



Sarabjit Singh Gill,
1331-5, Street No. 05,
Vishwakarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road, Simlapuri,
Distt. - Ludhiana - 141003 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5058 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent –cum-PIO, in person ;
Sh. Mannveer Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO(LG – 1 Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 26.07.2021. First appeal is dated 26.08.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.11.2021.

Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent –cum-PIO of LG – 1 Branch, who appeared in person with Sh. Mannveer Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO in today's hearing, states that the information a reply has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 955 dated 19.08.2021 and again vide letter no. 331 dated 17.02.2022. Both the above-said replies placed in the case-file.

As on the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2022, the appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh Gill was directed to represent this case in person on the date, failing which the case would be decided on merits .

The appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh Gill, is not present in today's hearing despite the fact that directions were given to the appellant to appear in person, which reflects that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Balwant Singh
S/o Sh. Bhajan Singh,
Village – Bamb,
Tehsil – Samrala,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation,
Sub Division – Samrala,
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1261 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 22.06.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 03.11.2021.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

The complainant, Sh. Balwant Singh is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, the instant complaint-case is announced as disposed and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Rajveer Singh
S/o Sh. Sarindewr Singh,
Ward No. 06 – A, H. No. 38,
Balwan Wala Adda,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1315 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rajveer Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Manjit Singh, Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 28.06.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 02.12.2021.

Sh. Manjit Singh, Inspector, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply has been given to the complainant vide letter dated 25.03.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 08 dated 25.03.2022. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Rajveer Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dissatisfaction over the reply given to him by the respondent PIO.

After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, I it is found that in response to the RTI request, a proper point-wise reply has been given to the complainant.

Moreover, according to para 30 and 31 of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal no. 10787 to 10788 of 2011 in a case ; Chief Information Commissioner & another V/s State of Manipur and another before Ld. Judges - Sh. Asok Kumar Ganguly and Gyan Sudha Misra, the Commission could not allow to information seeker(complainant) to have access of the information under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 ;

Accordingly, 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 and he (the complainant) has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act.

Hence, the instant complaint case is remanded to **First Appellate Authority**, who is Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Sangrur, 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 : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority-cum-
-Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Sangrur (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request



Rajinder Kumar Sharma,
V.P.O. – Raisar,
Teh. & Distt. - Barnala - 148101 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Barnala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4970 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harpal Singh, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 11.06.2021. First appeal is dated 06.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.10.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Harpal Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant on 12.07.2022 in person. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 461 dated 02.08.2022, appended to which is a note dated 12.07.2022, signed by the appellant as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. It, alongwith a copy of –acknowledgement-receipt, is taken on record.

Since complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO and the appellant has also acknowledged that he has received the required information and has also given his consent to close the case, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Buta Ram
S/o Sh. Tirath Ram,
Hanumangarh Road,
Backside Kundan Palace,
Abohar,
Distt. – Fazilka - 152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Abohar,
Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Circle Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5115 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 30.07.2021. First appeal is dated 24.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.11.2021.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the appellant, Sh. Buta Ram through a letter dated 20.07.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16427 dated 26.07.2022, has intimated the Commission that that he has received the required information and the case be closed. It is taken on record.

Since complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO and the appellant has also acknowledged that he has received the required information and has also given his consent to close the case, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 687 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate nor the respondent is present in today's hearing despite the fact that on the last date of hearing, held on 20.04.2022, directions were given to both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO to be present with the information (supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the date fixed (for today i. e. 03.08.2022) so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

As none of the parties are present during the hearing, the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed and closed for non-pursuance.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Gagandeep Singh Punia
S/o Sh. Labh Singh Punia,
Village – Ubhiya,
Tehsil – Sunam,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 45 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Rupinder Kaur, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 23.07.2021. First appeal is dated 01.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.12.2021.

Ms. Rupinder Kaur, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of 34 pages has already been supplied to the appellant and submits a reply vide letter no. 11 dated 03.08.2022. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Gagandeep Singh Punia is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Subash Chander
Street – 02, New Luxmi Nagar,
Kapurthala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W. D. Office, Cantt. Road,
Jalandhar Cantt.,
Jalandhar -144008 (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W. D. Office, Cantt. Road,
Jalandhar Cantt.,
Jalandhar -144008 (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1293 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 30.12.2019. First appeal is dated 17.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.05.2020.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Subash Chander nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 349 dated 16.05.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been given to the appellant, appended to which is a note dated 16.05.2022 signed by the appellant as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. It, alongwith acknowledgement -receipt, is taken on record

Since complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO and the appellant has also acknowledged that he has received the required information and has also given his consent to close the case, hence, the show-cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO vide orders dated 02.02.2021, is dropped and the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Ms. Tarmej Kaur
Alias Ms. Sukhjot Kaur,
D/o Sh. Surjit Singh,
Badhni Kalan,
Distt. - Moga(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commandant,
75th Battalion,
Punjab Armed Police PAP,
Jalandhar Cantt. (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Inspector General of Police,,
Punjab Armed Police PAP-2,
Jalandhar Cantt. (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5675 of 2021

Present : Ms. Tarmej Kaur, the appellant in person.
Sh. Dev Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 08.03.2021. First appeal is dated 09.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.12.2021.

