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Sh. Hem Raj,
H. No. 152/6,
Ganesh Nagar,
Rama Mandi,
Jalandhar(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Principal,
Govt. Senior Seconday School,(Boys),
Phillaur,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer (Sec.),
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1860 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
19.09.2023	--	25.10.2023	31.10.2023	22.02.2024

Present: Appellant: Sh. Hem Raj
Respondent: Sh. Rajeev Joshi (Dy. DEO, SE), Sarbjitkaur Clerk,
Tarlok Singh (Principal)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today. Both the parties are present and have been heard.
2. The respondents, Sh. Rajeev Joshi (Dy. DEO, SE), Smt. SarbjitKaur (Clerk), and Sh. Tarlok Singh (Principal), stated that the requisite information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant, Sh. Hem Raj, stated that he has received the information only a day before the hearing, after a long delay.
4. The Commission observes that although the information has now been provided, there has been an undue delay in furnishing the same, which is contrary to the time frame prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission, therefore, **warns the Public Information Officer (PIO)** to be cautious in the future and to ensure that information is provided to applicants **within the stipulated time period** as mandated under the RTI Act.
5. As the information has been supplied and no further intervention of the Commission is required at this stage, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
15.10.2025

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Rama Mandi,
Jalandhar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Sec.),
Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer(Sec.),
Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar (Punjab)
...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1863 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
19.09.2023	--	25.10.2023	31.10.2023	22.02.2024

Present : Appellant: Sh. Hem Raj
Respondent: Sh. Rajeev Joshi (Dy. DEO, SE), Sarbjitkaur Clerk,
Tarlok Singh (Principal)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today. Both the parties are present and have been heard.
2. The respondents, Sh. Rajeev Joshi (Dy. DEO, SE), Smt. SarbjitKaur (Clerk), and Sh. Tarlok Singh (Principal), stated that the requisite information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant, Sh. Hem Raj, stated that he has received the information only a day before the hearing, after a long delay.
4. The Commission observes that although the information has now been provided, there has been an undue delay in furnishing the same, which is contrary to the time frame prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission, therefore, **warns the Public Information Officer (PIO)** to be cautious in the future and to ensure that information is provided to applicants **within the stipulated time period** as mandated under the RTI Act.
5. As the information has been supplied and no further intervention of the Commission is required at this stage, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

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Sh. Anil Kumar
S/o Sh. Krishan Kumar,
H. No. P.A. 11, Street-1,
Basant Vihar, Noorwala Road,
Tehsil & Dist. - Ludhiana (Punjab)
(M.-9417460706)
RTI Application No. 77029

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,
VidyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,
VidyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.6923 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
16.07.2023	--	31.08.2023	--	25.10.2023

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh (Sr. Assitt.)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today. Both the parties are present and have been heard.
2. **Appellant:** Absent. However, vide an email, the appellant has intimated the PIO that he wishes to withdraw the case as the matter has been resolved. This has been submitted by the Respondent, Sh. Maninder Singh (Sr. Assistant), who is present today and has produced supporting documents in this regard vide letter No. 2322 dated 15.10.2025.
3. In view of the above, the case is **DISPOSED** of as withdrawn being infructuous, by the appellant.

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S/o Sh. Ganpat Ram,
H. No. 1836, Street – 13,
Kotkapura Road,
Distt. – SriMuktsarSahib – 152026 (Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe S. D. O.,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Sub Tehsil – Bariwala,
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe S. D. O.,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Sub Tehsil – Bariwala,
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.4161of 2025.

