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Ms. Sheenu, W/o Sh.Amit Kumar,  
R/o Flat C-4, Marvel Homes, Barewal Road,  
Ludhiana

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Commissioner, MC  
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Commissioner, MC,  
Ludhiana

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 53 of 2025**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 09.12.2024 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 28.02.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. Complainant is absent today. She has sent a letter that she is unable to attend today's hearing.
4. Respondent is also absent today. He has sent a letter that *pointwise* reply has already been sent to the Commission with a copy to the complainant.
5. After going through the file, it is observed that this is the complaint case. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 - 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010)- Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. 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:-



**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 53 of 2025**

*(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the 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 provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 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 case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

7. The instant matter is now remanded back to the First Appellate Authority. The commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the complaint (copy enclosed) 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. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

9. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties through registered post.

*Sd/-*

**Date :22.04.2026**

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

***Remanded back to***

First Appellate Authority  
o/o Commissioner MC, Ludhiana

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ShGurdarshan Singh,  
S/o ShJaswant Singh,  
R/o Village Bakhshiwala,  
Tehsil- Budhlada, Distt Mansa  
(M-9878773048)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DC, Mansa

First Appellate Authority  
O/o DC, Mansa

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 596 OF 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state their case. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. However, on 25.03.2026, the said case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 23.04.2026.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant vide Commission diary no. 2314 dated 23.04.2026 that he has received the information and is satisfied.

3. Since the appellant has received the information and is satisfied 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.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date :23.04.2026

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Sh. Harwinder Singh, Advocate  
Chamber No. 7009, District Courts,  
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o BDPO, Block -2  
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
O/o DDPo, Ludhiana

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4394 OF 2025**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.02.2026 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and one last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. Today again both the parties are not present. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing and the last order dated 04.02.2026 was sent to them through registered post but even though they are absent and no submissions have been received from the appellant, which appears that he has nothing to say in this regard in this case and/or he does not intend to pursue the case.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. Hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date : 23.04.2026

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Near Main Post Office Chowk,  
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o EO, MC, Adampur

First Appellate Authority  
O/o ADC (UD) Jalandhar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 419 of 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 11.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant dated 23.04.2026 stating that he has received the information and is satisfied.
4. Since the appellant has received the information , 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.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :23.04.2026**

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Sh.Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar  
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,  
Chandigarh road, Distt.Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director Local Govt,Punjab  
Municipal Bhawan,Sector 35,Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Director Local Govt,Punjab  
Municipal Bhawan,Sector 35,Chandigarh

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 362 of 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 22.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. A letter has been received from the appellant vide Commission diary no. 7798 dated 21.04.2026 stating that he wants to withdraw his application for information and he does not required this information any more.

4. 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.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :23.04.2026**

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar  
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,  
Chandigarh road, Distt. Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Chief Town Planner, Local Govt  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Director Local Govt, Punjab  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 360 of 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 22.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. A letter has been received from the appellant vide Commission diary no. 7798 dated 21.04.2026 stating that he wants to withdraw his application for information and he does not required this information any more.
4. 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.

sd/-

**Date :23.04.2026**

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,  
Chandigarh road, Distt.Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SDM, Abohar, Distt.Fazilka

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SDM, Abohar, Distt.Fazilka

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 356 of 2024**

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Sunil, Clerk (9023720001)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 24.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
- 3 Respondent Sh.Sunil states that he has brought information running into 1970 pages today to personally deliver it to the appellant.
4. The appellant is absent today without any intimation.
5. After hearing the respondent ,it is observed that he has brought the information today in the Commission, the same is taken on record with these directions to the appellant to collect the same from Commission office on any working day.
6. Since, the orders of the Commission has been complied with, hence no further cause of action is required. Therefore the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date :23.04.2026

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Chandigarh road, Distt.Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority  
Mohali

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority  
Mohali

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 623 of 2024**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Ms. Pritpal Kaur, Data Entry Operator (9878536655)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 16.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. Respondent states that she has brought reply today in the Commission to deliver it to the appellant.
5. Since, the appellant is not present today and the respondent has brought the reply, hence copy of the same be sent to the appellant alongwith this order. Respondent is also directed to send the same to the appellant through registered post. After hearing the respondent and going through the reply filed by the respondent, the Commission is of the

