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## FINAL ORDER

**Pawan Goyal,**  
26, Alhana, Dhillon Colony,  
Opp. Govt. Mohindra College,  
Patiala.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
o/o SSP, Patiala.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
SSP, Patiala.

### Appeal Case No. 5218 of 2022 (Video Conference Proceedings)

PRESENT:

Pawan Goyal (Appellant) 97795-86000  
ASI Hakam Singh (for the Respondent) 62399-82833

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **4.8.2022** vide which the appellant has sought information:-

A number of vehicles have been impounded and are lying in various police stations in Patiala. By the passage of time, these have become un-useable as well as occupying space near the residential accommodations. This have become site for mosquitoes and other insects. Recently such vehicles have been disposed off by auction in Fatehgarh Sahib as per news item published in the daily Jagran newspaper of 22.5.22. In this connection, please provide the following information duly certified under RTI Act 2005:

1. Number of vehicles impounded and stored in various police stations at Patiala city and Urban Estates Patiala.
2. Date from which these vehicles are lying.
3. Any proposal for disposal of these vehicles under consideration.

as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.9.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **2.11.2022** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice was issued to the parties for first hearing in the Commission on **31.1.2023**.

2. Both parties are present. The respondent PIO, represented by ASI Hakam Singh, is present in person and has submitted a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Letter No. 16 Dated 2.1.2023, along with copy of the reply sent to the appellant vide Letter No. 1624-2016 Dated 18.8.2022, wherein the appellant was informed that the requested information would have to be collected from various Police Stations of Patiala District. As per the respondent, the District has 27 Police Stations. As per the RTI Act, 2005, applicants must address RTI applications to the "concerned" PIO of the concerned Public Authority.

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3. The Commission concurs with the respondent PIO and is of the view that the office of SSP, Patiala cannot be expected to serve as a post office for RTI applications.
4. The appellant is advised to seek the information by way of separate RTI application to individual Police Stations of Patiala City and Urban Estate. This Appeal is accordingly **Disposed of**.

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

Chandigarh  
31.1.2023