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Shri Surinder Mittal,  
#302, Shaheed Udham Singh  
Nagar, Phagwara,  
District Kapurthala.

.....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Punjab Urban Planning &  
Development Authority,  
Jalandhar.

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o District Town Planner,  
Kapurthala.

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Senior Town Planner,  
Jalandhar.

....Respondent

**CC No.105 of 2021**

**Present:**

- (i) **Shri Surinder Mittal, Complainant (Through Cisco Webex).**
- (ii) **Shri Sanjeev Sharma, SDO O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,**
- (iv) **Sh. Balwinder Singh, District Town Planner, Kapurthala.**
- (iii) **Shri Pardeep Kumar, Assistant Town Planner/APIO O/o Senior Town Planner, Jalandhar, respondent.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Cisco Webex/In Person)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The complainant, however, attends the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Sanjeev Sharma, Sub Divisional Officer, O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar attends the hearing before the Bench in person. He states that the reply to the complainant has been given vide letter dated 20.08.2021. Shri Balwinder Singh, District Town Planner, Kapurthala also attends the hearing before the Bench in person and states that the information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 18.08.2021. Shri Pardeep Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, O/o Senior Town Planner, Jalandhar is also present before the Bench in person. He states that that the information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 11.06.2021 and then vide letter dated 12.07.2021 by registered post.



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4. Shri Surinder Mittal, complainant, on the asking of the Bench, admits the receipt of information. He however, states that certain documents such as NOC from Punjab Pollution Control Board and PSPCL have not been provided to him.

5. The Bench, on perusal of the RTI application of the complainant and the documents provided to him, observes that the information sought by him, as available in the official records, has been supplied to him. As such, the Bench is not inclined to interfere further with the instant complaint case.

6. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel that any further intervention of the Bench is required. **The complaint case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
31.08.2021**

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

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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan,  
H.No.78/8, Park Road,  
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,  
District Sangrur

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,  
Distribution Division,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.  
(PSPCL), Bathinda.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,  
Distribution Division,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.  
(PSPCL), Bathinda.

...Respondents

**AC No.496/2021**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, Appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Kamaldeep Arora, Sr. XEN/APIO, PSPCL, Bhagta Bhai Ka, District Bathinda on behalf of PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Cisco Webex/in Person)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant, however, attends the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Kamaldeep Arora, Sr.XEN, O/o Dy. Chief Engineer, PSPCL Bathinda attends the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that as per official records, the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.08.2021 and that an affidavit dated 19.08.2021 duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public has been filed and produces a copy of the same before the Bench.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant confirms the receipt of information and gives his consent to close the instant appeal 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  
31.08.2021**

**Sd/-  
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Shri Suresh Chander Nayak,  
R/o H.No.55, GTC Colony,  
Nabha, District Patiala.

.....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Greater Mohali Area  
Development Authority  
(GMADA), Mohali.

...Respondents

**CC No.764/2021**

**Present:** (i) **Complainant -absent.**  
(ii) **Shri Daljit Singh, Sr.Assistant,O/o GMADA, Mohali**  
**On behalf of the PIO in person before the Bench.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard in Person/on Mobile Phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 19.03.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 15.06.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 31.08.2021 for physical hearing. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. The complainant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench.
3. Shri Daljit Singh, Senior Assistant O/o GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information sought by the complainant has been provided vide letter dated 06.08.2021 by registered post. He also presents the relevant record before the Bench for perusal.
4. Shri Suresh Chander Nayak, complainant is contacted on mobile phone. He confirms the receipt of information and gives his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
31.08.2021**

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Smt. Neena Gupta,  
W/o Shri Sushil Kumar,  
#1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate,  
Dugri Road, Ludhiana-141013.

.....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Chief Electrical Inspector,  
Patiala.

**Remanded Back**  
**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Chief Electrical Inspector,  
Patiala.

...Respondents

**CC No.763/2021**

**Present:** (i) **Complainant -absent.**  
(ii) **Shri Pawan Kumar Mittal, Executive Engineer/PIO, O/o Chief Electrical Inspector, Patiala with Shri Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant.**

**ORDER**

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

1. The RTI application is dated 12.05.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 15.06.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 31.08.2021 in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Smt. Neena Gupta, complainant has not come present to attend the hearing.
3. Shri Pawan Kumar Mittal, Executive Engineer O/o Chief Electrical Inspector, Patiala comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information sought by the complainant is in her personal interest with regard to installation of Transformer in a vacant plot. Moreover, the complainant has approached this Hon'ble Commission without availing the remedy available to approach the First Appellate Authority. He also cites a decision of the Hon'ble Commission whereby the Hon'ble Commission had directed that if the complainant has any grouse against the decision of PIO, the complainant should first approach the First Appellate Authority and had remanded back the case to First Appellate Authority.
4. The Bench observes from the statement made by the PIO 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.



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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. The complainant Smt. Neena Gupta is contacted on mobile phone. She states that she is not fully aware of the facts and her husband Shri Sushil Kumar is fully aware of the facts and he is unwell and unable to take the call. Then, she is informed that in the absence of complainant having not approached the First Appellate Authority, the case is being remanded back to the First Appellate Authority.

7. Post deliberations with the PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Shri Arunjit Singh Sidhu, Chief Electrical Inspector, 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.

**Chandigarh  
31.08.2021**

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

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

**First Appellate Authority  
Chief Electrical Inspector  
Patiala.**

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**Shri Ajmer Singh**

S/o Shri Swaran Singh  
R/o Village & PO Barwa,  
Tehsil Anandpur Sahib,  
District Roopnagar.

....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Director,  
State Transport, Punjab  
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**CC No.493/2020**

**Present:**

- (i) Complainant -absent  
(ii) Shri Darshan Singh, Sr Assistant O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab,  
Chandigarh in person on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER**

(Heard in person/on Mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 20.07.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing as the hearing dated 12.05.2021 was postponed.
2. This case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Ajmer Singh, complainant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench.
3. Shri Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, comes present before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the complainant was called to office and complete information has been supplied to the complainant.
4. The complainant Shri Ajmer Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He confirms the receipt of information to his satisfaction and gives his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The complaint case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
31.08.2021**

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