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Sh. Mandeep Singh, (M: 7087346601)(Enclosed- Pgs: 8)

H.NO 9, Dashmesh Avenue,

Block B, Ploytechnic Road,

PO Rayon & Silk Mills,

Amritsar- 143104

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

Jalandhar (Rural).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Inspector General of Police,

Jalandhar Range, Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6744 of 2023

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
19.11.2022	--	24.12.2022		14.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Mandeep Singh (through Webex)

Respondent: Ms. Rajwant Kaur (M: 8968902626), Superintendent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **09.04.2026**, whereby the respondent was directed to examine the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant and either furnish a concise point-wise rejoinder or submit a Notary Attested Affidavit affirming that complete information had been supplied and no further information was available on record. The respondent was also directed to send the original affidavit to the appellant.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant, Sh. Mandeep Singh, appeared through Webex and requested that his written submissions received through email be taken on record. In his submissions, the appellant, inter alia, questioned the authenticity of the notarial registration entry, sought verification of the Notarial Register, alleged non-compliance with the Commission's earlier order.
3. The respondent, Ms. Rajwant Kaur, Superintendent, submitted that the directions contained in the Commission's order dated 09.04.2026 have been duly complied with. She produced a **Notary Attested Affidavit** sworn by **Sh. Harvinder Singh Virk, PPS, SSP, Jalandhar (Rural)**, affirming that the available information has already been supplied to the appellant and that no further information is available on record. The affidavit is taken on record.
4. The Commission has considered the rival submissions and examined the material available on record. It is observed that the respondent has complied with the directions contained in the order dated 09.04.2026 by filing the requisite Notary Attested Affidavit. The appellant's request regarding verification of the Notarial Register and the genuineness of the affidavit is beyond the scope of proceedings under the RTI Act, 2005, therefore not acceptable.

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If the appellant has any grievance regarding the authenticity or validity of the affidavit or notarial act, he is at liberty to seek appropriate remedy before the competent authority/forum in accordance with law.

5. Since the respondent has complied with the Commission's directions and no further direction survives for consideration under the RTI Act, the present appeal is hereby **DISPOSED OF.**

The original Notary Attested Affidavit shall be forwarded to the appellant along with this order.

Chandigarh
14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6976 of 2023

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
19.11.2022	--	24.12.2022		25.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Mandeep Singh (through Webex)

Respondent: Ms. Rajwant Kaur (M: 8968902626), Superintendent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **09.04.2026**, whereby the respondent was directed to examine the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant and either furnish a concise point-wise rejoinder or submit a Notary Attested Affidavit affirming that complete information had been supplied and no further information was available on record. The respondent was also directed to send the original affidavit to the appellant.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant, Sh. Mandeep Singh, appeared through Webex and requested that his written submissions received through email be taken on record. In his submissions, the appellant, inter alia, questioned the authenticity of the notarial registration entry, sought verification of the Notarial Register, alleged non-compliance with the Commission's earlier order.
3. The respondent, Ms. Rajwant Kaur, Superintendent, submitted that the directions contained in the Commission's order dated 09.04.2026 have been duly complied with. She produced a **Notary Attested Affidavit** sworn by **Sh. Harvinder Singh Virk, PPS, SSP, Jalandhar (Rural)**, affirming that the available information has already been supplied to the appellant and that no further information is available on record. The affidavit is taken on record.
4. The Commission has considered the rival submissions and examined the material available on record. It is observed that the respondent has complied with the directions contained in the order dated 09.04.2026 by filing the requisite Notary Attested Affidavit. The appellant's request regarding verification of the Notarial Register and the genuineness of the affidavit is beyond the scope of proceedings under the RTI Act, 2005, therefore not acceptable.

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Appeal Case No. 6976 of 2023

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If the appellant has any grievance regarding the authenticity or validity of the affidavit or notarial act, he is at liberty to seek appropriate remedy before the competent authority/forum in accordance with law.

5. Since the respondent has complied with the Commission's directions and no further direction survives for consideration under the RTI Act, the present appeal is hereby **DISPOSED OF.**

The original Notary Attested Affidavit shall be forwarded to the appellant along with this order.

Chandigarh
14.07.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Suresh Chand Soni,
H.NO 16/68, Street No 11, Vishwas Nagar, Delhi- 110032

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman,
Ludhiana Improvement Trust,
Ferozegandhi Market, Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 275 of 2024

1/2

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
16.01.2024	--	27.06.2024

Present:

Appellant: Absent.

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's earlier order dated **09.04.2026**, whereby the complainant was directed to clearly specify the exact information/documents sought under the RTI Act and to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing.
2. **The matter is taken up for hearing today.** The complainant is absent. However, his written submissions vide letter dated **27.06.2026**, filed in compliance with the Commission's earlier order, are taken on record. The respondent is also absent.
3. The Commission has carefully examined the record as well as the written submissions filed by the complainant. It is observed that the present matter has been filed as a **complaint under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005**. The Commission notes that, in proceedings under **Section 18**, it has no jurisdiction to direct disclosure of information.
4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated **12.12.2011** in **Civil Appeal Nos. 10787-10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP (C) Nos. 32768-32769 of 2010)**, has categorically held that while deciding a complaint under **Section 18** of the RTI Act, the Information Commission has **no jurisdiction to direct the public authority to provide information**.
5. The Commission further observes that the complainant has an effective statutory remedy under **Section 19(1)** of the RTI Act, 2005 by filing a **First Appeal** before the competent **First Appellate Authority**, which has not been availed in the present matter. The First Appellate Authority has, therefore, not had the occasion to examine the matter and pass a reasoned order as contemplated under the Act.

