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**Sham Lal Singla,**  
B-325, Guru Nanak Colony,  
Sangrur(Punjab)  
(M.- 99141-33001)

.... Complainant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Home Affairs & Justice,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 615 of 2022**

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.  
i) Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I.(94171-31510) O/o D. G. P., Punjab, ;  
ii) Sh. Khalid Khan, Senior Assistant (M.-88723-76800) O/o Home  
Department (Press – II Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard in the Commission

2. The RTI request is dated 04.07.2022. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 21.10.2022.
3. After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4728 dated 03.11.2022 (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 25316 dated 04.11.2022, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred vide letter no. 3652 dated 03.08.2022 to the PIO office of Bureau of Investigation (Complaint Branch) under intimation to the Commission as well as to the appellant. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.
4. Sh. Purshotam Kumar, A. S. I. appeared from office of D. G. P., Punjab, in today's hearing.
5. Sh. Khalid Khan, Senior Assistant office of Home Department (Press – II Branch), appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.
6. The complainant, Sh. Sham Lal Singla , is not present in today's hearing but through a letter dated 17.10.2022 (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24106 dated 21.10.2022), has requested to fix the next date of hearing through Video Conference. He has also sent an e-mail dated 14.11.2022 intimating that he has not received the required information.

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**Appeal Case No. 615 of 2022**

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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** office of Director, Bureau of Investigation, 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

The PIO office of Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab is exempted from this case and a copy of this order be sent to him for intimation.

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date : 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

**(Regd. Post)**

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o The Director,  
Bureau of Investigation, Pb.,  
Punjab Police Head Quarter,  
Sector 9, Chandigarh

**Encl : RTI Request**