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Shri Ketan Sood, (9646619889)

S/o Shri Vinod Sood,
R/o House No 6260, Street No 05,
New Geeta Colony, Moga.

....Complainant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0084 OF 2025

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Shri Resham Singh, ASI on behalf of the Appellant.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 31.08.2024 and the Complaint Case was filed in the Commission on 21.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.12.2025.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing, whereas respondent attended hearing through Cisco Webex and stated that requisite information/reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 09.09.2024, copy of the same is placed on record.
3. That post deliberation, the Bench observes that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. 10787-10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP(C) No. 32768-32769/2010) – Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. State of Manipur and another in para 31 whereof, it has been held that while entertaining a complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information which is as under:-

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0084 OF 2025

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

As such, 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. That 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 complaint case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order.

5. That the instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda.** The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard.

6. That in case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision and/or he does not receive the order of the First Appellate Authority, he is at liberty to file second appeal before Punjab State Information Commission Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. In view of the above, **the case is disposed of and closed.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

16.12.2025

Copy of above is forwarded to the following

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The First Appellate Authority – cum –
Senior Superintendent of Police
Bathinda.

for information and necessary compliance. RTI application dated 31.08.2024 is enclosed.

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Guru Nanak Colony, Gill Road,
Ludhiana-141006

....Complainant

VERSUS

**Public Information Officer,
O/o Police Commissioner,
Ludhiana.**

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0096 OF 2025

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 17.02.2025 and the Complaint Case was filed in the Commission on 07.04.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.12.2025.

2. That both parties remained absent in court, inspite notice issued through registered post, indicating PIO's disrespect for the Commission, the absence of the PIO is taken seriously as it has affected proceeding of the case.
3. That post deliberation, the Bench observes that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. 10787-10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP(C) No. 32768-32769/2010) – Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. State of Manipur and another in para 31 whereof, it has been held that while entertaining a complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information which is as under:-

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0096 OF 2025

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

As such, 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. That 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 complaint case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order.

5. That the instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.** The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard.

6. That in case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision and/or he does not receive the order of the First Appellate Authority, he is at liberty to file second appeal before Punjab State Information Commission Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. In view of the above, **the case is disposed of and closed.**

16.12.2025

**Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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The First Appellate Authority – cum –
Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

for information and necessary compliance. RTI application dated 17.02.2025 is enclosed.

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Shri Naresh Kumar, (9464522190)

Section Officer,
R/o House No 2190, Sector 44 C,
Chandigarh-160047

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

**O/o Punjab State Board of Technical Education & Industrial Training,
Plot No. 1-A, Sector 36A, Chandigarh.**

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o Secretary,
Punjab State Board of Technical Education & Industrial Training,
Plot No. 1-A, Sector 36A, Chandigarh.**

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0799 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.

Dr Jasdeep Kaur, Deputy Director – cum – PIO along with Ms. Davinder Kaur, Sr. Assistant for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.10.2025.

2. That the PIO stated before the Bench that the remaining requisite information has already been provided to the appellant, whereas the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the appellant stating that he has received complete information to his satisfaction and has given his consent for closure of the case.
3. That upon perusal of the case file, it is observed that the requisite information has indeed been furnished to the appellant by the respondent, and the appellant has duly acknowledged receipt thereof through email and has consented to the closure of the case. Accordingly, nothing remains pending in the matter.
4. That in view of the above, no cause of action survives in the matter. Hence, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

16.12.2025

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Dr. Pyara Lal Garg,
1178, Progressive Enclave,
Sector 50B, Chandigarh-160047

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan (Punjab School Education Board)
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1161 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Ashok Rana on behalf of the Appellant.
Ms. Gurmit Kaur, Deputy Secretary – cum – PIO, Ms. Surabhi Jaiswal, Lecturer English, Ms. Manjit Kaur, Supdt.; Shri Charanjit Singh, Sr. Assistants (9781800873) and Shri Deepak Kumar, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.10.2025.

2. That the PIO stated before the Bench that the point-wise information/reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 09.12.2025 and copy of the same handed over to the representative of the appellant. The respondent further stated that no more information available other than supplied.
3. That upon perusal of the case file, it is observed that the requisite information has indeed been furnished to the appellant by the respondent, and the appellant has duly acknowledged receipt thereof. Accordingly, nothing remains pending in the matter.
4. That in view of the above, no cause of action survives in the matter. Hence, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

16.12.2025

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Shri Vihaan Kanwal,(9988555776)

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Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana-141401

RTI Application No. 103967

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2246 OF 2025

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 25.12.2023 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 29.01.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.04.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.12.2025.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received stating that the requisite information has already been provided by hand to the appellant and he has acknowledged the same in writing, copy of the same is placed in the case file.

3. That upon perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the information has indeed been furnished to the appellant by the respondent and the appellant has duly acknowledged receipt thereof under his signature. Accordingly, nothing remains pending in this matter.

4. That in view of the above, no cause of action survives in the matter, and the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Dr. Shyam Lal Thukral, (9417081104)

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....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Bathinda.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7178 OF 2024 CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT: Dr. Shyam Lal Thukral, Appellant.
Shri Resham Singh, ASI on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 23.07.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.10.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.12.2025.

2. The both parties appeared through CISCO Webex. The respondent stated that the information as available in the official records has already been provided to the appellant vide letter no. 3312 dated 16.12.2025 whereas the appellant has confirmed the receipt of information to his satisfaction, copy of same is taken on record.

3. That upon perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the information has indeed been furnished to the appellant by the respondent and the appellant has duly acknowledged receipt through Email. Accordingly, nothing remains pending in this matter.

4. That in view of the above, no cause of action survives in the matter, and the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

16.12.2025

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Shri Ishu Chopra, (9914714195)

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RTI Application No 175589

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust, Kotakpura,
District Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust, Kotakpura, District Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3429 OF 2025

PRESENT: None for the Parties.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.10.2025.

2. That both parties remained absent during today's hearing. It is further observed that the appellant was also absent on the last date of hearing, and no communication has been received from the appellant explaining the reason for his absence or showing any interest in pursuing the matter.
3. That in view of the repeated absence of the appellant and no representation from his side, it appears that the appellant is not interested in pursuing this appeal. Hence, no useful purpose will be served in keeping the case pending any further.
4. Accordingly, the present appeal is hereby **disposed of**. No further action is required in this matter.

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

16.12.2025

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Shri Dinesh Kumar Advocate, (9463219193)

S/o Shri Subhash Chander,
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RTI Application No 176399

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan Model Welfare Centre,
Phase 10, Sector 64, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan Model Welfare Centre,
Phase 10, Sector 64, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3444 OF 2025

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.

Ms. Preeti, Clerk (8360062097) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.10.2025.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing, whereas the respondent appeared before the Bench and submitted that the information sought by the appellant does not fall within the purview of the RTI Act. It is further observed that the appellant was also absent on the last date of hearing. As per the respondent's version, the appellant was advised to file a replication; however, the appellant has again remained absent without any intimation. No communication has been received from the appellant explaining his absence or indicating any interest in pursuing the matter.
3. That in view of the repeated absence of the appellant and lack of representation from his side, it appears that the appellant is not interested in pursuing the present appeal. Hence, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the case pending any further.
4. Accordingly, the present appeal is hereby **disposed of**. No further action is required in this matter.

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

16.12.2025