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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar  
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,  
Chandigarh Road, Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration  
Kharar, Distt. Mohali

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration  
Kharar, Distt. Mohali

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4538 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh Jasbir Singh, appellant  
(ii) None for the respondent

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 09.04.2025 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 06.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. The respondent is not present today. However, the respondent has sent a letter intimating that the information sought by the appellant is related to various Food Safety officers O/o Civil Surgeons throughout the state. Hence, the respondent has forwarded the RTI of the appellant to them to provide the information to the appellant.
5. After going through the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information demanded by the information seeker relates to different PIOs. Each of these



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authorities has also separate PIOs. Under-section 6(1)(a) a person seeking information has to apply to the concerned public authority. It is not the job of one PIO to collect and thereafter collate this information from different PIOs of different Public Authorities and then supply the same to the appellant. Appellant may note that there is a clear mention in the orders of former CIC in CC: 05 of 2010 which is reproduced as under:-

*"that this obligation under Section 6 of the Act is to transfer the application to 'that other public authority' and not to public 'authorities'. The expression used in Section 6 is 'authority' and not 'authorities'. Simply put, the PIO is expected to transfer a request which does not relate to him but has nevertheless been received by him, one identifiable authority. He is not expected to transfer such a request if information is held by many or a number of authorities. The rationale is that a PIO is not a post office or a coordinator for forwarding requests from information seekers to various departments. Legislature has merely facilitated the information seekers by empowering PIO who inadvertently receives request pertaining to another PIO to forward it to the concerned PIO".*

6. In view of the above said, 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  
Punjab

Date :24.02.2026

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Sh. Ashok Kumar, S/o Sh.  
Jagan Nath, Village Ramgarh Sandhwan  
PO Lehragaga, Distt.. Sangrur - 148031

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Sr. Medical Officer  
Primary Health Center,  
Kohriya Distt. Sangrur

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Civil Surgeon, sangrur

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4587 OF 2025**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 30.05.2025 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 06.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.02.2026 in the Commission

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. However, the respondent has sent a letter submitting that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has also sent a letter vide Commission diary no. 881 dated 12.01.2026 intimating that he has received the information and that the case be closed.

4. Since the information stands provided 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  
Punjab

Date :24.02.2026

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Sh. Ritesh Kumar Pandey,  
S/o Sh. Bhagwan Pandey, # 12D, Shivalik  
Vihar, Naya Gaon, Tehsil Kharar,  
Distt. SAS Nagar – 160103  
(RTI application no. 190030)

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 4598 OF 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh. Ritesh Kumar Pandey, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Jitesh, Sr Asstt. (98156-04147)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 03.06.2025 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 07.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.02.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant. The respondent has also filed copy of the same as under:-

*“This is to inform you that the Punjab Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2020 (Punjab Act No. 17 of 2020) has been notified vide Gazette Notification issued on 22nd October-2020 and rules there-under are yet to be finalized. As the registration*



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*process of the Clinical Establishments (Registration & Regulation) Act, 2020 is yet to start, so at present no hospital has been registered under this Act.”*

4. The appellant states that the information provided to him is not complete as he has demanded information regarding *all oncological clinical establishments/hospitals currently functional in the Entire Mullanpur and New Chandigarh, SAS Nagar Mohali with Below or more than 100 beds (covering all clinical establishments, including government, private, trust-managed, autonomous, or institutionally run hospitals.) that have been registered (provisionally or permanently) under the Punjab Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2020, or under any other competent/relevant/concerned law regulating clinical establishments, if applicable/enforced in Punjab.* However, the respondent has provided the information pertaining to Punjab Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2020 only and ignored all other applicable regulatory frameworks. Further, he adds that, as per the respondent, registration of any clinical establishment has not been done by them till date. Hence, treatment by any hospital without registration poses a serious public health risk.

5. Considering the gravity of the issues relating to hospital administration in the State and their broader public interest implications, it is deemed appropriate to refer the present matter to a Larger Bench for adjudication. The Registry is directed to place the matter before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for constitution of a Larger Bench.

Sd/-

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

**Date :24.02.2026**

CC: Deputy Registrar (with original case file)