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Sh. Pritpal Singh, Chahal Street,
Near Bus Stand, Mansa-151505

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Conservator of Forests,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Additional Chief Secretary-cum-
Financial commissioner,
Forest and wild Life, Punjab Civil Sectt-1.,
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 683 of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant

(ii) For the respondent – Sh Baljinder Singh, clerk and ShRajveer Singh, clerk

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.09.2023 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 04.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. The appellant is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence

4. The respondent states that the respondent has not deposited the requisite fee, as demanded from him. Hence, the information has not been provided to him.

5. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 04.09.2023. Further the respondent has demanded fee on 06.10.2.202. Since, the Respondent has demanded the requisite fee from the appellant within the stipulated time period hence, the appellant is advised to deposit the requisite fee and obtain the information. With these directions, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. **sd/-**

Date :30.04.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
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Sh.Kamalpreet Singh, S/oSh
Gurbir Singh, # 134, Basant City, Ludhiana - 142022
Versus

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Agriculture Officer
Faridkot

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Agriculture ,Punjab
Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 672 of2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) for the respondent- Sh Navpreet Singh, ADO Faridkot (9041195480)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 29.10.2023 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 04.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.
4. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail intimating that he has received the information and is satisfied.
5. Since the appellant is satisfied with the information provided therefore, no further cause of action is left. Hence, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :30.04.2026

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Sh. Bittu, S/o Sh.OmKumar,
Village Bholapur, PORamgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Distt.Ludhiana- 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Market Committee, Khanna
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o EO, Market Committee, Khanna
Distt. Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.620 of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShChandandeep, A.R (9988228294)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.10.2023 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 03.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 30.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence.
4. The respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant on 14.11.2023.
5. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant through his RTI application has sought the following information-

- (1):- ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਮਾਨ ਜੀ ਸ. ਫਤਿਹ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਸਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਕੰਮ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ । ਇਸ ਦੀ ਕੂਲ ਕਿੰਨੀ ਤਨਖਾਹ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਤਨਖਾਹ ਕਿਥੇ ਬਣਦੀ ਹੈ । ਪੂਰੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਸਹਿਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ।
- (2):- ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਮਾਨ ਜੀ ਸ. ਫਤਿਹ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿ ਡਿਯੂਟੀ ਹੈ । ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਕਿਸ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ । ਪੂਰੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਸਹਿਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ।
- (3):- ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਮਾਨ ਜੀ ਸ. ਫਤਿਹ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦਾ ਪੱਕਾ ਮੁਲਾਜਮ ਹੈ, ਜਾਂ ਫਿਰ ਆਪ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਡੈਪੂਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਜਾਂ ਆਰਜੀ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਨਿਭਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ । ਪੂਰੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਸਹਿਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।



APPEAL CASE NO.620 of 2024

The respondent has filed the copy of the information sent to the appellant as under:-

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ਮਾਰਕਿਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਖੰਨਾ, (ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ)
Market Committee Khanna, (Distt Ludhiana)
pmb.smckha@punjab.gov.in
khannamc@gmail.com
No. 472839/25-10-2023 Date: 14/11/2023

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਿੰਦੂ ਪੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਓਮ ਕੁਮਾਰ,
ਪਿੰਡ ਡੋਲਾਪੁਰ, ਡਾਕਖਾਨਾ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਣਾ,
ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ- 141123

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ :- ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਐਕਟ ਤਹਿਤ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੇਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ।
ਹਵਾਲਾ :- ਆਪਣੀ ਦੀ ਬਿਨੈ ਮਿਤੀ 18-10-23

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪਣੀ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਦਰਜ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਮਿਤੀ 18-10-23 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪਣੂੰ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਮਨ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ :-

1. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਫਤਿਹ ਸਿੰਘ, ਹੁਣ ਲੇਖਾਕਾਰ ਮਾਰਕਿਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਖੰਨਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਮਿਤੀ 12-08-1987 ਤੋਂ ਰੰਗੂਲਰ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ 11 ਆਫ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ.ਐਕਟ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ. 472839 ਮਿਤੀ 25-10-2023 ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਤਹਿਤ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੇਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਨਾਮਾ / ਸਹਿਮਤੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ, ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਫਤਿਹ ਸਿੰਘ ਲੇਖਾਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਦਰਖਾਤਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਉਸਦੀ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸਦਾ ਜਨ-ਹਿਤ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੀ ਇਸ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਗਲਤ ਇਸਤੇਮਾਲ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

2. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਫਤਿਹ ਸਿੰਘ, ਮਾਰਕਿਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਖੰਨਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਲੇਖੇ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ
ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ :
3. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਫਤਿਹ ਸਿੰਘ, ਲੇਖਾਕਾਰ ਮਾਰਕਿਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਖੰਨਾ ਦਾ ਪੱਕਾ ਮੁਲਜਮ ਹੈ।

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6. The respondent has also filed the copy of the denial given by the so-called third party in this case. Hence, this objection of the respondent is upheld. Therefore, no further cause of action is left. The appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :30.04.2026

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Sh.Paramjit Singh, S/o Sh.Puran Singh
R/o Village LamocharKalan, Tehsil Jalalabad,
Distt.Fazilka

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO Jalalabad (west)

Respondents

COMPLAINANT CASE NO. 139 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Paramjit Singh, complainant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.03.2025 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 27.05.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 30.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. The complainant states that the information has not been provided to him.

4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the respondent has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an exemption from today's hearing. He has also submitted that the information has been provided to the Complainant on 19.08.2025. Copy of the same is taken on record.

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 entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).



COMPLAINANT CASE NO. 139 of 2025

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 :30.04.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Remanded back to
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O/o DDPO, Fazilka

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R/o Village LamocharKalan, Tehsil Jalalabad,
Distt.Fazilka

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO Jalalabad (west)

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 138 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Paramjit Singh, complainant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.12.2021 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 27.05.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 30.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The complainant states that the information has not been provided to him.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, the respondent has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an exemption from today's hearing. He has also submitted that the information has been provided to the Complainant on 19.08.2025. Copy of the same is taken on record.
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 entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).



COMPLAINT CASE NO. 138 of 2025

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/-

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Punjab

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VPO Tara Singh, Block Valtoha,
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M : 9855559846

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (D), Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Magistrate, Tarn Taran.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 345 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.04.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has neither informed the Commission about his absence nor filed any reply. Even the last orders dated 07.04.2026 sent to him has not been returned undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. As the Appellant is absent for third consecutive hearing and nothing has been heard from him regarding the receipt of information. Hence, it is presumed that he does not want to pursue the case any further. Hence, no further cause of action is left. With this the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :30.04.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab