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**Sh. Deepak Kumar**, S/o Late Sh. Dev Raj,  
H. No. B 6/608, Ward No 20, Mehmood Pura,  
Islamia School Road, Ludhiana(Punjab)  
(M: 7717507915)

....Complainant

V/s

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
National Highway Division,  
Public Works Department (B&R),  
Roopnagar(Punjab)

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The Project Director,  
NHAI, PIU,  
Jalandhar (Punjab)

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Banga (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 228 of 2024**

Present : (i) Sh. Deepak Kumar, the complainant in person.  
(ii) Sh. Amarjit Singh, Senior Assistant(M.-9878859654) O/o Executive Engineer, PWD B&R, Sh. Lakshya Sehgal, Junior Engineer, along with Sh. Rajan Bhatia, Sr. Assistant O/o SDM, Banga on behalf of the respondent PIO.

### **ORDER**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The complainant states that inspite of the directions of the Commission, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far.

3. During the last hearing, the respondent PIO o/o NHAI, Jalandhar and the respondent PIO O/o SDM, Banga was impleaded as respondent no.2 and the respondent no.3. However, the respondent PIO O/o NHAI, Jalandhar had transferred the RTI application of the complainant to the respondent PIO O/o SDM, Banga vide letter dated 19.01.2024, under intimation to the complainant.

4. At today's hearing, the representative of the respondent PIO O/o SDM, Banga submits that the RTI application of the complainant has still not been received in their office and requested that a copy of RTI application be given, so that the requested information would be provided to the complainant. The copy of RTI application dated 11.08.2023 is handed over to the respondent PIO O/o SDM, Banga, during the course of hearing.

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5. Post deliberations, 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 Information Commissioner and another Versus 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 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, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI, 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 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.

7. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. Sub Divisional Magistrate, Banga Sh. Vipin Bhandhari, PCS**. 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. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter.

8. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal before Punjab State Information Commission Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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9. In view of the above, **the case is disposed of and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Sd/-  
(Pooja Gupta)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

**Enclosed: RTI Application dated 11.08.2023  
A reply dated 19.01.2024 O/o NHAI, Jalandhar**

**Remanded Back**

**Sh. Vipin Bhandhari, PCS  
First Appellate Authority-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate  
Banga O/o SDM, Banga.**

**(For compliance)**

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**Sh. Manish Singla**, C/o Sh. Dev Raj Singla,  
# 170, Sun City-1, Roopnagar (Punjab)  
(M: 9592000076) RTI Application No 108880.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
SCO 177-178, Sector- 17, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
SCO 177-178, Sector- 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4028 of 2024**

Present : (i) None on behalf of the appellant.  
(ii) Sh. Gurbir Singh Cheema, Senior Assistant-cum-PIO, in person.

**ORDER**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, Sh. Gurbir Singh Cheema, Senior Assistant-cum-PIO, is appearing in person and intimated that the sought for information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 27.02.2024 and nothing has been heard from the appellant in this regard, so far.

3. Despite due and adequate notice for hearings, the appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing without any information. It seems he is satisfied with the reply/information and is not interested in pursuing the case, further. In view of this, the case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

Sd/-  
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**Ms. Sharanjit Kaur**, D/o Sh. Balbir Singh,  
# 58, Gali No 21 B, Tehsil & District Amritsar(Punjab)  
(M; 8427033265) RTI Application No 117686.

**2<sup>nd</sup> address:**

H. No 10, Street No 9, Fateh Singh Colony,  
Outside Gate Hakima, Tehsil & District- Amritsar (Punjab).

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar(Punjab)

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar(Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar(Punjab).

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4091 of 2024**

Present : (i) None on behalf of the appellant.  
(ii) A.S.I. Sh.Surinder Singh(M.-9780575800) O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar, the respondent PIO.

**ORDER**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, represented by A.S.I. Sh.Surinder Singh states that a reply has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 12.11.2025 and nothing has been heard from the appellant in this regard, so far.

3. Despite due and adequate notice for hearings, the appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing. The notice of hearing and a copy of previous order have also been received undelivered. The appellant was also contacted on the mobile number, which is also switched off. It seems she is satisfied with the reply/information and is not interested in pursuing the case, further. In view of this, the case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**



**Sh. Vidya Sagar**, S/o Sh. Ved Bhushan,  
H. No.7, Basti Peer Dad Road,  
New Raja Garden, Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar-I,  
Jalandhar(Punjab) (M; 9217800674)  
**RTI Application No 120162.**

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Tehsildar,  
Kharar, District- S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4115 of 2024**

Present : (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Sh. Navdeep Singh, Patwari, on behalf of the respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Kharar, Mohali.

