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**Sh. Jasveer Singh (Reporter) – (9803637036)**

Complainant

W/o Sh. Akbar Saleem,  
R/o 16, S.L.W. Meherwala,  
Tehsil Tibbi, Distt. Hanumangarh (335526)

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Panchayat, Nathana, District Bathinda.

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 454 of 2022**  
**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** Complainant: Sh. Jasveer Singh

Respondent: Sh. Kamalpardeep Singh Bedi, Junior Assistant (M: 96461-78611)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.01.2023.
2. In today's hearing, the respondent, Sh. Kamalpardeep Singh Bedi, Junior Assistant states that as per the last order dated 12.01.2023 of the undersigned the complainant was advised to deposit the requisite documentation fees Rs. 5000/- to the department but not deposited by the complainant till today.
3. The complainant, Sh. Jasveer Singh requests the undersigned to go through his email dated 19.04.2023, which is seen and taken on record.
4. After going through the case and discussing with both the parties. 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).*
5. Apart from being a complaint case, respondent PIO is agree to comply with the directions of the Commission for supplying the information.
6. One final opportunity to the complainant to deposit the documentation fee amounting Rs. 5000/- as per previous order of the Commission dated 12.01.2023 within 10 days from today, failing which it will be presumed that complainant does not want to pursue this case further and case will be decided on merits.
7. The PIO is directed to supply the information to the complainant within ten days after collecting the requisite fee amounting Rs. 5,000/- under intimation to the Commission.
8. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
9. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **15.06.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
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**Dated: 26.04.2023**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**