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Shri Tejinder Singh  
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur-144410  
District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

**AC No.1695 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Smt. Adarshpal Kaur, Superintendent/PIO O/o SDM Malout,  
District Sri Muktsar Sahib**

**ORDER**

**(Heard Through Cisco Webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.08.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Smt. Adarshpal Kaur, PIO also comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. She states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 01.09.2021 and the appellant has also acknowledged receipt of information in writing on 20.09.2021.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant 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  
10.11.2021**

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

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Smt. Kulwinder Kaur  
W/o Late Shri Kulwant Singh,  
C/o Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Shiv Lal  
Village Rupana,  
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

**AC No.1704 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **Shri Manjit Singh, ASI, RTI Cell, O/o SSP, Sri Muktsar Sahib  
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/On Mobile phone)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.08.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Manjit Singh, ASI, RTI Cell 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 along with related documents and as per directions of the Bench, he has brought along the relevant record with him. He also states that the information as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant.
4. The appellant Smt. Kulwinder Kaur is contacted on mobile phone. In spite of repeated attempts made to contact her, her mobile phone is found to be switched off.
5. On examining the relevant record and the documents produced by the representative of PIO, the Bench observes that adequate information has been supplied to the appellant.

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**AC No.1704/2021**

5. Post deliberations, the PIO is now directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper within 15 days duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1704/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record. The representative of PIO assures to do the needful.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jang Bahadur  
S/o Shri Jai Chand  
R/o Mandi Ameenganj,  
Roran Wali,  
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Dev.),  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Fazilka.

....Respondents

**AC No.1705 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- absent.  
(ii) Shri Vipin Kumar, Manager(IT) O/o Addl. D.C. (Development), Fazilka  
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent

**ORDER**

**(Heard Through Cisco Webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.08.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Jang Bahadur, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Vipin Kumar, Manager (IT) O/o A.D.C. (Development), Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 14.10.2021 and that the appellant has also acknowledged receipt of information.
4. On perusing the case file, the Bench observes that the appellant has given in writing that he has received the information and has also given 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.**

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Shri P.C. Sharma,  
Advocate/RTI Activist,  
# 378, M.M. Malviya Road,  
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Amritsar Development Authority  
PUDA, Green Avenue,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Chief Administrator,  
Amritsar Development Authority  
PUDA, Green Avenue, Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No.1721 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **Smt. Kiran Kumari, Superintendent/APIO, Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/On Mobile Phone)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.08.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri P.C. Sharma, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through Cisco Webex.
3. Smt. Kiran Kumari, Superintendent/APIO, Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. She states that as per directions of the Bench, the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 01.11.2021 by registered post. She further states that the information is not available in the format as has been sought and that the appellant was called three times to inspect the relevant records, but he has not turned up in their office at all. She also produces copy of letter dated 01.11.2021 before the Bench.
4. Shri P.C. Sharma, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has not received the information as yet. He is apprised of the version of the APIO Smt. Kiran Kumari. He states that he has sought information as available in the records. He is, however, apprised of the version of the APIO that the

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information amounts to culling out the information from large volume of records. The appellant should have gone and inspected the records and identified the information but he failed to do so in spite of request by the respondent to do so on three occasions.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that the information as sought by the PIO amounts to preparation of information. The PIO is directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within twenty one days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information sought by the appellant is not available as asked for and it amounts to culling out the information from large volume of records after putting in excessive working hours by the staff. It be further stated that the appellant was called thrice for inspection of records but he did not turn up. It be also stated that the statement made is true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record. The APIO assures to do the needful.

6. In view of the above and as per assurance given by the APIO Smt. Kiran Kumari, **the appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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# 378, M.M. Malviya Road,  
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Amritsar Development Authority  
PUDA, Green Avenue,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Chief Administrator,  
Amritsar Development Authority  
PUDA, Green Avenue, Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No.1722 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **Smt. Kiran Kumari, Superintendent/APIO, Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/On Mobile Phone)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.08.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri P.C. Sharma, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through Cisco Webex.
3. Smt. Kiran Kumari, Superintendent/APIO, Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. She states that as per directions of the Bench, the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 01.11.2021 by registered post. She further states that the information is not available in the format as has been sought and that the appellant was called three times to inspect the relevant records, but he has not turned up in their office at all. She also produces copy of letter dated 01.11.2021 before the Bench.
4. Shri P.C. Sharma, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has not received the information as yet. He is apprised of the version of the APIO Smt. Kiran Kumari. He states that he has sought information as available in the records. He is, however, apprised of the version of the APIO that the

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6. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that the information as sought by the PIO amounts to preparation of information. The PIO is directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within twenty one days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information sought by the appellant is not available as asked for and it amounts to culling out the information from large volume of records after putting in excessive working hours by the staff. It be further stated that the appellant was called thrice for inspection of records but he did not turn up. It be also stated that the statement made is true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record. The APIO assures to do the needful.

6. In view of the above and as per assurance given by the APIO Smt. Kiran Kumari, **the appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Balbir Singh,  
S/o Shri Ajit Singh  
H.No.L-13/1021, Street No.3,  
Kot Baba Deep Singh,  
Near Sabji Mandi, Amritsar.

.....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
PSPCL City East, Model Town,  
Ludhiana.

**Remanded Back**

**First Appellate Authority**  
Chief Engineer, Central Zone,  
PSPCL, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

**CC No.973/2021**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Balbir Singh, Complainant, in person.**  
(ii) **Shri Sumit Arya, SDO Commercial, PSPCL, Model Town, Ludhiana  
in person, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 25.04.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 28.07.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 11.08.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Balbir Singh, complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person. He states that he has not received the information yet.

3. Shri Sumit Arya, SDO Commercial, PSPCL Model Town, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person. He states that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 03.11.2021. On the asking of the Bench, he shows the information supplied and the relevant record to the complainant in the adjacent court room and reports back to the Bench. The appellant observes that information shown was mostly irrelevant except on one issue which was to his satisfaction.

4. The Bench observes that the complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to his RTI application. The Bench further observes that he 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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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 complainant and the representative of PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Shri Bhupinder Khosla, Chief Engineer, Central Zone, PSPCL, Ludhiana**. 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.

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

**Chandigarh  
10.11.2021**

**Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

**Copy to (By Regd. Post):**

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Chief Engineer, Central Zone,  
PSPCL, Ludhiana.