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Complaint Case No. 275 of 2024

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6. Accordingly, the present complaint is **remanded** to the concerned **First Appellate Authority**, along with a copy of the RTI application for ready reference. The First Appellate Authority is directed to call the complainant within **15 days** from the receipt of this order, examine the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and ensure that an appropriate reply/information, as permissible under law, is furnished. A **compliance report** shall also be submitted to the Commission.
7. If the complainant remains aggrieved by the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he shall be at liberty to avail the remedy of filing a **Second Appeal under Section 19(3)** of the RTI Act, 2005.
8. With the above observations and directions, the present complaint is **DISPOSED OF**.

Chandigarh
14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

FAA: O/o Chairman,
Ludhiana Improvement Trust,
Ferozegandhi Market, Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana

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Sh. Mandeep Singh, S/o Sh. Bawa Singh,
Village Post Office Majha, Bhawanigarh, DisttSangrur. (M: 9988277636)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Bhawanigarh, DisttSangrur.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 374 of 2024

1/2

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
08.08.2024	--	17.09.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Mandeep Singh (on call)

Respondent: Sh. Bhagwant Singh (M: 9417760202), Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's earlier order dated **11.12.2025**, whereby the complainant was directed to collect the information comprising **131 pages along with a CD** from the Commission, examine the same, and point out any specific deficiencies, if any.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The complainant, Sh. Mandeep Singh, joined the proceedings on call and referred to his email dated 10.05.2026, wherein he has pointed out certain alleged deficiencies in the information supplied by the respondent.
3. The respondent, Sh. Bhagwant Singh, Panchayat Secretary, appeared before the Commission and reiterated his earlier submissions, stating that complete information available on record has already been supplied and that nothing further remains pending.
4. The Commission has carefully examined the record and the submissions made by both parties. It is observed that the present matter has been filed as a **complaint under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005**. The Commission notes that, in proceedings under **Section 18**, it has no jurisdiction to direct disclosure of information.
5. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated **12.12.2011** in **Civil Appeal Nos. 10787-10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP (C) Nos. 32768-32769 of 2010)**, has categorically held that while deciding a complaint under **Section 18** of the RTI Act, the Information Commission has **no jurisdiction to direct the public authority to provide information**.

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Complaint Case No. 374 of 2024

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6. The Commission further observes that the complainant has an effective statutory remedy under **Section 19(1)** of the RTI Act, 2005 by filing a **First Appeal** before the competent **First Appellate Authority**, which has not been availed in the present matter. Consequently, the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to examine the complainant's grievances regarding the alleged deficiencies in the information supplied.
7. Accordingly, the present complaint is **remanded** to the concerned **First Appellate Authority**, along with a copy of the RTI application and the complainant's email dated **10.05.2026** for ready reference. The First Appellate Authority shall call the complainant within **15 days** of receipt of this order, examine his grievances in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and pass a reasoned order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the parties. A **compliance report** shall be submitted to the Commission.
8. If the complainant remains aggrieved by the decision of the **First Appellate Authority**, he shall be at liberty to file a **Second Appeal under Section 19(3)** of the RTI Act, 2005.
9. With the above observations and directions, the present complaint is **DISPOSED OF**.

Chandigarh
14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

FAA:

**O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (DDPO)**

District Administrative Complex,
Partap Nagar, Exchange Road,
Sangrur – 148001, Punjab

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Ms. SukhwinderKaur, W/o Sh. Satnam Singh,
Village Nauhra, Post Office DandralaDhindsa, Tehsil Nabha,
Distt Patiala- 147201. (M: 7589755833)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Nabha, Distt Patiala.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 382 of 2024

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
22.08.2024	--	30.09.2024

Present:

Appellant: Smt. Sukhwinder Kaur (M: 7589755833)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's earlier order dated **09.04.2026**, whereby **one last opportunity** was granted to both parties to appear before the Commission.
2. **The matter is taken up for hearing today.** The complainant, **Smt. Sukhwinder Kaur**, is present and submitted that **no information has been received till date** and requested that the same be provided. The respondent is absent despite due notice.
3. The Commission has carefully examined the record and the submissions made. It is observed that the present matter has been filed as a **complaint under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005**. The Commission notes that, in proceedings under **Section 18**, it has no jurisdiction to direct disclosure of information.
4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated **12.12.2011** in **Civil Appeal Nos. 10787-10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP (C) Nos. 32768-32769 of 2010)**, has categorically held that while deciding a complaint under **Section 18** of the RTI Act, the Information Commission has **no jurisdiction to direct the public authority to provide information**.
5. The Commission further observes that the complainant has an effective statutory remedy under **Section 19(1)** of the RTI Act, 2005 by filing a **First Appeal** before the competent **First Appellate Authority**, which has not been availed in the present matter. Consequently, the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to examine the complainant's grievances regarding the alleged deficiencies in the information supplied.

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Complaint Case No. 382 of 2024

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6. Accordingly, the present complaint is **remanded** to the concerned **First Appellate Authority**, along with a copy of the RTI application and the complainant's email dated **10.05.2026** for ready reference. The First Appellate Authority shall call the complainant within **15 days** of receipt of this order, examine his grievances in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and pass a reasoned order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the parties. A **compliance report** shall be submitted to the Commission.
7. If the complainant remains aggrieved by the decision of the **First Appellate Authority**, he shall be at liberty to file a **Second Appeal under Section 19(3)** of the RTI Act, 2005.

With the above observations and directions, the present complaint is **DISPOSED OF**.

Chandigarh
14.07.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

FAA:

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