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Sh. Santokh Singh, (7526985294)
S/o Sh. Janga Singh, Village Thara Singh Wala Uttar,
Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority ,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.

Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 6144 OF 2022
Through CISCO webex

Present :- (i) Sh. Santokh Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Balkar Singh, Panchayat Secy (88721-20991)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which the appellant was absent and the respondent stated that he has brought the information after removal of deficiencies .Further he was directed to send the same to the appellant.

2. Today the appellant states that incomplete information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent states that the complete information has been provided to the appellant.

4. All the points have been discussed in the presence of the Respondent and Appellant and the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant

5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :22.01.2026

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Sh Gurdarshan Singh, (M-9878773048)
S/o Sh Jaswant Singh,
R/o Village Bakhshiwala,
Tehsil- Budhlada, Distt Mansa

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADGP, Bathinda Range,
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADGP, Bathinda Range,
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 232 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: ASI Vijay Kumar, (98508-00039) through CISCO webex

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent stated that the information has been sent to the appellant.

2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Even the last orders dated 27.11.2025 sent to him has not been returned undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. The Appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing before the undersigned which appears that his absence is intentional and willful and does *not intends to pursue the case* and no submissions have been received from.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. Hence, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :22.01.2026

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Sh Davinder Singh, (M-977981074)
S/o Sh Sher Singh, Village- Paraul,
Sub-Tehsil- Majri, Tehsil-Kharar,
Distt- SAS Nagar

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The BDPO, Majri,
Distt- SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, SAS Nagar

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4900 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.09.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Both the parties are again absent today without intimation. It is also a fact that the last order dated 23.09.2025 was sent to them through registered post but even though they are absent and no submissions have been received from the appellant, which appears that he has nothing to say in this regard in this case and/or he does not intend to pursue the case.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. In view of the above no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Ankit Sehgal, C/o Bombay Studio Near Main
Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer,
PWD B&R, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4637 OF 2023
Through CISCO Webex

Present :- (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Vikas Clerk , (9217286000)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.09.2025 passed by the Commission.

1. A letter has been received from the appellant vide Commission diary no. 1547 dated 21.01.2026 that he has received the information and is satisfied.
2. Since, the appellant has received the information ,hence no further cause of action is left therefore the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**.
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Sd/-

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Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, S/o Shri Iqbal Singh,
R/o House No. 153, Village Daddu Majra
Tehsil & District Sri Fatehgarh Sahib - 140602

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4651 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sushil kumar, Panchayat Secy (9815741144)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent was directed to file an affidavit and he was directed to comply the orders of the Commission with the said orders and file their challan, after the payment of penalty.

2. The appellant is absent today.

3. Respondent states that the penalty amounting to Rs. 5000/- has been deposited in the Treasury. He further states that copy of the challan has already been sent to the commission office. He adds that as directed during the last hearing he has also brought copy of affidavit today in the Commission.

4. The same is taken on record. Since the order of the Commission has been complied with, no further cause of action is left hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh Sushil Kumar, s/o Late Sh Punjab Dass,
R/o House no. 275, Kansal,
Near Kaimbala, Chandigarh
(M-9592362006)

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Supttd. , District Jail
Roopnagar

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 518 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Manjeet Singh Dhillon, Deputy Suptdd.,
(7847000001)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the complainant is not present.
3. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the complainant.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the complainant is not present today and the last order dated 23.09.2025 sent to the complainant was received back un-delivered with the remarks of the postal authorities that "No such person".
5. After going through the file, it is observed that this is the complaint case. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © 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:-

(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while



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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, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

6. 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. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

7. The instant matter is now remanded back to the First Appellate Authority. The commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the complaint (copy enclosed) 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. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter.

8. 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.

9. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties through registered post. **Sd/-**

Date :22.01.2026

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Remanded back to
First Appellate Authority –cum
ADGP(Prisons), Sector 17, Chandigarh

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Sh.Pankaj Kumar, S/o Sh
Nabh Singh, Z-6, 03225, Street No. 1B,
Sukhpreet Road, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 512 OF 2024
(through cisco-Webex)

Present :- (i) Sh. PankajKumar,appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Manpreet, clerk(9780905090)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.07.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.01.2026 in the Commission.

3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.

4. The appellant states that the information provided to him is not certified.

5 Today all the points pertaining to the RTI of the appellant have been discussed between both the parties. Accordingly, it has been ascertained that the information has been provided to the appellant but the same is not certified. Further, the respondent has not filed his point-wise specific reply. Hence, the respondent is directed to file his point wise reply in the Commission office and also provide certified copy of information to the appellant, within one week of receiving these orders. With this no further cause of action is

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left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is disposed of and closed. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. *However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within one month, if the directions of the Commission are not complied with.*

Sd/-

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Sukhpreet Road, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 511 OF 2024
(through CISCO-Webex)

Present :- (i) Sh. Pankaj Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sh Ravi kumar, Sanitary Inspector (78140-40004)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 27.12.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.01.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that the information along with point-wise specific reply, pertaining to his RTI has been provided to the appellant.
4. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information provided to him.
5. Today all the points pertaining to the RTI of the appellant have been discussed between both the parties. After hearing both the parties, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant. Further, it has also been observed that this is a case of grievance of the appellant who has attempted to find redressal thereof by filling second appeal in the

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Commission. The perception of the appellant that use of RTI Act can be employed as a mechanism for redressal of his grievance is beyond the paradigm of the Act. The Commission advises the appellant to approach the competent forum or Court for redressal of his grievance as it is unable to go outside the jurisdiction stipulated by the RTI Act. In wake of aforementioned, this Appeal Case is hereby devoid of merit and hence **closed and disposed of**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026