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Shri Surjit Singh
Village & PO Ladhuka,
Tehsil & District Fazilka..

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Fazilka.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2178 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Surjit Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **ASI Satpal Singh, I/c RTI Cell, O/o SSP Fazilka.**

ORDER:

(Heard through V.C.)

1. The RTI application is dated 06.02.2021 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 18.02.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.09.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Fazilka. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C.. Shri Surjit Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. ASI Satpal Singh, Incharge, RTI Cell O/o SSP Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf the PIO. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 21.03.2021 and again vide letter dated 24.07.2021.
4. Shri Surjit Singh, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He confirms the receipt of information and also gives his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
07.09.2021**

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

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Shri Baldev Singh S/o Sh.Lal Singh
Assistant Engineer (Elect.),
C/o Sh.Pawan Kumar Sharma,
Kothi No.585, Phase-2,
Sector-54, Mohali.

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

Remanded Back
First Appellate Authority-cum-
Chief Financial Officer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PCPCL), Patiala.

... Respondents

CC No.515/2021

Present: (i) **Complainant- absent .**
(ii) **Shri Kuldeep Singh, Accounts Officer O/o Chairman-cum-M.D.,**
PSPCL, Patiala.

ORDER

(Heard through V.C./On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 05.03.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 26.04.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.09.2021 through V.C. in the Office D.C. Fazilka. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. Shri Baldev Singh, complainant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Kuldeep Singh, Accounts Officer O/o PSPCL, Patiala comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 26.04.2021 by registered post.
4. The complainant Shri Baldev Singh is contacted on mobile phone on the given mobile number which is picked up by Shri Pawan Kumar Sharma, Advocate. He states that he is representing the complainant in the present complaint case and further states that the complainant has received the information, but there are deficiencies in the information received.

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5. The Bench observes that the complainant is not satisfied with the information provided. The Bench further observes that the appellant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

6. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant complaint case. The Bench observes that the complainant must be given an opportunity to avail of the above said remedy.

7. Post deliberations with the PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Shri S.K. Berry, Chief Financial Officer, PSPCL, Patiala**. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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07.09.2021**

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Shri Pawan Kumar S/o Sh.Shiv Lal,
Village Rupana,
Tehsil & Distt.Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Commissioner,
Ferozepur Division, Ferozepur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2259 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Balkaran Singh, District Revenue Officer/PIO,
O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

ORDER:

(Heard through V.C./on Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 22.02.2021 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 25.03.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.09.2021 through V.C. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib. Shri Pawan Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Balkaran Singh, D.R.O./PIO O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar sahib comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. However, due to poor audio, he is contacted on mobile phone. He states that information sought by the appellant, has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 15.06.2021.
4. Shri Pawan Kumar, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He confirms the receipt of information and also gives his consent to the close the case.

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

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Shri Sukhdev Singh S/o Sh.Rai Singh
R/o VPO Bodiwala Kharak Singh,
Tehsil Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

... Complainant

Versus

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

Remanded Back
First Appellate Authority-cum-
Distt. Development & Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

... Respondents

CC No.512/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Vikul Puri, Advocate on behalf of the Complainant .**
(ii) **Shri Jatinder Singh, V.D.O. O/o BDPO Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib)**

ORDER

(Heard through V.C./On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 05.03.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 26.04.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.09.2021 through V.C. in the Office D.C. Fazilka. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Sri Muktsar Sahib. Shri Sukhdev Singh, complainant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. Shri Vikul Puri, Advocate attend the hearing on behalf of the complainant. He states that the complainant has not been supplied any information yet.
3. Shri Jatinder Singh, V.D.O. O/o BDPO, Malout comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the RTI application has been transferred to their office only on 18.08.2021 and that the information is yet to be supplied to the complainant.
4. The Bench observes that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

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CC No.512/2021

5. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant complaint case. The Bench observes that the complainant must be given an opportunity to avail of the above said remedy.

6. Post deliberations with the PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Shri Harmandeep Singh, District Development & Panchayat Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib**. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Lachhman Singh
S/o Shri Chanan Singh
1438/2, Phase-11,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA
PUDA Bhawan, Mohali..

**Remanded Back
First Appellate Authority-cum-**
O/o Estate Officer (Policy)
GMADA, PUDA Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

... Respondents

CC No.586/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Lachhman Singh, Complainant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **Shri Vikramjit, Junior Engineer, Building Branch, GMADA, Mohali.**

ORDER

(Heard through V.C.)

1. The RTI application is dated 05.03.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 13.05.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.09.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Mohali. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. Shri Lachhman Singh, complainant attends the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has not received any information from the PIO.
3. Shri Vikramjit, Junior Engineer, O/o GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the requisite information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 06.09.2021 by registered post.
4. The Bench observes that the complainant denies having received any information, he has, however, not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

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CC No.586/2021

5. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant complaint case. The Bench observes that the complainant must be given an opportunity to avail of the above said remedy.

6. Post deliberations with the representative of PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Smt. Sukhwinder Kumari, Estate Officer (Policy), GMADA, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali**. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
07.09.2021**

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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... Complainant

Versus

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O/o GMADA
PUDA Bhawan, Mohali..

**Remanded Back
First Appellate Authority-cum-**
O/o Estate Officer (Policy),
GMADA, PUDA Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

... Respondents

CC No.591/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Lachhman Singh, Complainant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **Shri Vikramjit, Junior Engineer, Building Branch, GMADA, Mohali.**

ORDER

(Heard through V.C.)

1. The RTI application is dated 04.01.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 13.05.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.09.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Mohali. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. Shri Lachhman Singh, complainant attends the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has not received any information from the PIO.
3. Shri Vikramjit, Junior Engineer, O/o GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the requisite information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 06.09.2021 by registered post.
4. The Bench observes that the complainant denies having received any information, he has, however, not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

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CC No.591/2021

5. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant complaint case. The Bench observes that the complainant must be given an opportunity to avail of the above said remedy.

6. Post deliberations with the representative of PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Smt. Sukhwinder Kumari, Estate Officer (Policy), GMADA, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali**. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Advocate,
2877, Phase-7,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)

... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA
PUDA Bhawan, Mohali..

**Remanded Back
First Appellate Authority-cum-**
O/o Estate Officer,
GMADA, PUDA Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

... Respondents

CC No.611/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Harminder Singh, Complainant.**
(ii) **Shri Vikramjit, Jr. Engineer, Building Branch, O/o GMADA, Mohali.**

ORDER

(Heard through V.C./On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 09.08.2018 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 21.05.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.09.2021 through V.C. in the Office D.C. Mohali. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C. Shri Harminder Singh, complainant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Vikramjit, Junior Engineer O/o Building Branch, GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing V.C. He states that the information sought by the complainant has been supplied vide letter dated 20.08.2021.
4. Shri Harminder Singh, complainant is contacted on mobile phone due to poor audio through Cisco Webex. He states that he has received the information. However, he further adds that he had filed RTI application on 09.08.2018 and the complaint in the Commission has been filed on 21.05.2021. He is aggrieved by the action on the part of the PIO/respondent in delaying the information inordinately and states that the relevant provisions under the RTI Act have been thrown

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out of the window. He further states that the respondent must be held accountable for such a long delay in providing information and penalised under the provisions of RTI Act.

5. The Bench concurs with the statement made by the complainant that though he has received the information, but he is still aggrieved by the inordinate delay in receiving the information. The Bench further observes that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

6. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant complaint case. The Bench observes that the complainant must be given an opportunity to avail of the above said remedy.

7. Post deliberations, with the representative of the PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Smt. Sukhwinder Kumari, Estate Officer(Policy), GMADA, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali**. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

8. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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