

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
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Shri Raj Kumar, S/o Shri Walaiti Ram,  
Old Jail Road, Mohalla Baghiwana, Faridkot.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o XEN,  
PSPCL, Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Chief Engineer, West,  
PSPCL, Bathinda.

....Respondents

**AC No. 561 of 2023**

**Present: i) Shri Raj Kumar – in person**  
**ii) Sh. Beant Singh, SDO and Sh. Narinder Singh, Divisional Suptd. O/o PSPCL Faridkot – in person**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 27.11.2015 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The appellant did not file first appeal with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and directly filed complaint in the Commission under section 18 of the RTI Act on 16.08.2022. The case first came up for hearing before this Bench on 28.09.2022 and since the complainant had come to the Commission under section 18 of the RTI Act, no directions for providing information was given and the case was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority with the direction to hear the complaint within ten days and decide the matter. Now the appellant has filed 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal in the Commission on 10.01.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today. As per appellant, the PIO has not supplied the complete information so far.
3. As per respondents, since a court case regarding excessive billing which was filed by the appellant was pending in the Hon'ble Lok Adalat, Faridkot, the information was not provided. The case now stands decided in favour of the department. As per respondent, the information relating to point-1 as available in the official record has been provided to the appellant and the information on point-2 & 3 (copy of CA-21 & 22 record, copy of meter challan and copy of report) is not available in the record since the record stands destroyed probably having been eaten by termites.
4. Hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit mentioning therein that the information relating to point-2 & 3 (copy of CA-21 & 22 record, copy of meter challan and copy of report) as sought by the appellant in the RTI application dated 27.11.2015 is not available in the official record since the record stands destroyed probably having been eaten by termites. The statement made is true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein. The affidavit should be on e-stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by Notary Public. The affidavit in original be provided to the appellant within 21 days of the receipt of the order and a copy of same be sent to the Commission for record.
5. With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
27.03.2023**

**Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**