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 623 of 2024**

considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant

6. 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.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :23.04.2026**

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ShJagjeet Singh, S/o ShJagtar Singh,  
#1030, Ward no.12, Street No.10,  
DograBasti, Faridkot

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Registrar, Cooperative societies,  
Faridkot

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO.23 of 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the complainant  
(ii) For the respondent: ShRamandeep Singh, Clerk (99886-54379)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 04.12.2024 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 21.01.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The complainant is not present today.
4. The respondent states that the information sought by the complainant is related to PIO O/o Additional registrar, District Udyog Centre, Faridkot. Hence, they have transferred the RTI of the complainant u/s 6(3) to them.

5. After going through the file, it is observed that this is the complaint case. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 - 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010)- Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. 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 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).*



**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 23 of 2025**

As such, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 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 case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

7. The instant matter is now remanded back to the First Appellate Authority. The commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the complaint (copy enclosed) 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. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

9. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties **through registered post**.

**Dated :23.04.2026**

**Sd/-  
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

**Remanded back to  
First Appellate Authority  
O/o Additional Registrar,  
District Udyog Centre,  
Faridkot**

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Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, S/o Sh.  
Dalip Singh, # 399, B/08, Central Town  
Jalandhar- 144001

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare Punjab  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A,  
Chandigarh

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 54 of 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the complainant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Jagtar Singh, Sr.Asstt. (94633-73141) and  
Sh.Amritpal Singh, Sr.Asstt. (98720-18332)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 11.09.2024 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 25.02.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The complainant is not present today.
4. The respondent states that their reply has been sent to the complainant.

5. After going through the file, it is observed that this is the complaint case. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 - 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP @ No.32768-32769/2010)- Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. 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 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).*



**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 54 of 2025**

As such, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 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 case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

7. The instant matter is now remanded back to the First Appellate Authority. The commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the complaint (copy enclosed) 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. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

9. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties **through registered post**.

**Dated :23.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Remanded back to**  
**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare Punjab  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A,  
Chandigarh

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Sh.Anmol Abroal, Ward No.9,  
Khemkaran, Tehsil Patti,  
Distt.TarnTaran (M-8437867960)

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Civil Surgeon,  
Tarn Taran

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 45 of 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the complainant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Mandeep Singh, SA (98721-70669)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated NIL whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 18.02.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The complainant is not present today.
4. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the complainant.

5. After going through the file, it is observed that this is the complaint case. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 - 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010)- Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. 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 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).*



**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 45 of 2025**

As such, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 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 case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

7. The instant matter is now remanded back to the First Appellate Authority. The commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the complaint (copy enclosed) 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. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

9. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties **through registered post**.

**Dated :23.04.2026**

Sd/-  
**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Remanded back to**

**First Appellate Authority**  
**o/oCivil Surgeon, Tarn Taran**

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(M-97779508115)  
(RTI application no. 144236)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority  
O/o DC, Ludhiana

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4298 of 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Ms PrabhjotKaur, JrAsstt. (89687-84819)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.02.2026 vide which the appellant was not present and the copy of reply, as submitted by the respondent was sent to the appellant, with directions to file his response/rejoinder regarding the same.

2. The appellant is not present today.
3. The respondent states that the appellant has not filed any response/rejoinder.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He was not present on the previous date of hearing also. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. Even the last orders dated 03.02.2026 sent to him has not been returned undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. Further, as directed in the previous hearing the appellant has not filed any response/rejoinder. Hence, it is presumed that he is satisfied with the information provided. With this, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

**Date :23.04.2026**

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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Sh.Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Surmukh Singh  
# 2072, BhaiMastan Singh Nagar,  
Sri Mukatsar Sahib-152026  
(M-9501421959)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o XEN, Construction Division No. 2,  
(B&R) Amritsar

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SE, Construction Circle (B&R),  
Amritsar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4377 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: ShBohar Singh, JrAsstt.(9915173561)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.02.2026 vide which one last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. Further, he also files a copy of the receiving given by the appellant in lieu of receiving the information. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. Since the appellant stands provided therefore, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Date :23.04.2026**

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Principal Secretary, PWD  
Department Punjab, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Principal Secretary, PWD  
Department Punjab, Chandigarh

