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**Sh. Anil Kumar Joshi** (M: 7018369635, 9816125681)  
H.No. 1493, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sector 15,  
Panchkula - 134113

....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Zirakpur (Punjab)

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 55 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Anil Kumar Joshi, the complainant.  
(ii) Adv. Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 23.12.2024 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 25.02.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. The complainant states that after the lapse of more than a year, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Adv. Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 21.04.2026 mentioning therein that no action has been taken yet, it is still under process. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. 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."

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**Complaint Case No. 55 of 2025**

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.

5. 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.

6. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Mohali**. 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.

7. 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.

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

**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

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

**Enclosed: RTI Application dated 23.12.2024**

**(Regd.Post)**

**Remanded Back to**

**First Appellate Authority i.e. Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Mohali.**  
**O/o ADC (UD), Mohali.**

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**Sh. Shingara Singh**, S/o Sh. Dalip Singh,  
Village – Rauwal, Post Office– Kadarwala,  
District– Moga- 142043 (Punjab)  
(M: 7341119760).

....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Secretary,  
Market Committee, Kot-Isse-Khan,  
District- Moga(Punjab)

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 56 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) The complainant is absent.  
(ii) Sh. Amanpreet Singh, Secretary on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 10.01.2025 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 03.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. The complainant is absent, at today's hearing, without intimation.
3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Amanpreet Singh, Secretary files a reply mentioning therein that the information as sought by the complainant does not exist in the official records of the Market Committee, Kot-Isse-Khan, Moga.
4. 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.”

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**Complaint Case No. 56 of 2025**

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.

5. 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.

6. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority. i.e. District General Manager O/o Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali.** 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.

7. 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.

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

**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

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

**Enclosed: RTI Application dated 10.01.2025**

**(Regd.Post)**

**Remanded Back to**

**First Appellate Authority i.e District General Manager  
O/o Punjab Mandi Board,, Sector:65/A, SAS Nagar.  
Mohali.**

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**Sh. Kamal Kumar**, (M.6284340814)  
H. No. 356, Govind Vihar, Baltana,  
Zirakpur - 140603, Tehsil – Derabassi  
District – S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Zirakpur,  
District. - S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 624 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Kamal Kumar, the appellant.  
(ii) Adv. Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 09.10.2024 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 11.11.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.

3. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO represented by Adv. Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman file a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 15.04.2026 mentioning therein that information pertaining to point nos. 1 and 2 is not specific and information pertaining to point no.3, notice has been issued to the concerned party. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant, during the course of hearing. After going through the information, the appellant shows his satisfaction over the same.

4. 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.

Sd/-

**(Pooja Gupta)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

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**Sh. Pardeep Singh Guleria**, S/o Sh. Sand Chand,  
H. No. 1057, Ward No. – 10, Mamoon,  
Tehsil & District–Pathankot – 145001 (Punjab)  
(M.-9888249503). RTI Application No. 150850.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board,  
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Managing Director,  
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,  
Plot No. 1-B, Sector 27-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 533 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Sh. Dvitesh Virdhi, Executive Engineer on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 23.10.2024 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 22.11.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Dvitesh Virdhi, Executive Engineer submitted a written statement vide which the appellant has given in writing that he is not interested in pursuing the matter and wants to withdraw the case. On the written submission of the appellant for withdrawal of this appeal, the instant Appeal Case is allowed to be withdrawn as per para 7 of Office Order dated 27.03.2018 of the Commission. The case is hereby **closed and disposed of**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

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

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**Sh. Sansar Chand Rana**, (M.-9888913520)  
H. No. 426, Badal Colony, Zirakpur, Tehsil – Derabassi,  
District–S.A.S.Nagar(Mohali) - 140603 (Punjab)  
RTI Application No. 221516.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Zirakpur,  
District–Roopnagar (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority**,  
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),  
Roopnagar ( (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 122 of 2026**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Sansar Chand Rana, the appellant.  
(ii) Adv. Gulshan Mehta, Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman along with Sh. Arbanjeet Singh,  
Inspector on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 18.10.2025 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 20.11.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.

3. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO states that he has brought the information today in the Commission. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant for his perusal.

4. After going through the information, the appellant shows his satisfaction over the same and gives his verbal consent to close the case.

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: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

Sd/-  
**(Pooja Gupta)**  
State Information Commissioner  
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**Mohd. Yaqoob S/o Mohd. Bashir,**  
Mohalla – Bhumsi Bagh Wala,  
Malerkotla - 148023(Punjab)  
(M.-8360068709)

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Estate Officer  
Punjab Waqf Board, SCO 1062-1063,  
Himalaya Marg, Sector 22/B, Chandigarh – 160022

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Chief Executive Officer  
Punjab Waqf Board, SCO 1062-1063,  
Himalaya Marg, Sector 22/B, Chandigarh – 160022.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 639 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Mohsin Ali, APIO along with Mohd. Haris Khan, LSA on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 10.10.2024 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 11.11.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Mohsin Ali, APIO along with Mohd. Haris Khan, LSA state that they have brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to send the same to the appellant by registered post, within two days, under intimation to the Commission.

4. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has addressed all the points of the RTI application. **A copy of reply dated 17.04.2026 is being sent to the appellant along with the Orders of the Commission.**

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.

Sd/-

**(Pooja Gupta)**

**State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

**Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

**Enclosed: A reply dated 17.04.2026**