

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
RED CROSS BUILDING, NEAR ROSE GARDEN,  
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Shri Gagandeep S/o Shri Bhagwan Chand,  
R/o Arniwala, Shekhsbhan, District Fazilka.

...Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o E.O.,  
Nagar Panchayat, Arniwala,  
Shekhsbhan, District Fazilka.

....Respondents

**CC No. 789 of 2022**

**Present:** i) **Complainant: Shri Gagandeep, in person.**  
ii) **Shri Vishal Sachdeva, Clerk is present from O/o NC, Arniwala, Shekhsbhan, Fazilka, in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 30.05.2022 vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application and the complaint was filed in the Commission on 10.11.2022 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gagandeep, complainant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Vishal Sachdeva, Clerk states that he has brought the information for the complainant to be handed over before the Bench during the hearing itself. He further submits letter number 41 dated 18.01.2023 to the Bench during the hearing, which is taken on record.
4. Accordingly, both the parties are sent to the adjacent court room to discuss details of information. Later on, the parties are called back before the Bench, Shri Gagandeep, complainant shows his satisfaction on the information given and replies in affirmative for disposing off this case. Also, it has been brought to the notice of the Bench that the requisite fees of Rs.3500/- was demanded from the complainant on 10.06.2022 and the same has been deposited to the concerned department on 23.06.2022 but the information has been supplied on 19.01.2023 after a lapse of seven months which is in contravention to the RTI Act, 2005. The Bench directs the PIO to refund the requisite fees of Rs.3500/- to the complainant by way of cash or cheque within a week.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
19.01.2023**

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