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4368 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: ShSukhdeep Singh, JrAsstt. (98557-80086) O/o PWD  
B&R, Ludhiana

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.02.2026 vide which one last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence

3. Sh Sukhdeep Singh, Jr Asstt is appearing on behalf of PIO O/o XEN, Construction Division no. 1, PWD (B&R) Ludhiana. He states that the RTI of the appellant has been forwarded to them as the information is related to them. Further, he states that he has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He was not present on the previous date of hearing also. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. Even the last orders dated 04.02.2026 sent to him has not been returned

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 4368 OF 2025**

undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. Further, the respondent has brought the information today. Since the appellant is not present, therefore, the respondent is directed to send the copy of the information, to the appellant within 15 days of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office. With this the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :23.04.2026**

**Through registered post**

CC: XEN, Construction Division No.1 (*for compliance*)  
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C/o Bombay Studio ,  
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Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o EO, MC, Kartarpur

First Appellate Authority  
O/o ADC (UD) Jalandhar

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 420 of 2024**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: ShSudhir Pal, Accountant (94644-66700)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 10.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail intimating that he has received the information and that this case may be closed.
4. Since the appellant is satisfied therefore, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Sham Singh, S/o Sh. Dhanna Singh  
Sali Road, Ajit Nagar, St. No. 2  
Faridkot

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Managing Director,  
Housefed, SCO 150 151 152,  
Sector 34A, Chandigarh

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 65 of 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Sham Singh, complainant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Baljinder Kumar, Sr Accountant (94644-22155) and  
Sh Abhishek kumar, clerk (96539-72381)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 22.01.2025 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 28.02.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. The complainant states that the information has not been provided to him.

4. The respondent states that the information cannot be provided as Housefed is not a "public authority" and hence not covered under the purview of the RTI Act. He has also filed the copy of the reply sent to the complainant regarding the same.

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent is not covered under the provisions of the RTI Act. The respondent has also filed copy of the decision of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana High Court vide judgment dated 09.01.2025 in CM-19892-CWP-2024 in CWP-13580-2015 in the matter of The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative House Building Societies Limited vs The State Information Commission, Punjab and another and in CM-50-CWP-2025 in CWP-20904-2015 in the matter of The Punjab State Cooperative Bank Limited vs State Information Commission, Punjab and others held that :-

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**AC.No. 65 of 2025**

*“keeping in view the judgment in General Manager, The Kisan Sahkari Chini Mills (supra), qua the petitioner- HOUSEFED, the State has only 21% share and qua petitioner-Cooperative Bank, state has not more than 1% of share, which is not good enough to treat the petitioners as Public Authority so as to be amenable to the RTI Act 2005. Once, the Cooperative Societies have been kept apart from the definition of Public Authority and law has already been settled on the said issue by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India, ignorance of said settled principle of law by the State Information Commission, Punjab in the impugned orders cannot be upheld.*

*Once , the writ petition is not maintainable against the Cooperative Societies, making the petitioners amenable to the right to Information Act, 2005 will be contrary to the settled principle of law by treating it as a Public Authority.*

*The State has a power to pass appropriate amendment so as to include the Cooperative Societies under the jurisdiction of RTI Act.*

*At this stage, learned counsel for the State has submitted that to her knowledge, no such amendment has been undertaken so far by the State so as to bring the petitioners under the jurisdiction of Right to Information Act, 2005.*

*Till the date any such amendment is made by the State, keeping in view the settled principle of law and the facts qua the petitioners notice hereinbefore, orders dated 20.05.2015 and 27.08.2015 passed by the State Information Commission, Punjab are contrary to settled principle of law and cannot be sustained and are set aside”.*

6. In view of the above circumstances, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said complaint case filed by the complainant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
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Sh.Hardeep Kumar, S/o Sh. Bhagwan Chand  
VPO BajeKe, PO Pindi, Tehsil Guruharsahai,  
Distt.Ferozepur - 152022

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Asstt. Registrar Cooperative Societies  
Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 63 of 2025**

Present :- (i) AdvAmarjeet, counsel for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Sunil kumar, SrAsstt. (94658-10900)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 04.12.2024 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 11.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the complainant.
4. Advocate Amarjeet is appearing on behalf of the complainant today without vakalatnama. He states that the complete information has not been provided.

