 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.

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, Malerkotla**, 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.

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## COMPLAINT CASE NO. 87 OF 2023

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.

Date: 11.12.2024

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**Shri Jarnail Singh, (9779143566)**

VPO Garanga, Tehsil Kharar,  
District Mohali.

....Complainant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DDPO,  
Mohali.

**Regd. Post**

**Remanded Back to:**

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),  
Mohali.

**Encl. RTI application**

....Respondents

## **COMPLAINT CASE NO. 88 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Complainant: Shri Jarnail Singh (9779143566)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The above said Complaint Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Complaint Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **23.06.2022** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **27.01.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices/orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though respondent PIO is absent. The complainant is present and states that his essential purpose is to obtain the demanded information as mentioned in his RTI application.

3. As the complainant is interested to collect / get the sought information. It is appropriate to mention that 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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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 Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Mohali.** 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.

Date: 11.12.2024

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**Shri Jarnail Singh, (9779143566)**

VPO Garanga, Tehsil Kharar,  
District Mohali.

....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Asst. Registrar, Cooperative Societies,  
Kharar.

....Respondents

## COMPLAINT CASE NO. 89 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Complainant: Shri Jarnail Singh (9779143566)  
Respondent: Shri Sandeep Kumar, Inspector (7986228400)

### **ORDER:**

The above said Complaint Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Complaint Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **05.07.2022** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **27.01.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. The respondent submitted at today's hearing that information was not supplied to the complainant as the cooperative societies does not comes under jurisdiction of the RTI Act, 2005, vide letter no. 01 dated 10.12.2024 which is as under:

*It is respectfully submitted*  
*that as per resolution no. 1 of dated 10.12.2024*  
*which has been passed by the managing*  
*committee of the society that society has not*  
*received about RTI/information requested by*  
*the complainant Sh. Jarnail Singh till today*  
*It is also submitted that as per*  
*the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement,*  
*the Co-operative society does not comes*  
*under jurisdiction of RTI Act 2005.*  
*Therefore it is requested that*  
*the Co-operative society namely the Changan*  
*Agricultural multipurpose cooperative society*  
*is not able to provide information as*  
*required by the complainant. The Supreme*  
*court Judgement is attached herewith for*  
*your information please. Thanking you.*  
*Mimpan Singh Sincerely Amandeep Singh*  
*11.12.2024*  
*Resolution no. 1 dt. 10.12.2024*  
*The Changan Multipurpose & Co-operative*  
*Agriculture Service Society Ltd*

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3. The complainant states that he has not received any information / reply from the PIO till date. The respondent assured the Commission that reply submitted to the Commission vide letter no. 01 dated 10.12.2024, was handed over to the complainant after the hearing.

4. After having the detailed deliberations with both parties and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required in this case. Hence, this case is **disposed off and closed.**

Date: 11.12.2024

Sd/-  
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)  
State Information Commissioner  
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**Shri Kanwarjit Singh, (9716800073)**

S/o Sh. Kulwant Singh,  
R/o Village Bauli Ramdass, Tehsil Ajnala,  
District Amritsar.

....Complainant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Ajnala,  
District Amritsar.

....Respondents

## COMPLAINT CASE NO. 96 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Complainant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Sandeep Kumar, Inspector (7986228400)

### **ORDER:**

The above said Complaint Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Complaint Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **15.12.2022** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **31.01.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. The respondent submitted at today's hearing vide letter no. 3969 dated 21.10.2024, that information was already supplied to the complainant, along with the copy of an acknowledgement signed by the complainant Sh. Kanwarjit Singh, mentioning therein that the complainant is satisfied with the supplied information and requested to close this case, which is taken on record.

3. However, the complainant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The prima facie appears that the complainant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After having the detailed deliberations with respondent and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, this case is **disposed off and closed.**

**Date: 11.12.2024**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Lakha Singh (9864590001)**

S/o Sh. Rasal Singh,  
R/o Village Bhoiwali, Tehsil Ajnala,  
District Amritsar.

....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Ajnala,  
District Amritsar.

...Respondents

## COMPLAINT CASE NO. 97 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Complainant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Ravi Kant, Panchayat Secretary (9988274344)

### **ORDER:**

The above said Complaint Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Complaint Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **06.12.2022** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **31.01.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. The respondent submitted to the Commission via email dated 24.10.2024, that the sought information has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 5022 dated 23.08.2023, along with the copy of an acknowledgement signed by the complainant Sh. Lakha Singh, mentioning therein that the complainant is satisfied with the supplied information and requested to close this case, which is taken on record.

3. However, the complainant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The prima facie appears that the complainant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After having the detailed deliberations with respondent and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that no further cause of action is required. Hence, this case is **disposed off and closed.**

**Date: 11.12.2024**

**Sd/-**  
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**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Pappu Ram,**  
S/o Sh. Raja Ram,  
R/o Village Kahnawal, Tehsil Sardulgarh,  
District Mansa.

....**Complainant**

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Mansa.

**Regd. Post**

**Remanded Back to:**

**First Appellate Authority**

**O/o** Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Mansa.

**Encl. RTI application**

....**Respondents**

## **COMPLAINT CASE NO. 357 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Complainant: Shri Pappu Ram  
Respondent: Shri Mandeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary (9463625653)

**ORDER:**

The above said Complaint Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Complaint Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **22.02.2023** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **07.06.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. The respondent is present and requested for an adjournment. The complainant is present and states that his essential purpose is to obtain the demanded information as mentioned in his RTI application.

3. As the complainant is interested to collect / get the sought information. It is appropriate to mention that 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.

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**

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), 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.

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.

Date: 11.12.2024

Sd/-  
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**Shri Balraj Kumar Sahni,**  
# 141 B, Surya Enclave,  
Jalandhar.

....Complainant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Improvement Trust,  
Jalandhar.

**Regd. Post**

**Remanded Back to:**

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Jalandhar.

**Encl. RTI application**

....Respondents

## COMPLAINT CASE NO. 376 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Complainant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

The above said Complaint Case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner, Punjab. After his retirement, the said Complaint Case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The application dated **06.02.2023** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **16.06.2023** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **11.12.2024**.

2. Today, neither the complainant nor the respondent is present. The complainant has filed complaint case in the Commission.

3. It is appropriate to mention that 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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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 Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Jalandhar**, 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.

Date: 11.12.2024

Sd/-  
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab