



Gurjeet Singh
S/o Sh. Gurjant Singh,
V.P.O. – Matta, Tehsil – Jaito,
Distt. - Faridkot (Punjab)
(M.-9876116009)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director General of Police, Pb.,
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
Sector - 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 104 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Ms. Sarabjeet Kaur, Senior Assistant (M.-9592487249), for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated **30.11.2022**. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 01.02.2023.

3. The complainant, Sh. Gurjeet Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

4. Ms. Sarabjeet Kaur, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has been given to the complainant vide letter dated 05.04.2023 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission. It is taken on record.

5. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act and the Commission could not allow access to the information to the Information seeker in a complaint case as the only remedy available to the information-seeker is given in Section 19 of the RTI Act

6. Hence, the instant complaint case is **remanded to First Appellate Authority**, Office of Director General of Police, Pb., Chandigarh with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

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7. If concerned First Appellate Authority will not announce any order in the instant complaint case within forty five days or after decision/announcement of First Appellate Authority, if the complainant would not be satisfied with the decision/announcement (which would be announced) by the First Appellate Authority, he is free to approach the Commission by way of second appeal.

8. With this, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :12th April, 2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority
O/o Director General of Police, Pb.,
Punjab Police Head Quarter,
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