

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
**Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,**  
**Sector 16, Chandigarh.**  
Ph: 0172-2864113, Helpline No. 0172-2864100  
Email: - [psic22@punjabmail.gov.in](mailto:psic22@punjabmail.gov.in)  
Visit us: - [www.infocommpunjab.com](http://www.infocommpunjab.com)



**Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)**  
Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village Bolapur,, Jhabewal,  
PO Ramgarh, Distt. Ludhiana 141123.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Secy, Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Secy, Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 1159 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sukhjinder Singh (APIO).

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with the earlier orders dated 28.7.2021 where respondent PIO was directed to supply the information with regard to the information relating to time from 3.7.2021 to 3.10.2021 before the next date of hearing positively and the hearing was adjourned to 19.10.2021.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that he has received the sought information as per his RTI application and requests that the present case may be closed/disposed off.
3. In view of above, the court considers that the information which was sought under RTI Act has been received by the appellant and views no course of action required in the present case. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed off & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

**Dated: 19.10.2021**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
**Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,**  
**Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Ph: 0172-2864113, Helpline No. 0172-2864100

Email: - [psic22@punjabmail.gov.in](mailto:psic22@punjabmail.gov.in)

Visit us: - [www.infocommpunjab.com](http://www.infocommpunjab.com)



**(Regd. Post)** Sh.Sandeep Pathak Advocate  
Chamber No.806,  
Lawyers' Chambers,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Distt. Courts,  
Bathinda 151001.

Complainant

Versus

**(Regd. Post)** Public Information Officer  
O/o SSP, Bhatinda.

**Remanded Back-**

**(Regd. Post)** First Appellate Authority  
O/o SSP, Bhatinda.

Encl. RTI application

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 263 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Nobody on behalf of the complainant.  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Baljeet Singh (DSP) (9878618205).

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with the earlier orders dated 28.7.2021 wherein the PIO was advised to go through the RTI application and supply the reply/information. The case was adjourned for further hearing for 19.10.2021.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Baljeet Singh is present for today's hearing states that reply as per previous orders of the Commission dated 28.07.2021 has already been supplied to the complainant.
3. Complainant is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing, which shows his casual attitude towards the orders of the Commission as well as to this case.
4. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010)- Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. State of Manipur and another, in Para 31 whereof, it has been held that while entertaining a complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act , 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information which is as under:-

*(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).*

**Complaint Case No.: 263 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

As such, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

Since there is an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal available to the Complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, which has not been availed in the instant case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties **through registered post**.

**Dated: 19.10.2021**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
**Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,**  
**Sector 16, Chandigarh.**  
Ph: 0172-2864113, Helpline No. 0172-2864100  
Email: - [psic22@punjabmail.gov.in](mailto:psic22@punjabmail.gov.in)  
Visit us: - [www.infocommpunjab.com](http://www.infocommpunjab.com)



Appellant

**Sh. Jasbir Singh (9815397246)**

S/o Sh. Harbans Singh  
R/o Village Jalal Khera,  
PO-Sullar, Distt. Patiala

Versus

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

O/o BDPO, Gram Panchayat Manjal Kalan  
Block Bhunerheri, Distt. Patiala

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o DDPO, Patiala

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 355 of 2021**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant through telephone call.  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.7.2021 vide which respondent was directed to supply the pending information in connection with point no. 1, 2 and 4 to the appellant before the next date of hearing under the intimation to the Commission. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 19.10.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh intimated telephonically to the undersigned Bench that respondent PIO has supplied the requisite information and requests the present case may be disposed off.
3. In view of above, no cause of action is required. Hence, this instant appeal case is **disposed off & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 19.10.2021**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**