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Sh. Om Parkash, S/o Sh. Sita Ram,
Village and Post Office Didwana Road,
Jayal District Nagaur, Rajasthan. (M.790701477)
RTI application no.155397.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
Sector:17/B, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o General Manager,
Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
Sector:17/B, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1277 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Om Parkash, the appellant.
(ii) Ms. Taranjeet Bajwa, W/M-cum-PIO the respondent.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 25.11.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 20.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.02.2025 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.16.02.2026 by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that after the lapse of more than a year, no satisfactory reply has been provided to him by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO Ms. Taranjit Bajwa states that the reply has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 16.02.2024. The PIO further adds that the information sought is in shape of questions, therefore, information cannot be provided.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the record, it is ascertained that the appellant has sought information on 6 points which are in shape of questions as per his RTI application dated 25.11.2024. It is further ascertained that the respondent has duly intimated the appellant vide letter dated 16.02.2024 that the reply has been provided. It is also pertinent to mention here the decision passed by the CIC, which is appended below:

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Central Information Commission vide order dated 21.04.2006 in case no. CIC/AT/A/2006/00045 has decided that -

(The RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries, as in this case, in which a petitioner attempts to elicit answers to his questions with prefixes, such as, why, what, when and whether. The petitioner's right extends only to seeking information as defined in Section 2 (f) either by pinpointing the file, document, paper or record, etc., or by mentioning the type of information as may be available with the specified public authority.)

5. In view of the above, the appellant is advised, if he wants information, he should file afresh RTI application. With these, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16th February, 2026

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Sh. Tarlok Singh, (M.9876271650)
Village and Post Office, Harsi, Tehsil Dasuya,
District Hoshiarpur.

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Panchayati Samiti,
Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No.83 of 2025

Present: (i) The complainant is absent.
(ii) Ms. Surjit Kaur, Superintendent on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 12.10.2011 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 21.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 16.02.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the complainant is absent without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Ms. Surjit Kaur, Superintendent made a written submission mentioning therein that the complainant has not demanded any document in his RTI application. He has just raised the objections regarding pension issue which is related with the Director Rural Development and Panchayats and no action is to be taken by their office. She further adds that disposal of pension cases is not within the jurisdiction of this office. Copy of the reply is taken on record.

4. 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 (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."

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Complaint Case No.83 of 2025

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.

5. 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.

6. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. Sh. Sandeep Singh, DDPO, Hoshiarpur.** 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.

7. 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.

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

Dated: 16th February,2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Enclosed: RTI Application dated 12.10.2011

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Remanded Back to

**First Appellate Authority i.e Sh. Sandeep Singh,
DDPO, Hoshiarpur**

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Sh. Tarsem Lal, S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
Villag and Post Office, Ferozepur Kalan,
Tehsil and District Pathankot.
(M.9417072975)

V/s

.complainant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Mandi Baord, Pathankot.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No.90 of 2025

Present: (i) The complainant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Bikramjit Singh, PIO-cum-DMO, the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 21.11.2024 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 27.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 16.02.2025 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the complainant is absent, without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-DMO Sh. Bikramjit Singh, files a reply sent to the complainant vide letter dated 05.02.2026 by registered post. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. 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 (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."

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Complaint Case No.90 of 2025

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.

5. 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.

6. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority O/o Punjab Mandi Board, Sector 65/A, Phase 11, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)**. 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/she is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter.

7. 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.

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

Dated: 16th February, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Enclosed: RTI Application dated 21.11.2024

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Remanded Back to

**First Appellate Authority O/o Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector:65/A, Phase-11, SAS Nagar, (Mohali).**

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Sh. Tarsem Lal, S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
Villag and Post Office, Ferozepur Kalan,
Tehsil and District Pathankot.
(M.9417072975)

V/s

....complainant

Public Information Officer,
O/o District, Mandi Board,
Pathankot.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No.91 of 2025

Present: (i) The complainant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Bikramjit Singh, PIO-cum-DMO, the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 21.11.2024 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 27.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 16.02.2025 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the complainant is absent, without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-DMO Sh. Bikramjit Singh, files a reply sent to the Complainant vide letter dated 05.02.2026 by registered post. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. 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 (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."

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Complaint Case No.91 of 2025

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.

5. 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.

6. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority O/o Punjab Mandi Board, Sector 65/A, Phase 11, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)**. 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/she is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter.

7. 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.

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

Dated: 16th February, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Enclosed: RTI Application dated 21.11.2024

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Remanded Back to

**First Appellate Authority O/o Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector:65/A, Phase-11, SAS Nagar, (Mohali).**

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Sh. Sukhwinder Pal, Patwari,
R/o Village Nagla, Ward No. 17, Nagar Council,
Zirakpur. (M.8968579177)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dera Bassi,
District Mohali.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No.99 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Sukhwinder Pal, the complainant.
(ii) Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Junior Engineer on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 31.01.2025 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 15.04.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 16.02.2025 by the Commission.

2. The complainant states that the respondent PIO has provided a reply dated 26.05.2025 vide which the requisite information has been denied being third party information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Junior Engineer, states that a consent was received from the third party, who has refused to disclose his personal information.

4. 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 (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."

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Complaint Case No.99 of 2025

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.

5. 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.

6. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. Sh. Anmol Singh Dhaliwal (PCS) Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Mohali**. 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.

7. 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.

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

Dated: 16th February, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Enclosed: RTI Application dated 31.01.2025

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Remanded Back to

First Appellate Authority i.e Sh. Anmol Singh Dhaliwali (PCS)
Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Mohali.

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Sh. Brij Bhushan Julka, S/o Sh. Gurdev Julka,
Sri Hargobindpur, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Sri Hargobindpur,
District Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No.77 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 04.07.2024 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 03.02.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 16.02.2025 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the complainant is absent. However, a letter dated 02.02.2026 diarized vide diary no.2638 dated 03.02.2026 has been received from the complainant that he is 85 years old and due to his age factor, he is unable to attend today's hearing in person before the Commission.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present, at today's hearing. However, a letter dated 09.02.2026 diarized vide diary no.3299 dated 12.02.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO mentioning therein that a reply dated 12.12.2024 has been conveyed to the complainant number of times that there is no record of 1942 is available in the official records of the O/o Nagar Council, Sri Hargobindpur

4. 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 (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:-

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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.

5. 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.

6. The instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Gurdaspur**. 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/she is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter.

7. 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.

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

Dated: 16th February,2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Enclosed: RTI Application dated 04.07.2024

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Remanded Back to

**First Appellate Authority i.e Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD)
Gurdaspur.**

(By Name) (For compliance)

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Sh. Makhan Singh, S/o Sh. Jagir Singh,
Village Bika, SBS Nagar. (M.9915169047)

....complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
SBS Nagar.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No.82 of 2025

Present:

- (i) The complainant is absent.
- (ii) Sh. Amnesh Kumar, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 21.09.2024 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 21.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 16.02.2026 by the Commission.

2. The complainant is absent, at today's hearing.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Amnesh Kumar Jr. Assistant has informed the Commission that the complainant Sh. Makhan Singh had been passed away. The Notice of hearing has also been received undelivered in the Commission with the remarks of the Postal Authorities as "expired".
4. Since, the complainant **Sh. Makhan Singh** had been passed away. Thus, there is no further cause of action is warranted in this case. The instant complaint case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16th February, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab