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Sukhwinder Singh
S/o Sh. Banta Singh,
Village – Dhupsari,
P. O. – Govt. Multi Technical College,
Tehsil – Batala,
Distt. - Gurdaspur (Punjab)
(M. 9501598820)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
Civil Hospital,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 850 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the complainant .
i) Sh. Dilbagh Singh, Senior Accountant (M.- 9815294991) ;
ii) Sh. Navjot Singh, Clerk(M.-8725009050) ,, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The RTI request is dated 13.09.2022. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 02.12.2022.
3. The complainant, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing but through a telephonic communication he has intimated that he is unable to attend today's hearing and sought an adjournment in this case.
4. Sh. Dilbagh Singh, Senior Accountant, who appeared with Sh. Navjot Singh, Clerk in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 28.09.2022 and also sent a reply to the Commission vide letter no. 198 dated 06.01.2023 (received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1648 dated 10.01.2023). It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.
5. 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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6. Hence, the instant complaint case is **remanded to First Appellate Authority** office of Civil Surgeon, Gurdaspur, 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 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

7. If concerned First Appellate Authority will not announce any order in the instant complaint case within forty five days or if the complainant would not be satisfied with the decision/announcement (which would be announced) by the First Appellate Authority, he is at liberty 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 :30th January, 2023

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
Civil Hospital,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request