



Balram  
S/o Sh. Ram Narain,  
Village – Dharampura,  
Tehsil – Abohar,  
Distt. – Fazilka – 152116 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
And Sewerage Board,  
Division No. - 01,  
Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Engineer-in-Chief-  
cum-Technical Advisor,  
Punjab Water Supply and  
Sewerage Board,  
Plot No. 1-B, Sector 27-A,  
Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 73 of 2022

Present : Sh. Balram, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Ashiwini Kumar, Executive Engineer, in person.

#### ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 15.09.2021. First appeal is dated 10.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.12.2021.

Sh. Ashiwini Kumar, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 5677 dated 31.12.2021 and again vide letter no. 2498 dated 08.08.2022 and a reply a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2499 dated 08.08.2022 . It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Balram, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

On this, Sh. Ashiwini Kumar, Executive Engineer , also hands over the remaining information to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. A copy of the same is taken on record.

After going over the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned and finding it satisfactory, no cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Rajinder Kumar  
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,  
Ward – 02, Supreme Enclave,  
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,  
Link Road, Mansa - 151505(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5209 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG-III Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 07.08.2021. First appeal is dated 08.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.11.2021.

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG-III Branch), who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a detailed reply vide letter no. 1423 dated 08.08.2022 has already been sent to the appellant, intimating him that a report ( on the complaints filed by the appellant) has been demanded from the office of Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Urban), Mansa vide letters dated 27.08.2021, 09.02.2022, 16.05.2022 and 22.07.2022 and report has not been received from that office yet. He also states that whenever it would be received from that office, it would be given to the appellant positively. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is not present in today's hearing, moreover, through a letter dated 10.08.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has requested to transfer this case to other Bench. It is taken on record.

As the respondent PIO has shown no objection in proving the required information to the appellant, hence, no cognizance on the letter dated 10.08.2022 (sent by the appellant) is required to be taken in this case.

In view of all the above, the case is disposed of and closed with the directions to the respondent PIO that whenever the above-mentioned report would be received from the concerned office, the same shall be provided to the appellant under intimation to the Commission.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Rajinder Kumar  
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,  
Ward – 02, Supreme Enclave,  
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,  
Link Road, Mansa - 151505(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o O/o The Superintendent,  
(LG – III Branch),  
O/o The Director,  
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. 5210 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG-III Branch), on behalf of the  
respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 26.08.2021. First appeal is dated 29.09.2021. Second  
appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.11.2021.

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG-III Branch), who appeared in  
person in today's hearing, submits a detailed reply vide letter no. 1425 dated 08.08.2022 has  
already been sent to the appellant, intimating him that the information demanded through RTI  
request is 'third party' information and a report/consent of the 'third party' (on the complaint filed  
by the appellant) has been demanded from the office of Governance Reforms (Branch – 1) vide  
letter dated 24.09.2021 and report has not been received from that office yet. He also states that  
whenever it would be received, it would be given to the appellant positively. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is not present in today's hearing, moreover,  
through a letter dated 10.08.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail,  
has requested to transfer this case to other Bench. It is taken on record.

As the respondent PIO has shown no objection in proving the required information  
to the appellant, hence, no cognizance on the letter dated 10.08.2022 (sent by the appellant) is  
required to be taken in this case.

In view of all the above, the case is disposed of and closed with the directions to  
the respondent PIO that whenever the above-mentioned report would be received from the  
concerned branch, the same shall be provided to the appellant under intimation to the  
Commission.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



R. P. Singh  
Through Sh. Gurmel Singh Nahar, Advocate,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Near Public Lift,  
Court Complex, Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
And Sanitation Division – 02,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
And Sanitation Division – 02,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3610 of 2021

Present : Sh. R. P. Singh , the appellant in person.  
Sh. Mandeep Singh, Executive Engineer, in person.

#### ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 22.05.2021. First appeal is dated 25.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.08.2021.

The appellant, Sh. R. P. Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and through a letter dated 08.02.2022 , he has pointed out deficiencies to the respondent, which have not been removed till date.

Sh. Mandeep Singh, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and in compliance to the order dated 09.05.2022, he has brought all the relevant official record in the Commission.

