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Shri Vijay Sehgal, S/o Shri J.K. Sehgal,  
Flat No483, Block No.39, BPCL Housing Colony,  
Aziz Baug, Chembur, Mumbai.  
RTI application No.40547.



.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o PUDA,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o PUDA,  
Mohali.

....Respondents

**AC No. 1218 of 2023**

**Present: i) Appellant – Absent  
ii) None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 18.11.2022 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 19.12.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.02.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. Both the parties are absent.
3. Having gone through the RTI application, the Commission observes that the appellant has sought information in a specific format which is not covered under the provisions of section 2 of the RTI Act as information is to be given as it exists in official records and not in any format sought by the appellant.
4. A citizen has a right to seek such information from a public authority which is held by the public authority or which is held under its control. This right includes inspection of work, documents and records; taking notes, extracts or certified copies of documents or records; taking certified samples of material held by the public authority or held under the control of the public authority.
5. The public authority under the RTI Act is not supposed to create information; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Only such information can be had under the Act which already exists with the public authority.
6. The information to the applicant shall ordinarily be provided in the form in which it is sought. However, if the supply of information sought in a particular form would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority or may cause harm to the safety or preservation of the records, supply of information in that form may be denied. Hence the appeal is rejected.
7. The case is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of order be sent to both the parties.

**Chandigarh  
08.05.2023**

**Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**