

**Jagdish Chand,**  
H. No. 419-B,  
Adarsh Nagar,  
Nayagaon,  
Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)  
(M.-95929-13123)

.... Complainant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Asstt. Inspector General of Police,  
(Personnel – 2 Branch),  
Punjab Police Head Quarter,  
Sector - 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 565 of 2022**

Present : Sh. Jagdish Chand , the complainant in person.  
Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I.(94171-31510) office of D.G.P., Punjab, on behalf  
of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 29.07.2022. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 06.09.2022.
3. Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I office of D.G.P., Punjab, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant.
4. The appellant, Sh. Jagdish Chand, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
5. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act.
6. As 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, hence, the instant complaint case is **remanded to First Appellate Authority**, who is Inspector General of Police (Personnel), Punjab, 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 : 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

Sd/-  
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC :

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority-cum-  
- Inspector General of Police,  
(Personnel),  
Punjab Police Head Quarter,  
Sector - 9, Chandigarh

Encl : RTI Request