The appellant, inspected the relevant record during the hearing and identified the remaining information.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information (identified by the appellant during the hearing) to the appellant through registered post within two days from today under intimation to the Commission.

With the above-announced directions, the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Munish Kumar  
S/o Sh. Gurdev Kumar,  
Barnala Road, Ward - 01,  
Dhanaula, Distt. – Barnala (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Tehsildar,  
Dhanaula, Distt. – Barnala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Barnala (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3636 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 05.04.2021. First appeal is dated 17.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 12.08.2021.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

The appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar is not present in today's hearing but through an e-mail dated 09.08.2022, he has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to health issue and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on an earlier hearing, held on 31.01.2022, an opportunity was given to the appellant to specify the required information (regarding property owned by him) to the respondent so that the same could be provided by the respondent. But the appellant through letter dated 09.08.2022 only intimated that he is not able to attend the hearing but has not intimated whether he specified the required information (regarding property owned by him) to the respondent. Moreover, he has not approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant either does not require the information anymore or not interested to pursue this case, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Sarabjit Singh Gill,  
H. No. 60-35-P-376/1,  
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,  
P. O. – Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana - 141014 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) 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
- ii) The Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Zone-C, Ludhiana (Punjab)
- iii) The Assistant Town Planner-cum-PIO  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Zone-D, Ludhiana (Punjab)
- iv) The Executive Engineer-cum-PIO  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
O & M Cell, Ludhiana (Punjab)
- v) The Executive Engineer -cum-PIO  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Light Branch, Ludhiana (Punjab)
- vi) The Executive Engineer  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
(B & R), Ludhiana (Punjab)
- vii) The Executive Engineer  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Zone-A (B & R), Ludhiana (Punjab)
- viii) The Executive Engineer  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Zone-C (B & R), Ludhiana (Punjab)

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. 2067 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 05.02.2021. First appeal is dated 06.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.04.2021.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 265 dated 18.05.2022 signed by PIO of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-A (B & R), Ludhiana which has been received in the Commission vide through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the appellant did not visit the office of the respondent on 18.05.2022 to inspect the official-record despite the fact the PIO himself remained present in the office . It taken on record

The appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh Gill, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant either does not require the information anymore or not interested to pursue this case further and hence instant appeal-case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,  
H. No. 60-35-P-376-1,  
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,  
P. O. - Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
(Town Planning Wing ),  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Zone – B, Ludhiana (Punjab)

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. 2140 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 01.02.2021. First appeal is dated 02.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

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 respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 661 dated 25.03.2022, has intimated the Commission that the information at point no. 01 has already been given to the appellant by Town Planning Wing of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh and the information at point no. 02 and 03 demanded by the appellant relates with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and RTI request of the appellant was transferred vide letter no. 1119 dated 23.03.2021 to Public Information Officer office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act. It is placed in the case-file.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is also found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1376 dated 16.11.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 1358 dated 28.10.2021 through registered post by the Zone-B of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. It is also placed in the case-file.



The appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim .

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 : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Arvinder Pal Singh,  
H. No. 32, Gurjivan Vihar,  
Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Tehsil- Derabassi,  
Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Zirakpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Zirakpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1209 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh , the appellant in person.  
i) Sh. Kulwant Singh, Junior Engineer ;  
ii) Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate , on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard in the Commission.

Sh. Kulwant Singh, Junior Engineer and Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant , Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

The appellant, inspected the relevant record during the hearing and identified the remaining information.

Sh. Kulwant Singh, Junior Engineer and Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, hand over the remaining information, which is identified by the appellant during the hearing, to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. 84 dated 04.05.2022, which was received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9439 dated 06.05.2022, intimating that penalty of Rs. 10,000/- , which was imposed orders dated 17.08.2021 was deposited and compensation of Rs. 5000/- was paid to the appellant vide Cheque no. 207723 dated 29.04.2022, which was awarded vide order dated 18.10.2021. It, alongwith copy of challan-receipt and copy of Cheque no. 207723 dated 29.04.2022, is placed in the case-file.

Since orders passed by the Commission has been complied with and no cause of action is left in this case, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as **disposed and closed**.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Rajinder Kumar  
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,  
Ward – 02, Supreme Enclave,  
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,  
Link Road, Mansa - 151505(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2144 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG-III Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 30.01.2021. First appeal is dated 09.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG-III Branch), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information vide letter no. 1737 dated 26.07.2022 has already been sent to the appellant and a reply is submitted vide letter no. 1427 dated 08.08.2022 alongwith annexure, during the hearing in the Commission. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is not present in today's hearing, moreover, through a letter dated 10.08.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has requested to transfer this case to other Bench. It is taken on record.

Since complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO and no cause of action is left in this case, hence, no cognizance on the letter dated 10.08.2022 (sent by the appellant) is required to be taken.

In view of all the above, the case is disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Baldev Singh  
S/o Sh. Baaz Singh,  
Village – Sathiaali,  
P. O. – Nainkot,  
Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 648 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant in person.  
i) Sh. Rohit, Senior Assistant (RD – 1 Branch) ;  
ii) Sh. Ajay Kumar, Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 23.09.2021. First appeal is dated 11.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.01.2022.

Sh. Rohit, Senior Assistant (RD – 1 Branch) and Sh. Ajay Kumar, Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that complete information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Baldev Singh, through a letter dated 08.08.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission 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 : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Channan Singh(Ex-Fauji)  
S/o Sh. Deva Singh,  
V. P. O. – Surapur,  
Tehsil – Nawanshaheer,  
Distt. – Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar -144506(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

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

...Respondents

### Complaint Case No. 46 of 2022

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

#### ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 21.09.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 19.01.2022.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing but through an e-mail dated 10.08.2022 has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing . It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 299 dated 15.03.2022, has intimated that a point-wise reply has already been given to the complainant, intimating him that the information demanded through RTI request is in nature of 'questions' and questions do not constitute 'information'. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Channan Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 17.021.2022. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant is not interested to pursue this case further and hence the instant complaint-case case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Gurmej Lal,  
H. No. 6375, Street – 16,  
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,  
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,  
P. O. – Daba, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chief Town Planner,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chief Town Planner,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2595 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 11.03.2021. First appeal is dated 11.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.06.2021.

On an earlier hearing, held on 28.02.2022, Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector, Zone – C of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, stated that in compliance to the order dated 29.11.2021, a point-wise reply was been sent to the appellant through registered post on 25.02.2022. As the appellant was not present, hence, an opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO on 25.02.2022 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

On the last date of hearing, held on 22.06.2022, Ms. Ravneet Kaur, Building Inspector(Town Planning Wing), stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing but through an e-mail dated 10.08.2022 has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal, is not present in today's hearing. 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 : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
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Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 789 of 2022**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG-III Branch), in person.

**ORDER**

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 10.09.2021. First appeal is dated 09.10.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.02.2022.

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG-III Branch), who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a detailed reply vide letter no. 1421 dated 08.08.2022 has already been sent to the appellant, intimating him intimating him that the information demanded through RTI request is 'third party' information and a report/consent of the 'third party' (on the complaint filed by the appellant) has been demanded from the office of Governance Reforms (Branch – 1) vide letter dated 24.09.2021 and report has not been received from that office yet. He also states that whenever it would be received, it would be given to the appellant positively. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is not present in today's hearing, moreover, through a letter dated 10.08.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has requested to transfer this case to other Bench. It is taken on record.

As the respondent PIO has shown no objection in proving the required information to the appellant, hence, no cognizance on the letter dated 10.08.2022 (sent by the appellant) is required to be taken in this case.

In view of all the above, the case is **disposed of and closed** with the directions to the respondent PIO that whenever the above-mentioned report would be received from the concerned branch, the same shall be provided to the appellant under intimation to the Commission.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab



Ranjit Singh  
98, Beant Nagar,  
PAP Line,  
Jalandhar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,  
East - 1, Village - Kaki,  
Distt. - Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 1082 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Ranjit Singh, the complainant in person.  
Sh. Vikram Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 19.01.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 24.08.2021.

Sh. Vikram Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant through registered post vide letter no. 123 dated 02.06.2022. It is placed in the case-file.

The complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been 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 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 Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, 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 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.

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

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.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

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CC :

(Regd. Post)

The Director-cum-  
First Appellate Authority  
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request