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## FINAL ORDER

**Karamveer Singh,**  
S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,  
# 2124A, Block 16, CHB Flats,  
Sector 63, Chandigarh.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o Principal Secretary,  
Govt. of Punjab Department of Water Resources,  
Chandigarh.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
Principal Secretary,  
Govt. of Punjab Department of Water Resources,  
Chandigarh.

## Appeal Case No. 4616 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

(Appellant) Absent  
Kulwinder Kaur, SA (for the Respondent) 98148-14107

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **30.5.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding applications dated 24.7.2012 and 19.10.2012**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **26.7.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **3.10.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **13.12.2022**.
2. The appellant is absent without intimation. The respondent PIO, represented by Mrs. Kulwinder Kaur, SA, from the office of Chief Engineer, Department of Water Resources, Sector 18, Chandigarh, has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 15137 Dated 9.12.2022, along with a copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 15136 Dated 9.12.2022, along with the available information.
3. The Commission notes that this RTI application was submitted to the PIO office of Principal Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Punjab, on 30.5.2022, following which said office transferred the same under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the PIO Chief Engineer, Department of Water Resources, Sector 18, Chandigarh. As per the respondent Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, SA, the information was eventually retrieved from the Personnel Branch of the Department of Water Resources in the Punjab Civil Secretariat, which is a part of the office of Principal Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Punjab.
4. The Commission notes that this RTI application was wrongly transferred to the PIO, office of Principal Secretary, Water Resources, Punjab, when the requested information was in the custody of that very office. The Commission notes that said PIO's conduct resulted in avoidable delay in furnishing the requested information. The PIO office of Principal Secretary, Punjab Water Resources Department, is cautioned and advised to be more mindful in dealing with RTI applications in future.

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5. The Appeal is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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

Chandigarh  
13.12.2022