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ShriMukhtiar Singh

S/o Late Sh. Amar Singh,

R/o Village Jagirpur, Block -2,

Raho Road, BastiJodhewal,

District Ludhiana.

M: 89999-99691

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Water Supply and Sanitation,

Division Number 02,

Ludhiana.

Respondents

Complaint Case No. 206 of 2022

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh.SachinKalia, Advocate 7889290119 on behalf of the complainant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **30.8.2022**.

2. The Counsel on behalf of the complainant requested that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to provide the complete information.

3. It is appropriate to mention that Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos.10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010) has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information. Since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

An alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 which has not been availed in the instant case. Since

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the complainant is interested in getting the information, without going into the merit of the case, the matter is remanded back to Sh. Amarjit Singh, 8360245946 First Appellate Authority-cum- Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed timeline, after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned by passing a speaking order. A copy of this complaint filed by the complainant is also **being sent** to him along with this order with the directions that the same may be treated as first appeal.

4. With these directions the case is disposed of and closed. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file the 2nd appeal in this case, if he is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority.

Dated:18.10.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC

Sh. Amarjit Singh, 8360245946
First Appellate Authority-cum-
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