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Sh. Ranjit Singh S/o Sh. Harbant Singh, H. No. 256 D, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Basant Avenue, Ludhiana(Punjab) (M: 9464110676)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 232 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Parveen Kumar, Junior Assistant (M.-7986957157), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2025.

- 2. The complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh, is not present in today's hearing. After perusal of the case-file, it emerges that the order dated 09.09.2025 issued by the Commission in the name of the complainant is received back in the Commission as 'undelivered'.
- 3. Sh. Parveen Kumar, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, has intimated that a reply vide letter no. 5305 dated 05.09.2025 has been sent to the complainant. Through that reply, it has been intimated that the sought information is in nature of 'question', moreover, the required information is not specific. Another reply vide letter no. 5331 dated 08.09.2025 along with a copy of notification as demanded at point no. 2 has been sent to the complainant.
- 4. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act and the Commission could not allow access to the information to the Information seeker in a complaint case as the only remedy available to the information-seeker is given in Section 19 of the RTI Act
- 5. Hence, the instant complaint case is <u>remanded to First Appellate Authority</u>, who is Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal.

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- 6. If concerned First Appellate Authority will not announce any order in the instant complaint case within forty five days, he is free to approach the Commission by way of second appeal.
- 7. With this, the instant complaint case is announced as **disposed of and closed**.

Sd/-(Pooja Gupta) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 18th November, 2025

CC:

First Appellate Authority-cum- Director,

Local Government, Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,

Encl : RTI Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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Sh. Khushal Chand Vohra, Ex OBC & Landmortage Bank Wali Gali, Dera Baba Nanak, District Gurdaspur(Punjab) (M: 7273099991)

....Complainant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab 7th Floor, Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 233 of 2024

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Iqbaljeet Singh, Senior Assistant(M.-9465468025), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.09.2025.

- 2. Sh. Iqbaljeet Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, submitted a reply vide letter no. 12851 dated 10.10.2025 mentioning that a reply along with enclosure of four pages has already been sent to the complainant.
- 3. The complainant, Sh. Khushal Chand Vohra is not present in today's hearing.
- 4. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act and the Commission could not allow access to the information to the Information seeker in a complaint case as the only remedy available to the information-seeker is given in Section 19 of the RTI Act
- 5. Accordingly, the complainant is advised to follow proper procedure approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act. Further, the instant complaint case is **remanded to First Appellate Authority** O/o Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab, Chandigarh Chandigarh, with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal.
- 6. If concerned First Appellate Authority will not announce any order in the instant complaint case within forty five days, he is free to approach the Commission by way of second appeal.
- With this, the instant complaint case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Sd/-(Pooja Gupta) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC: First Appellate Authority

Dated: 18th November, 2025

O/o Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

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Sh. Vijay Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Pratap, Village - Rajje Majra, Teh. &District - Roopnagar(Punjab)- 140108

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Roopnagar(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1160 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

i) Sh. Shivraj Singh, Panchayat Secretary (M.-9815616220);

V/s

- ii) Sh. Arwinder Singh, Panch (M.-9914088002);
- iii) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Panch (M.-7087895242), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.09.2025, through which the Counsel of the appellant sought some additional time to go through the information supplied by the appellant.

- 2. The representatives of the respondent, who appeared in today's hearing, have intimated that the required information of fifty three pages has already been sent to the appellant and the appellant has not raised any deficiency as directed by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant, Sh. Vijay Kumar, is not present in today's hearing. It is also a fact that an opportunity was given to the appellant to file deficiencies, if any, but neither he came present nor he has intimated about his non-presence. It is also a fact that sought information has already been supplied to the appellant, which reflects that he has nothing to say in this case.
- 4. In view of the above, there is no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Pooja Gupta) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 18th November, 2025

[Note: The appellant / complainant can attend the Hearing in person at the Commission or through Cisco Webex. The Cisco Webex number of this Bench is 25179803719 and password is 12345. The appellant / complainant is advised to intimate the Commission regarding the mode of Hearing, at least three weeks before the Hearing on official website i.e. psic21@punjabmail.gov.in]

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Sh. Sanjay Malik S/o Sh. Rajinder Nath Malik, # 77, Parvati Enclave, Baltana, Teh. & Distt. - S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)-140604 (M: 9316777767). RTI Application No 118715

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dera Bassi, Distt. - S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
District Administrative Complex,
Sector- 76, S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3704 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Gurpreet Singh, A. T. P. (M.-98149236881), on behalf of the respondent.

V/s

<u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.09.2025.

- 2. Sh. Gurpreet Singh, A. T. P., who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, has intimated that a reply vide letter no. 1375 dated 26.05.2025 has already been sent to the appellant, intimating him that the sought information is voluminous inn nature and he can inspect the relevant official record. He further submitted that the appellant did not visit for inspection on 12.09.2025 as directed by the Commission.
- 3. The appellant, Sh. Sanjay Malik was absent on the hearings, held on 22.07.2025 and 10.09.2025. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim.
- 4. Accordingly, the appellant is at liberty to visit the office of the respondent PIO during working hours with prior intimation to each other and inspect the relevant official-record and procuring any specific information that he requires and the respondent PIO is directed to arrange for inspection of the concerned record with prior intimation to each other. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost.
- 5. With the above directions, the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 18th November, 2025 (Pooja Gupta)
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Sh. Rajinder Singh S/o Sh. Hari Singh, H. No. 220 - L, Model Town, Teh. & Distt. – Ludhiana (East) (Punjab) (M: 9915730011) RTI Application No. 186117

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4663 of 2025

Present: Sh. Rajinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Pankaj Thakkar, Senior Assistant (M.-9888210709)on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.05.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 24.06.2025 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 18.11.2025.

- 2. Sh. Pankaj Thakkar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, has intimated that the required information along with enclosure has been provided to the appellant.
- 3. The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh who appeared in person in today's hearing, has intimated that he has received the information and is satisfied with the same. He also gave his consent to close the case.
- 4. As the appellant has given his consent to close the case, hence, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Pooja Gupta) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 18th November, 2025