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FINAL ORDER

Shri Jasvir Singh (99152-62860),

Vocational Master, # 19, Street No. 4, Block B,
Satjot Nagar, Dhandra Road, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal,
Govt. Girls Sr. Secondary School, Hargobindpur,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal, Govt. Girls Sr. Secondary School, Hargobindpur,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7334 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, Principal (87259-26636) and
Ms. Monica, PIO-cum-Lecturer (94170-64668)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **09.12.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.04.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.12.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent has submitted a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 02.01.2024 regarding the availability of CCTV Footage. Further, she states that the CCTV Footage was automatically self-delete after 7 days and so, not available in the official records.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. In view of the aforesaid reply there is no further cause for intervention by the Commission. This appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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[Note: Shri Jasvir Singh, the appellant appeared after the hearing was over. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case. A copy of reply submitted by the respondent during the hearing was handed over to the appellant.]

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
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Govt. Girls Sr. Secondary School, Hargobindpur,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal,
Govt. Girls Sr. Secondary School, Hargobindpur,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7336 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, Principal (87259-26636) and
Ms. Monica, PIO-cum-Lecturer (94170-64668)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **09.12.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.04.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.12.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent has submitted a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 01.01.2024 wherein the sought information was denied under section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. Further, she states that the information sought by the appellant will have to create, compile, interpret or generate fresh information, which was neither available nor maintained in the official records.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7336 OF 2024

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the information demanded by the appellant is not specific. The appellant may note that it is settled legal position that information can be provided under the RTI Act is that which is already on record of the Public Authority. The PIO cannot be asked to create any record for answering the RTI questions.

5. Keeping in view of the above, the appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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[**Note:** Shri Jasvir Singh, the appellant appeared after the hearing was over. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case. A copy of reply submitted by the respondent during the hearing was handed over to the appellant.]

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Inderjit Singh (97793-26452),
S/o Shri Surjit Singh,
R/o # 410, S.F, Eldeco Greens, Nakodar Road,
Jalandhar – 144026

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal,
Devi Sahai S.D. Sr. Secondary School,
Basti Nav, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Manager, Devi Sahai S.D. Sr. Secondary School,
Basti Nav, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5117 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Inderjit Singh (97793-26452)
Respondent: Shri J.S Sodhi, Advocate (94639-30230)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **14.05.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.06.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.08.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The appellant states he is not satisfied with the reply furnished by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent states that the reply has already been furnished to the appellant.

4. However, the appellant is not satisfied with the same. After going through the reply filed by the respondent and hearing both the parties, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the appellant. Further, it has also been ascertained that this is a case of grievance of the appellant who has attempted to find redressal thereof by filing second appeal in the Commission. The perception of the appellant that filing of second appeal under RTI Act can be used as a mechanism for redressal of his grievance is beyond the paradigm of the Act. The Commission advises the appellant to approach the competent forum or Court for redressal of his grievance as it is unable to go outside the jurisdiction stipulated by the RTI Act.

5. In wake of aforementioned, this appeal case is hereby devoid of merit and hence **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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FINAL ORDER

Er. Jaswant Singh (98886-37056),
244, Medical Campus,
Sadik Road, Faridkot - 151203

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Baba Farid University of Health Sciences,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Registrar, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences,
Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5978 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Sukrit Sood, Law Officer (81301-08737)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **23.07.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.08.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.10.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Sukrit Sood, Law Officer, states that point wise reply along with information has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 09.07.2026 and a copy of the same has also been submitted to the Commission vide diary no. 13825 dated 13.07.2026. Further, the respondent submits that nothing more is available in the official record which could be supplied to the appellant and requested to close this case.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and going through the case file, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Therefore, this case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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FINAL ORDER

Shri Chandan Garg (96468-17898),

S/o Shri Bhagwan Dass,
848, Green City, Phase 3,
Bathinda - 151001
RTI Application No. 217868

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE), Bathinda.**

**First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (SE), Bathinda.**

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 37 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Ms. Navjot Kaur, Clerk (98725-92003)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **29.09.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.11.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.12.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Navjot Kaur, Clerk, states that the information cannot be provided to the appellant as he has demanded information in a specific format, which is not available with them.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the appellant is not present today. Further, the respondent has informed that the appellant has demanded information in a specific format. The appellant may take note that if the information is not available in the particular form as requested it does not have to be created, and information under Section 2(f) includes information in any form available with the public authority and accessible. Hence, the contention of the respondent is upheld.