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
02.04.2025	--	06.05.2025	--	11.07.2025

Present : Appellant: Sh. Om Prakash on behalf appellant
Respondent: Sh. Baljit Singh (AE), Sh. Nikhi (Clerk)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The respondent Sh. Baljit Singh (AE), Sh. Nikhi (Clerk) submitted that the information sought by her relates to the personal information of a Sh. Sunder Singh , the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest and would cause an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual concerned and was, therefore, exempted from disclosure under Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act. Moreover, the information sought was withheld under Section 11 of the RTI Act, as the third party (Sh. Sunder Singh) had expressed his unwillingness regarding the disclosure of the details. Hence, the information sought could not be furnished to the applicant.
3. The Commission, after hearing the submissions of both the parties and perusing the records, notes that the that the information sought by the applicant relates to the personal information of a third party Sh. Sunder Singh, the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, and would cause an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual concerned. Hence, its disclosure is exempted under Section 8 (1) (j) read with Section 11 (1) of the RTI Act. In view of this, the information sought by the complainant cannot be provided. Hence, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted in the matter.

With the above observations, **the appeal is disposed off.**

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15.10.2025

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S/o Vasant Lal Shah,
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Bagh Ramanand,
Amritsar - 143006 (Punjab)
(M.- 6284523567 ; 9569876710)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Chief Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1710 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
03.09.2022	30.09.2023	11.10.2022	08.12.2022	16.02.2024

Present : Appellant: Sh. Anil Shah
Respondent: Er. Rao Gaurav Singh (SDO), Er. Amandeep Singh (RA)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. Both the parties are present and heard. The Respondents handed over the requisite information to the Appellant, Sh. Anil Shah, during the hearing. After perusal, the Appellant expressed satisfaction with the information provided but contended that the same was supplied after an inordinate delay.
3. In view of the above, the Commission observes that although the information has now been furnished, there has been an undue delay in providing the same, which is contrary to the time frame prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005.
4. The Commission, therefore, **warns the Public Information Officer (PIO)** to remain careful in future and ensure that information is supplied to the information seekers within the stipulated period as mandated under the RTI Act.
5. As the information has been provided and no further intervention of the Commission is required at this stage, the case is **DISPOSED OF AND CLOSED.**

Chandigarh
15.10.2025

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Sh.Rajveer Singh(M.-6280152503)
S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
Village – Baara,
P. O. – PathreriJattan,
Teh.&Distt. - Roopnagar(Punjab)

V/s

....Complainant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The S. D. O.,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Sub Division – Sukhrampur,
Roopnagar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 283 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
22.05.2024	--	16.07.2024

Present :

Complainant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Gurkirpal Singh (Sr. XEN)

ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed the above-mentioned complaint case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. Respondent, Sh. Gurkirpal Singh (Sr. XEN) sated that the information sought by the appellant is third party information and therefore cant be given to the appellant.
3. As, the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, in which no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Complaint Case No. 283 of 2024

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

Chandigarh
15.10.2025

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

CC: First Appellate Authority: (Encl. RTI)
O/o Executive Engineer (XEN), Punjab
State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL)
Division – Roopnagar, Punjab

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Sh. Rajinder Pal Singh
S/o Sh. Gulzar Singh,
V.P.O. – Siwiya,
Distt. – Bathinda(Punjab)
(M.-9417445473)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Executive Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Bathinda(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 24 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
21.12.2024	--	13.01.2025

Present : Complainant: Sh. Rajinder Pal Singh
Respondent: Sh. Kewal Singh, Sh. Kuldeep Singh (AE)

ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed the above-mentioned complaint case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. Both parties are present for hearing and heard.
3. As, the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, in which no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Complaint Case No. 24 of 2025

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

Chandigarh
15.10.2025

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

CC: First Appellant Authority, (encl. RTI)
O/o The Chief Executive Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Bathinda (Punjab)

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Sh. VikramDhawan
S/o Late Sh. SubashChander, Dhawan,
H. No. 55, Gill Colony,
Peer Baba Road,
Baltana - 140604(Punjab)
(M.-8847532494)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/oTheManaging Director,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Patiala(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/oTheDeputy Chief Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 174 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
21.04.2025	25.04.2025	30.06.2025

Present : Complainant: Sh. Rajinder Pal Singh
Respondent: Sh. Kewal Singh, Sh. Kuldeep Singh (AE)

ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed the above-mentioned complaint case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. Both the Respondents are present for today's hearing. The Complainant submitted that no satisfactory response has been provided to him so far by the PIO.
3. After due deliberation, the **PIO is directed to furnish a point-wise reply** to the RTI application, ensuring that each query is specifically addressed. The same shall be produced before the Commission on the **next date of hearing without fail**.
4. **Next hearing on 23.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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15.10.2025

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Sh. Jagtar Singh Sahota, 'SamajSewak'
Village – KilliShahkot,
Distt. – Jalandhar (Punjab)
(M.-9463960107)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2088 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
06.03.2023	--	05.09.2023	--	06.03.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Jagtarsinghsahota

Respondent: Sh. Muktiyar Singh (Panchayat Secty.)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 10.09.2025.
2. Today, both the parties are present and heard. The respondent, **Sh. Mukhtiyar Singh, Panchayat Secretary**, stated that the requisite information has already been provided to the appellant by post on **02.09.2025**.
3. A letter from the **BDPO, Shahkot, District Jalandhar**, vide reference no. **1124 dated 05.09.2025**, has been received in the Commission, which is **taken on record**. Along with this, an **undertaking** from the BDPO, Shahkot has also been submitted, wherein it has been mentioned that **the entire relevant information has been provided to the appellant and nothing remains pending**.
4. In view of the above and as the **information stands duly supplied** and **no further cause of action survives**, the **appeal case is DISPOSED OF AND CLOSED**.

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15.10.2025

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Sh.Gaurav Jain
S/o Sh. Satpal Jain,
H. No. 124, Ward No. 10,
Tehsil – Ahmedgarh,
Distt. – Malerkotla - 148021(Punjab)
(M.-7355859702)
RTI Application No. 173538

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe District Manager,
PUNSUP,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Managing Director,
PUNSUP,
S.C.O. 36 – 40, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3515 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
12.03.2025	--	15.04.2025	--	17.06.2025

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Gauravjain

Respondent:Ms. RajvirKaur(Sr.Assistant),

ORDER:

1. In continuation of the last order dated 10.09.2025 Ms.RajvirKaur (Sr. Assistant) appeared on behalf of the Respondent PIO. She submitted that in compliance with the Commission's directions, the requisite information has been duly provided to the Appellant.
2. It has further been submitted that the Appellant has acknowledged receipt of the information, and a copy of the acknowledgment has been placed on record vide Letter No. **894 dated 01.10.2025**.
3. In view of the above, since the information stands supplied to the satisfaction of the Appellant and no further intervention of the Commission is required at this stage, the case is **DISPOSED OF AND CLOSED.**

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Village – Dadhu,
Tehsil – Dadahu,
Distt. – Sirmaur – 173022 (HimachalPardesh)
(M.-9816102961)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheSuperintending Engineer,
Deptt.of Public Health,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oTheSuperintending Engineer,
Deptt. Of Public Health,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7038 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
02.01.2023	03.02.2023	13.03.2023	--	30.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Mahesh Kumar (on call)

Respondent: Sh. SachinSingla (Assit. Environmental Eng.)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the last order dated **04.09.2025**, vide which *“both parties were absent. In the interest of justice, the matter was adjourned, granting them an opportunity to be present and put forth their submissions on the next date of hearing.”*
2. Today, the **appellant, Sh. Mahesh Kumar (on call)**, stated that **no information has been supplied by the PIO till date.**
3. The **respondent, Sh. Sachin Singla, Assistant Environmental Engineer**, appeared and **assured the Commission to make a written submission and to send the reply pertaining to the information sought in the RTI application, within week.**
4. In view of the assurance given, the **PIO is directed to provide the complete and satisfactory information/reply to the appellant within 07 days from the issue of this order** and to file a **written compliance report** in the Commission before the next date of hearing.
5. The **PIO is further cautioned** that in case of **non-compliance** with these directions, the Commission shall be **constrained to initiate appropriate action under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.**
6. **Next hearing on 23.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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