



Varinder Singh
S/o Sh. Dalbir Singh,
Village – Khanpur Rajputta,
Tehsil – Shahkot, Distt. - Jalandhar (Punjab)
(M : 8729012793)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Health and Family Welfare, Punjab,
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan,
Sector 34 – A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 75 of 2023

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
i) Sh. Surinder Singh, Senior Assistant (M.- 9888254655) ;
ii) Sh. Himanshu Arora, Junior Assistant (M.-9872881672), for respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 12.10.2022. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 23.01.2023.

3. This case was earlier fixed for hearing on 14.03.2023, which was postponed for today i. e. 17.03.2023

4. Sh. Surinder Singh, Senior Assistant and Sh. Himanshu Arora, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that a reply has already been given to the complainant and also sent the same reply to the Commission vide letter 10.03.2023. It is taken on record.

5. The complainant, Sh. Varinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing but through a letter has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent.

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

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Hence, the instant complaint case is **remanded to First Appellate Authority**, who is **Deputy Director, Health and Family Welfare, 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

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.

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :17th March, 2023

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

CC :

(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab,
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan,
Sector 34 – A, Chandigarh