5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

**Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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FINAL ORDER

Shri Vinay Singh (99906-33357),
S/o Shri Balwant Singh,
Gahal Tikka Lehtoon, Tehsil Dhar Kalan,
Distt Pathankot - 145022
RTI Application No. 227351

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Dhar Kalan,
Distt Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1506 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Vishal Pathania, Patwari (79730-86863)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **19.11.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **23.12.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **09.02.2026** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Vishal Pathania, Patwari, states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 08.07.2026. Further, he states that the information sought by the appellant is not specific.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the information demanded by the appellant is not specific. The appellant may note that it is settled legal position that information can be provided under the RTI Act is that which is already on record of the Public Authority. The PIO cannot be asked to create any record for answering the RTI questions.

5. Keeping in view of the above, the appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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FINAL ORDER

Shri Lovkesh Sharma (95179-71605),
S/o Shri Ravi Sharma,
502, Greenfield Colony, Majitha Road,
Amritsar - 1 - 143001
RTI Application No. 233226

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Batala,
Distt Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DIGP, Border Range,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2140 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Constable Krishan Chand (98142-46046)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **08.12.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.01.2026** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **09.03.2026** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Constable Krishan Chand, states that the information sought by the appellant through his RTI application is third party information. Further, he states that the reply in this regard has already been submitted to the Commission vide diary no. 13863 dated 14.07.2026, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. The Commission is of the considered view that the PIO has rightly denied the information treating the same as third party information. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in "*Civil Appeal No.10044 of 2010 titled Central Public Information Officer, Supreme of Court of India Vs. Subhash Chandra Aggarwal*" has held as under:

"...Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and

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answer sheets, are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, details of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are personal information. Such personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive...."

This decision has been circulated by Punjab Government (Department of GR) vide letter no. 4/5/2021-4GR1/1/225467/2021 dated 09.08.2021.

5. In view of the above, no cause for any further intervention by the Commission is left. The appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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FINAL ORDER

Shri Kanwar Singh (95177-09947),
S/o Shri Mohan Singh,
52-20/30, Nehru Colony,
Tehsil & Distt Amritsar - 143001
RTI Application No. 242285

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DG (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DG (SE), Punjab, Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2333 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, PIO-cum-Deputy Secretary (95010-33788),
Ms. Ranjit Kaur, Assistant Secretary (98555-39433),
Ms. Rupa Devi, Superintendent (94632-00398), and
Shri Rakesh Kumar, SA (99156-70242)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **30.01.2026** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **02.03.2026** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.03.2026** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is in the question form.
3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.
4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant demanded information in question form. The appellant may note that it is settled legal position that information can be provided under the RTI Act is that which is already on record of the Public Authority. The PIO cannot be asked to create any record for answering the RTI questions.
5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.07.2026

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FINAL ORDER REMAND BACK TO FAA

Shri Jagir Singh (98762-29088),
S/o Shri Bachan Singh,
Village Beli, P.O Bharatgarh,
Distt Rupnagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Rupnagar.

Regd. Post
Remanded Back to:
First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM,
Rupnagar.

Encl. RTI application

....Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 27 OF 2026

PRESENT: Complainant: Shri Jagir Singh via mobile (98762-29088)
Respondent: Shri Paramjit Singh, Clerk (91412-60001) and
Shri Beant Singh, SA (98144-83500)

ORDER:

The application dated **15.10.2025** vide which the complainant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on **29.12.2025** under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **14.07.2026**.

2. The complainant, Shri Jagir Singh, attended the hearing via mobile. He states that it is imperative for him to obtain the information sought in this RTI application.

3. The respondent state that the reply has already been sent to the complainant. Further, he states that he brought the complete information at today's hearing and assured the Commission that he would send the said information of this present complaint case to the complainant through registered post.

4. Furthermore, the respondent proffered an oral explanation for the delay in addressing the RTI application, in view of which, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the PIO to deny or delay the sought information.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority

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(FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Information Commissioner and another Versus 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 Hon'ble 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." As such, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI, 2005, no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

6. 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 complaint case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order.

7. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority O/o SDM, Rupnagar**. 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.

8. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal before Punjab State Information Commission Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

Date: 14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab