

# PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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Sh. Ashwani Chawla,  
Bureau Chief, Sach Kahoon,  
# 2872 B,  
Sector 42 C,  
Chandigarh. M : 9914405765

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Punjab Vidhan Sabha, PB,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondent(s)

Complaint Case No. 12/2021  
(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ashwani Chawla, appellant on Telephone.  
Ms Balbir Kaur, 9876196262 Under Secretary-cum-PIO on telephone on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.8.2021 vide which the following order was passed:-

“.....2. The respondent-Public Information Officer states that the reply has already been filed that the information cannot be supplied to the appellant. The respondent-Public Information Officer also contended that the complainant has not filed the 1<sup>st</sup> appeal to the First Appellate Authority in this case. A copy of the reply has also been handed over to the complainant during the course of hearing.

3. It is appropriate to mention the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Dated: 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos.10787 – 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP @ No.32768-32769/2010) in which it has held that while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information.

4. However, before taking any decision on the matter, the complainant is advised to go through the same and file the rejoinder on the submissions made by the respondent-Public Information Officer. In addition, the complainant is also directed to submit the public interest involved in seeking the information to take the matter to its logical end.

The case was adjourned for today i.e. 6.10.2021 for further proceedings.”

2. The appellant requested for the adjournment of the case, due to sudden demise of his father, to make the submissions in this case. Accordingly the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on 8.11.2021 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated: 6.10.2021

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.