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## FINAL ORDER

**Birchh Bhan,**  
S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,  
R/o H.No. 33, Kahangarh Road,  
Patran, Distt. Patiala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Director, Agriculture Department, Punjab,  
Plot No.204, Near Dara Studio, Phase-6,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
o/o Director, Agriculture Department, Punjab,  
Plot No.204, Near Dara Studio, Phase-6,  
Mohali.

## Appeal Case No. 4397 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

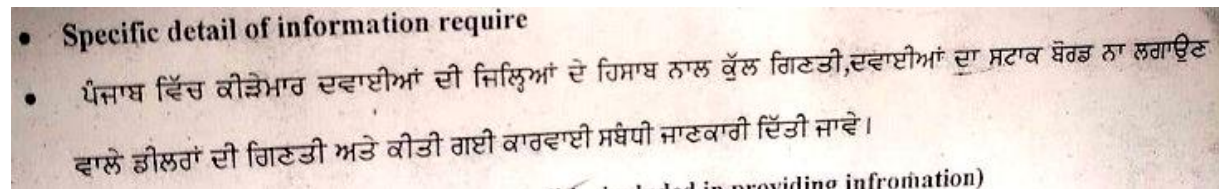
(Appellant) Absent

Iqbal Singh, SA (for the Respondent) 99145-28192

Surinder Singh, ADO (for the Respondent)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **18.8.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information:-



as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **2.9.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.9.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **19.1.2023**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Iqbal Singh, SA, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing, wherein it is stated that two replies were sent to the appellant vide Memo No. 10-170/602 Dated 30.8.2022 and 14.9.2022, wherein he was advised to seek the information from individual Chief Agricultural Officers, who have been designated as PIOs, District-wise.

3. The Commission notes that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the entire State of Punjab and is of the view that the office of Director Agricultural Punjab cannot be expected to serve as a Post Office for RTI applications. The RTI Act, 2005, also stipulates that information must be sought from the "concerned" Public Authority/PIO.

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4. There is no cause for the Commission to interfere with the PIO's decision. This Appeal is accordingly **Disposed of**.

**Sd/-**  
**(ASIT JOLLY)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
19.1.2023