Sh. Dev Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 13307 dated 03.06.2022. He also submits a reply dated 30.07.2022 signed by the Commandant, 75th Battalion, Punjab Armed Police PAP, Jalandhar Cantt in response to the show-cause issued vide orders dated 16.05.2022. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Ms. Tarmej Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, raised a query for pending information during the hearing and a reply has been handed over by the respondent to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

Since complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO and the appellant has also acknowledged the same. Moreover, finding the explanation, sent vide letter dated 30.07.2022 by the respondent PIO, as genuine, the show-cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO vide orders dated 16.05.2022, is dropped and the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Surinder Kumar
S/o Sh. Raja Ram,
H. No. 2226/131,
Block – 34, Chander Nagar,
Street – 02, Near Civil City,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation,
Division - Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Engineer-in-Chief,
Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation,
S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 633 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent – I O/o Chief Engineer, Patiala ;
- ii) Sh. Jagsir Singh, Superintendent O/o S. E., Circle Bathinda, for respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 17.07.2021. First appeal is dated 01.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.01.2022.

Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent – I office of Chief Engineer, S. A. S. Nagar and Sh. Jagsir Singh, Superintendent office of S. E., Circle Bathinda, who appeared in today's hearing, state that complete information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 14.07.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 10580-82 dated 14.07.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16247 dated 25.07.2022. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information is taken on record

The appellant, Sh. Surinder Kumar is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as **disposed and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Tajinder Singh
S/o Sh. Balvir Singh,
Village – Nauneetpur,
P. O. – Barhian Kalan,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Mahilpur, Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Mahilpur, Distt. - Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 683 of 2022

Present : Sh. Tajinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vijay Kumar, Village Development Officer, Mahilpur, on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 28.10.2021. First appeal is dated 27.11.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.02.2022.

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Village Development Officer, Mahilpur, who appeared on behalf of
the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been
supplied to the appellant on 21.06.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Tajinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing,
states that the information supplied to him not legible.

On this, Sh. Vijay Kumar, Village Development Officer, hands over legible copies of
the required information during the hearing in the Commission and also submits copies of the
same to the Commission, which are taken on record.

Since complete information has been supplied to the appellant by the
representative of the respondent during the hearing in the Commission and the appellant orally
expresses his satisfaction over the same.

In view of all the above, the instant appeal-case is announced as **disposed and
closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Ms. Ranjeet Kaur
W/o Sh. Balwant Singh,
H. No. 1054, Phase – 3B2,
Sector 60,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Roopnagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 109 of 2022

Present : Ms. Ranjeet Kaur, the complainant in person.
Sh. Gurmukh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat - Kalal Majra, on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.11.2021. The complaint has been received in the
Commission on 24.02.2022.

Sh. Gurmukh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, who appeared on behalf of the
respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information has already been supplied to
the complainant on 20.06.2022 and also hands over a copy of the same to the complainant during
the hearing in the Commission today.

The complainant, Ms. Ranjeet Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing,
expresses her dissatisfaction over the supplied information.

After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it
is found that in response to the RTI request, the required information as demanded through RTI
request has been supplied to the complainant.

Moreover, according to para 30 and 31 of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble
Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal no. 10787 to 10788 of 2011 in a case ; Chief Information
Commissioner & another V/s State of Manipur and another before Ld. Judges - Sh. Asok Kumar
Ganguly and Gyan Sudha Misra, the Commission could not allow to information
seeker(complainant) to have access of the information under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 ;

Accordingly, 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 and she (the complainant) has not exhausted the channel of
approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act.

Hence, the instant complaint case is remanded to **First Appellate Authority**,
who is Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Roopnagar, 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, she 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 : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority-cum-
-Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Roopnagar (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request



Rajveer Singh
S/o Sh. Surinder Singh,
H. No. 38, Ward No. 06 A,
Bhalwan Wala Adda,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dhuri,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 24 of 2022

Present : Sh. Rajveer Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Manjit Singh, Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 28.06.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2021.

Sh. Manjit Singh, Inspector, appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing.

The complainant, Sh. Rajveer Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the above-said complaint case i. e. C. C. No. 24 of 2022 is made on his RTI request dated 28.06.2021 and he has filed second appeal in the Commission for the RTI request dated 28.06.2021(as stated above) and an appeal case number has been allotted i. e. A. C. No. 1315 of 2022, which is also fixed for today before the Bench of the under-signed. He also requests that A. C. No. 1315 of 2022 be taken up and the above-said compliant case i. e. C. C. No. 24 of 2022 be closed.

In view of the above, A . C. No. 1315 of 2022 be taken up and C. C. No. 24 of 2022 is not required to be taken, moreover, and the complainant has also given his consent to close this case.

Hence, the instant complaint-case is announced as **disposed and closed**.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Rajveer Singh
S/o Sh. Surinder Singh,
H. No. 38, Ward No. 06 A,
Bhalwan Wala Adda,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dhuri,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 22 of 2022

Present : Sh. Rajveer Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Manjit Singh, Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 21.09.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2021.

Sh. Manjit Singh, Inspector, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply has been given to the complainant vide letter no. 07 dated 25.03.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 08 dated 25.03.2022. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Rajveer Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dissatisfaction over the reply given to him by the respondent PIO.

After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it is found that in response to the RTI request, a proper point-wise reply has been given to the complainant.

Moreover, according to para 30 and 31 of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal no. 10787 to 10788 of 2011 in a case ; Chief Information Commissioner & another V/s State of Manipur and another before Ld. Judges - Sh. Asok Kumar Ganguly and Gyan Sudha Misra, the Commission could not allow to information seeker(complainant) to have access of the information under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 ;

Accordingly, 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 and he (the complainant) has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act.

Hence, the instant complaint case is remanded to **First Appellate Authority**, who is Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Sangrur, 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 : 3rd August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority-cum-
-Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Sangrur (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request