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Shri Inderjit Singh, Advocate  
Street No.3, Hanumangarh Road,  
Sunder Nagri, Abohar,  
District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Dy. Inspector General of Police,  
Faridkot Range, Faridkot.

...Respondents

**AC No.5435/2021**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- absent.  
(ii) Shri Gurdial Singh, Head Constable O/o SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib,  
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 07.06.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.07.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Inderjit Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Gurdial Singh, Head Constable, O/o SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 29.12.2021 by registered post. He also states that Shri Manjit Singh, ASI, RTI Branch O/o SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib had also contacted the appellant Shri Inderjit Singh on 07.01.2022 on his mobile number and the appellant had confirmed receipt of information on 03.01.2022.
4. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, to ascertain the veracity of the statement of representative of PIO, repeated attempts are made to contact him on mobile phone. The Bench observes that neither the appellant has come in person before the Bench nor he is present through cisco webex nor there has been any response to phone calls as his mobile phone is found to be switched off.

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**AC No.5435/2021**

The Bench takes on record the response of the appellant in spite of notice of hearing & SMS having been sent to him for the hearing on 03.03.2022.

5. The Bench peruses the documents available in the case file. On hearing the version of the representative of PIO as also perusing the information supplied by the PIO, the Bench is convinced that adequate information stands supplied to the appellant.

6. In view of the above, **the Bench does not feel further need for intervention in the matter. The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
03.03.2022**

**SD/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Shri Harnek Singh,  
S/o Shri Joginder Singh  
Village Gure, Tehsil Jagraon,  
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.  
(PSPCL), Head Office, Jagraon,  
District Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Chief Engineer, Central ,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.  
(PSPCL), Patiala

...Respondents

**AC No.5412/2021**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- absent.  
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 29.06.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 23.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Harnek Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o PSPCL Head Office, Jagraon, District Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that a letter dated 09.02.2022 is available in the case file from Assistant Engineer, PSPCL Distribution Sub Division, Sidhwan Khurd (Ludhiana) stating therein that the appellant has been supplied requisite information during the hearing before First Appellate Authority, to which he has given confirmation for receipt of information and has also given his consent to close the case.

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**AC No.5412/2021**

5. To ascertain the receipt of information, the appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he confirms the receipt of information and also gives his consent to close the instant appeal case.

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh  
03.03.2022

Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Jasvir Singh,  
S/o Shri Sant Singh,  
Plot No.821, Sector-79,  
Mohali-140308.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Greater Mohali Area Development  
Authority (GMADA), Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Estate Officer,  
Greater Mohali Area Development  
Authority (GMADA), Ludhiana.

...Respondents

**AC No.5349/2021**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- absent.  
(ii) Shri Gurminder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO, GMADA, Mohali.

**ORDER**

**(Heard through cisco webex/on mobile phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 05.02.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 05.03.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Jasvir Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Gurminder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information has supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 02.03.2022 and the appellant has received the same.
4. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, he is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he confirms receipt of information to his satisfaction and also gives his consent to close the case.

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**AC No.5349/2021**

5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Sd/-**

**Chandigarh  
03.03.2022**

**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))  
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Shri Anurag Sharma,  
Dashmesh Nagar, Gali No.3,  
Kotkapura Road,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

**AC No.5411/2021**

**Present:**

(i)	Appellant- absent.
(ii)	Shri Gurpreet Singh, District Coordinator, PMAY(G), Zila Parishad, Sri Muktsar Sahib.
(iii)	Dr. Vandna, Dy.Medical Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib.
(iv)	Shri Jatin Kumar, J.E. Water Supply & Sanitation Deptt., Sri Muktsar Sahib
Iv)	Shri Vikrant, Supdt. O/o Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib in person before the Bench.

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through Cisco Webex/on mobile phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.07.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Anurag Sharma, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Gurpreet Singh, District Coordinator, PMAY (G), Zila Parishad, Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that on transfer of RTI application under Section 6(3), the appellant has been supplied information on the point relating to their office vide letter dated 06.10.2021. Dr. Vandna, Deputy Medical Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib attends the hearing through cisco webex and states that the information on point relating to their office has been supplied to

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the appellant. Shri Jatin Kumar, J.E. Water Supply & Sanitation Deptt., Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present through cisco webex and states that the information relating to their office has been supplied to the appellant. Shri Vikrant, Supdt. O/o Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib comes in person before the Bench and states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 24.02.2022.

4. Apart from the above, the Bench also finds letter dated 24.1.2022 received from Addl. S.E., PSPCL/Distribution Division, Sri Muktsar Sahib, letter dated 07.02.2022 received from Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Sri Muktsar Sahib and letter dated 10.01.2022 received from the District Food & Supplied Controller, Sri Muktsar Sahib sending reply to the points relating to them.

5. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing. He is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he admits receipt of partial information from some of the PIOs. He is apprised that the information asked for by him is in the question form which is not the correct way of seeking information under the RTI Act. The Bench also observes that information sought involves multiple Departments and PIOs.

6. The Bench opines that the information sought by the appellant entails collection and compilation of information from multiple Departments and PIOs. The Bench also does not appreciate seeking of information by the appellant which involves multiple issues, multiple Departments and multiple PIOs although the appellant has addressed his RTI application to the D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

7. The Bench, as per observations made above, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information on single RTI application from multiple public authorities. A Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab has in Complaint Case No.2903 of 2011 decided on 13.01.2012, ruled as under:-

“We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that hold the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple authorities.



8. The Bench further observes that the PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib has made efforts to collect and compile information from various departments located at Sri Muktsar Sahib. Such an action is best avoided as it results in unjustified deployment of manpower. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing “information furnishing”, at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

9. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. The Bench advises the appellant to first ascertain as to whom the information specifically relates and only then to go for seeking information by filing RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

10. In view of the aforesaid observations, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**03.03.2022**

**Sd/-**  
**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))**  
**State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Kotkapura Road,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

**AC No.5410/2021**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Gurpreet Singh, District Coordinator, PMAY(G), Zila Parishad, Sri Muktsar Sahib.
- (iii) Dr. Vandna, Dy. Medical Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib.
- (iv) Shri Jatin Kumar, J.E. Water Supply & Sanitation Deptt., Sri Muktsar Sahib
- (v) Shri Vikrant, Supdt. O/o Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib in person before the Bench.

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through Cisco Webex/on mobile phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.07.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Anurag Sharma, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Gurpreet Singh, District Coordinator, PMAY (G), Zila Parishad, Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that on transfer of RTI application under Section 6(3), the appellant has been supplied information on the point relating to their office vide letter dated 06.10.2021. Dr. Vandna, Deputy Medical Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib attends the hearing through cisco webex and states that the information on point relating to their office has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 18.01.2022. Shri Jatin Kumar, J.E. Water Supply & Sanitation Deptt., Sri

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Muktsar Sahib comes present through cisco webex and states that the information relating to their office has been supplied to the appellant. Shri Vikrant, Supdt. O/o Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib comes in person before the Bench and states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 24.02.2022.

4. Apart from the above, the Bench also finds letters dated 24.01.2022 & 02.03.2022 received from Addl. S.E., PSPCL/Distribution Division, Sri Muktsar Sahib, letter dated 27.01.2022 received from ADC(Dev.)-cum-CEO, Zila Parishad, Sri Muktsar Sahib, letter dated 18.02.2022 received from the Chief Agriculture Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib, letter dated 15.02.2022 received from E.O. Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib, letter dated 07.02.2022 received from the D.R.C.S. Sri Muktsar Sahib, letter dated 12.01.2022 & 09.02.2022 received from Civil Surgeon, Sri Muktsar Sahib, and letter dated 12.01.2022 received from District Food & Supplied Controller, Sri Muktsar Sahib sending reply to the points relating to them.

5. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing. He is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he admits receipt of partial information from some of the PIOs. He is apprised that the information asked for by him is in the question form which is not the correct way of seeking information under the RTI Act. The Bench also observes that information sought involves multiple Departments and PIOs.

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9. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. The Bench advises the appellant to first ascertain as to whom the information specifically relates and only then to go for seeking information by filing RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

10. In view of the aforesaid observations, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Pawan Garg,  
#99, Block-A, Aggar Nagar,  
Ludhiana

Versus

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Chief Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Chief Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

**AC No.5418/2021**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Harpreet Singh, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Regional Office-4, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 03.07.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Pawan Garg, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Harpreet Singh, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Regional Office-4, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 28.08.2022 by registered post.
4. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, he is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he confirms the receipt of information to his satisfaction and gives his consent to close the appeal case.

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**AC No.5418/2021**

5. In view of the above, **no cause of action is left in the matter. The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
03.03.2022**

**Sd/-  
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#99, Block-A, Aggar Nagar,  
Ludhiana

Versus

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Chief Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Chief Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

**AC No.5417/2021**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Harpreet Singh, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Regional Office-4, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 03.07.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.03.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Pawan Garg, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Harpreet Singh, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Regional Office-4, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 19.08.2022 by registered post.
4. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, he is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he confirms the receipt of information to his satisfaction and gives his consent to close the appeal case.

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**AC No.5417/2021**

5. In view of the above, **no cause of action is left in the matter. The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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03.03.2022**

**Sd/-  
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