**ORDER**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Kharar, District Mohali, represented by Sh. Navdeep Singh, Patwari submits a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.01.2026 mentioning therein that the copy of Farad is to be taken from the Sewa Kendra, after depositing the required fee. In case, the appellant is not satisfied with the same, he can visit their office on any working day and get the desired information.

3. The appellant is absent, at today's hearing. However, an email dated 08.01.2026 has been received from the appellant vide which he has pointed out that the respondent PIO has given a response mentioning therein that the copy of Farad is to be taken from the Sewa Kendra, after depositing the required fee. In case, he is not satisfied with the same, he can visit their office on any working day and get the desired information but has not mentioned anywhere that this document can not be given under the RTI Act.

4. From the persual of the case file and the averments narrated by the respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Mohali, the Commission is of the view that the respondent PIO has adequately addressed to the RTI application but has been addressed after the delay of more than a year. The Commission takes an

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**Appeal Case No. 4115 of 2024**

adverse view of the inaction on the part of the PIO O/o Tehsildar, Kharar, District Mohali in not providing the information sought for within the stipulated time. It is expected that the PIO on receipt of a request, shall as expeditiously as possible provide the information sought for by the appellant. The Commission therefore would like to counsel the PIO to be more careful in future so that such lapses do not recur and that the provisions of the RTI Act are implemented in letter and spirit. Thus, the appellant is advised to get the same from the Sewa Kendra, after depositing the fee, as fixed by the Punjab Government.

5. Keeping in view of the above, there is no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Sd/-  
(Pooja Gupta)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**



**Ms. Ranju Thakkar**, D/o Sh. Roshan Lal Thakkar,  
H. No.7, Basti Peer Dad Road, New Raja Garden,  
Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar-I, Jalandhar,  
(M; 9217800674). RTI Application No 120188.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Tehsildar,  
Kharar, District- S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4116 of 2024**

Present : (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Sh. Navdeep Singh, Patwari, on behalf of the respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Kharar, Mohali.

**ORDER**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Kharar, District Mohali, represented by Sh. Navdeep Singh, Patwari submits a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.01.2026 mentioning therein that the copy of Farad is to be taken from the Sewa Kendra, after depositing the required fee. In case, the appellant is not satisfied with the same, he can visit their office on any working day and get the desired information.

3. The appellant is absent, at today's hearing. However, an email dated 08.01.2026 has been received from the appellant vide which she has pointed out that the respondent PIO has given a response mentioning therein that the copy of Farad is to be taken from the Sewa Kendra, after depositing the required fee. In case, she is not satisfied with the same, she can visit their office on any working day and get the desired information but has not mentioned anywhere that this document can not be given under the RTI Act.

4. From the persual of the case file and the averments narrated by the respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Mohali, the Commission is of the view that the respondent PIO has adequately addressed to the RTI application but has been addressed after the delay of more than a year. The Commission takes an

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**Appeal Case No. 4116 of 2024**

adverse view of the inaction on the part of the PIO O/o Tehsildar, Kharar, District Mohali in not providing the information sought for within the stipulated time. It is expected that the PIO on receipt of a request, shall as expeditiously as possible provide the information sought for by the appellant. The Commission therefore would like to counsel the PIO to be more careful in future so that such lapses do not recur and that the provisions of the RTI Act are implemented in letter and spirit. Thus, the appellant is advised to get the same from the Sewa Kendra, after depositing the fee, as fixed by the Punjab Government.

5. Keeping in view of the above, there is no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

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**Sh. Lovely Sharma**, S/o Sh. Pritam Chand Sharma  
H. No.82/A, District Courts, Amritsar- II, Amritsar,  
(M: 9888045655). RTI Application No 91259.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Assistant Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
Amritsar-1 (Punjab).

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
Amritsar-1 (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4119 of 2024**

Present : None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither of the parties is present. The appellant was not present even on the last date of hearing. It appears that the appellant is not interested in pursuing this matter. The appeal case is **dismissed for non prosecution.**

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

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**Sh. Lovely Sharma**, S/o Sh. Pritam Chand Sharma  
H. No.82A, District Courts, Amritsar- II, Amritsar(Punjab)  
(M: 9888045655) RTI Application No 91258.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board (Regional Office),  
Amritsar(Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Senior Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board (Regional Office),  
Amritsar(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4120 of 2024**

Present : None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither of the parties is present. The appellant was not present even on the last date of hearing. It appears that the appellant is not interested in pursuing this matter. The appeal case is **dismissed for non prosecution**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

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