5. After going through the file, it is observed that this is the complaint case. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. Nos.10787 - 10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP © No.32768-32769/2010)- Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. 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 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).*



**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 63 of 2025**

As such, since the complainant has approached the Commission under the provision of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 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 case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of the PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order. In case the complainant has any grouse, he is advised to challenge the response of the PIO before the designated First Appellate Authority, as envisaged under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, who will decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed time limit, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, by passing a speaking order.

7. The instant matter is now remanded back to the First Appellate Authority. The commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the complaint (copy enclosed) 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. If, however, the complainant does not feel satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, he will be at liberty to file a Second Appeal before the Commission under Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

9. In view of the observations noted above, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties **through registered post**.

**Dated :23.04.2026**

**Remanded back to**  
**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Registrar,  
Cooperative Societies, Guruharsahai

**Sd/-**  
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Sh. Hardeep Kumar, S/o Sh. Bhagwan  
Chand, VPO BajeKe, POPindi, Tehsil  
Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur - 152022

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Secretary, The PindiBaje Je cooperative Society  
Pindi, Distt. Ferozepur

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 64 of 2025**

Present :- (i) AdvAmarjeet, counsel for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: ShAmit, Secretary (97818-44137)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 27.11.2024 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 11.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. Advocate Amarjeet is appearing on behalf of the complainant today without vakalatnama. He states that the information has not been provided.

4. The Respondent states that information sought by the appellant cannot be provided as their society is not a "public authority" and hence not covered under the purview of the RTI Act. He has also filed his reply regarding the same.

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has filed his reply stating that the RTI Act is not applicable to their society. Further, the respondent has also referred to the decision of The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.9017 (& 9020, 9029 and 9023) of 2013, Thalappalam Ser. Coop. Bank. Ltd. and others. Vs State of Kerala and others decided on 07.10.2013.

6. The complainant may also take note that that Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana High Court vide judgment dated 09.01.2025 in CM-19892-CWP-2024 in CWP-13580-2015 dated 09.01.2025 in the matter of The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative House Building Societies Limited vs The State Information Commission, Punjab and another and in CM-50-CWP-2025 in CWP-20904-2015 in the matter of The Punjab State Cooperative Bank Limited vs State Information Commission, Punjab and others held that :-



**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 64 of 2025**

*“keeping in view the judgment in General Manager, The KisanSahkariChini Mills (supra), qua the petitioner- HOUSEFED, the State has only 21% share and qua petitioner-Cooperative Bank, state has not more than 1% of share, which is not good enough to treat the petitioners as Public Authority so as to be amenable to the RTI Act 2005. Once, the Cooperative Societies have been kept apart from the definition of Public Authority and law has already been settled on the said issue by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India, ignorance of said settled principle of law by the State Information Commission, Punjab in the impugned orders cannot be upheld.*

*Once , the writ petition is not maintainable against the Cooperative Societies, making the petitioners amenable to the right to Information Act, 2005 will be contrary to the settled principle of law by treating it as a Public Authority.*

*The State has a power to pass appropriate amendment so as to include the Cooperative Societies under the jurisdiction of RTI Act.*

*At this stage, learned counsel for the State has submitted that to her knowledge, no such amendment has been undertaken so far by the State so as to bring the petitioners under the jurisdiction of Right to Information Act, 2005.*

*Till the date any such amendment is made by the State, keeping in view the settled principle of law and the facts qua the petitioners notice hereinbefore, orders dated 20.05.2015 and 27.08.2015 passed by the State Information Commission, Punjab are contrary to settled principle of law and cannot be sustained and are set aside”.*

7. In view of the above circumstances, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said complaint case filed by the complainant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date :23.04.2026**

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# 3398, Sector 19D,  
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Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o XEN, Kandi Canal, Stage -1, &  
Ground Water Division, Water Resource  
Department, Hoshiarpur

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 60 of 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh Rakesh Kumar, on behalf of the complainant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Jagdeep Singh, SDO (99888-49553)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 04.12.2024 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 04.03.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the complainant.
4. Sh Rakesh Kumar, is appearing on behalf of the Complainant with authority letter. He states that the complete information has been provided and that the case may be closed.
5. Since, the appellant stands provided therefore, no further cause of action is left. Therefore, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

**Date :23.04.2026**

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**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**