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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882 96107)

R/o Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, District Ludhiana-141123

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0344 OF 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
03.10.2022	--	07.11.2022	--	04.01.2022

PRESENT:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Kuvir Singh (ATO, Bathinda)

ORDER (8th hearing):

1. This Order may be read with reference to the previous orders of the Commission, most recently dated **30.04.2025**.

2. Today, Sh. Kulvir Singh, ATO, representing the respondent PIO, is present and has submitted the compliance report of the last order vide letter no. 898 dated 19.11.2025, which is taken on record along with all supporting enclosures. He further submitted that nothing pertaining to this RTI application remains pending in their office, and if the appellant still feels dissatisfied, he may visit the office for inspection of the relevant records. Appellant is absent without intimation .

3. The Commission, having examined the compliance and the submissions made today, is satisfied that the directions of the previous order stand complied with. No further intervention is required at this stage.

Accordingly, the case stands DISPOSED OFF.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
20.11.2025

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Tejinder Singh,
Advocate, Civil Court, Tehsil
Complex, Backside sanjh
Kender, Phillaur-144410.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Transport Department, Pb.
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, State Transport Department,
Pb. Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO.: 2400/2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Ms. Harmohan Kaur (Jr. Assistant) {O/o Director, State Transport Commissioner}

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **27.08.2025**, wherein the PIO, O/o Director, State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, was directed to examine the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant and to file a detailed reply before the next date of hearing.

2. **Today, the appellant is absent**, and no intimation regarding his absence has been received by the Commission.
3. The respondent, **Ms. Harmohan Kaur, Jr. Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport Commissioner, Punjab**, reiterates her earlier stand and submits that the complete information, as available on record, has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter Ref. No. 2418 dated 09.05.2023. She further states that nothing has been concealed, and all records relevant to the RTI application stand duly provided.
4. The Commission notes that despite directions, the appellant has chosen to remain absent without any communication and has not availed the opportunity to clarify the alleged discrepancies or contest the respondent's submissions.
5. In view of the respondent's categorical submission regarding complete disclosure of information, coupled with the appellant's **continued absence without intimation**, the Commission is left with no ground to continue the proceedings.
6. **Accordingly, the case stands closed.**

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R/o Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal, P.O. Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana-141 123

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Office,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Office,
Jalandhar.....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1929 OF 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
29.12.2022	--	29.01.2023	--	17.03.2023

Present: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh
Respondent: Absent

ORDER :

This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **27.08.2025**, wherein the appellant was directed to clearly specify the discrepancies, if any, in the information supplied by the PIO and to forward the same directly to the PIO with a copy endorsed to the Commission within the stipulated time.

- 2. Today, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO has appeared before the Commission.** No intimation of absence has been received from either party.
- 3.** The Commission notes that despite being granted adequate opportunities, the appellant has not submitted any list of discrepancies as directed in the last order, nor has he communicated any further grievance to the Commission. The respondent PIO has also not appeared but had previously supplied the information and sought time citing reasons recorded in earlier proceedings.
- 4.** In the absence of any communication, representation, or clarification from the appellant, and no specific discrepancies having been pointed out despite repeated directions, **no further action remains to be adjudicated by the Commission. Accordingly, the case stands DISPOSED OFF.**

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20.11.2025

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Sh. Hari Parkash Singh,
Village - Bhatnura Lubana, Distt. – Jalandhar - 144201(Punjab)
(M.: 9815436236)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Zila Parishad,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Zila Parishad,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6682 of 2023

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
05.06.2023	--	08.07.2023	--	12.10.2023

Present: Appellant: Sh. Hari Parkash Singh
Respondent: Sh. Ajwinder Singh, Superintendent

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today. Today, **both the parties are present and heard.**
2. The PIO is represented by **Sh. Ajwinder Singh, Superintendent**, who submitted that the information sought cannot be furnished at this stage as the **investigation/inquiry is still in progress**. He has placed on record a written submission of the PIO vide **Letter No. 3748 dated 18.11.2025**, wherein it has been detailed that the complaint regarding the subject matter is pending, and repeated reminders were issued to the Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Public Works Board, Jalandhar through letters seeking the assessment report of development works carried out by Sarpanch Sh. Sarabjit Singh, Gram Panchayat Bhatnura Lubana.
3. It is stated that **the assessment report has not yet been received**, resulting in delay in completion of the investigation. Hence, **the complete investigation report cannot be supplied at this stage**. A copy of the said written submission was offered to the appellant during the hearing; however, the appellant refused to receive it, stating that undue delay has already occurred.
4. The Respondent has assured that **the information shall be supplied to the appellant immediately upon completion of the investigation and receipt of the assessment report** from the Executive Engineer concerned.
5. The Commission observes that since the inquiry is admittedly underway and the assessment report is awaited, the PIO's position falls within the permissible exemption under the Act. However, **continued delay must not be indefinite**, and the public authority must ensure timely completion of the pending process.
6. In view of the above and considering the pendency of investigation, **no further intervention of the Commission is required at this stage**. The PIO is, however, directed to ensure that the pending inquiry is completed expeditiously and the information is supplied to the appellant thereafter without fail.
7. **The appeal is disposed off with the above directions.**

Sd/-

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Sh. Rishavjit Singh Mansahia, Advocate,
Chamber No. 122, Civil Courts,
Sunam, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)
(M.-9417076092)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o TheBlock Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Dirba, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 228 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
09.05.2025	--	28.08.2025

Present: Complainnat: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Karamjit Singh (Panchayat Secty.)

ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

2. Respondent, Sh. Karamjit Singh (Panchayat Secty.) stated that the requisite infoation has been sent to the appellant to the by post vide letter dated 14.11.2025. 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.

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.

3. 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.

4. 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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5. 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. Rishavjit Singh Mansahi** 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 complaint is **DISPOSED OFF** accordingly, with the above observations and directions.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
20.11.2025

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

CC:

First Appellant Authority,
O/o O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Dirba, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)