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Sh. Baljit Singh, S/o Sh. Mahinder Singh
R/o Village Sarabha Nagar, Street No. 7,
Dakhali Seed Farm Pakka, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt. Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4791 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.03.2025 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 18.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Respondent has sent an email that the information has been sent to the appellant. He has also sent an acknowledgment given by the Appellant in token of having received the information.
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 :09.04.2026

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, C/o Bombay
Studio, Near Main Post Office Chowk
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division No. 1
PWD B&R, Amritsar

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4797 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant vide Commission diary no. 2540 dated 09.04.2026 mentioning therein that he has received the information and is satisfied.
4. 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
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Date :09.04.2026

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan,
House No 78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi, DhuriSangrur.
M : 8509580002

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Managing Director,
Markfed Punjab, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/ Managing Director,
Markfed Punjab, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2981 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Danish Kumar, Sr. Assistant (9041472779), Sh.
J.R. Syal, Advocate (9872204497)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.12.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. The appellant Sh.Prem Kumar Rattan is absent today. He has sent his submissions via mail which is taken on record.

3. Respondent states that as directed during the hearing dated 13.08.2025, an affidavit regarding point nos. 1, 2 and 4 has been sent to the appellant.

4. Copy of the affidavit is taken on record. After hearing the respondent and going through the copy of the affidavit submitted by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant regarding point nos. 1, 2 and 4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant has pointed out deficiencies in the affidavit. But the same is irrelevant. Hence no further cause of action is left, the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is , therefore is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :09.04.2026

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Sh. Dilbagh Chand (M : 9463267669)
S/o Sh. Ramji Dass, Village - Hiyatpur,
P. O. - Haibowal, Tehsil Samrala, Distt – Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o Deptt. Of Vigilance (Chowksi),
(Chowksi-4 Branch)
Punjab Civil Secretariat – 1, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
VikasBhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5857 of 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. It has been observed that the Appellant Sh. Dilbagh Chand has sent a letter vide Commission diary no. 4661 dated 02.06.2026 through which he has requested that his case is transferred to another bench. Therefore, I, recuse myself from the hearing of this case of the appellant. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant had sent Rs. 250/- cash (Rs. 200/- no. 522939 and Rs. 50/- 905606) alongwith his letter in the Commission, the same is also transferred alongwith the abovesaid file. Case file be sent to Registry Branch to put up before Hon'ble chief Information Commissioner, Punjab for reallocation as he deems fit.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :09.04.2026

CC: Deputy Registrar (alongwith original case file)

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Sh. Bittu , S/o Sh. Om Kumar,
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Distt Ludhiana-141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Rajpura, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Rajpura, Distt Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3510F 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Smt.Harwinder Kaur, Suptd-cum- PIO (9814395325)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.11.2025 vide which the appellant was not present.

2. Today the respondent Smt.Harwinder Kaur, Suptd-cum- PIO states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.

3. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing today in the commission. The reply has already been sent to the appellant by the respondents. Even the last orders dated 04.11.2025 sent to him has not been returned undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. As the Appellant is absent for second consecutive hearing before the undersigned and nothing has been heard from him regarding the receipt of information. Hence, it is presumed that he is satisfied with the information provided. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left. Hence, 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)
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Date :09.04.2026

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Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4798 of 2025

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Deepak Kumar, Accountant (7986382149) O/o
Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar, ShBalwinderkumar, Accountant (7009480094) O/o
Civil Surgeon, Gurdaspur, ShPrabhjeetsingh, Accountant (94645-53022) O/o
Civil Surgeon, Sri Mukatsar Sahib and ShBaljit Singh, Accountant (79734-
47952) O/o civil surgeon, Tarn Taran

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.04.2025 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 18.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail intimating that he has not received the information till date.
4. The respondent(s) state that the RTI of the appellant has been transferred to their respective PIO's by the Respondent-PIO. Further, they also state that the relevant information has been provided to the appellant.



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5. After hearing the respondent(s) and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent-PIO has transferred the RTI of the appellant to PIO's O/o Civil Surgeon, Amritsar, Sri Mukatsar Sahib, TaranTaran, Gurdaspur and Jalandhar, respectively, as the information is related to them.

6. From the perusal of the information, it is clear that the information demanded by the information seeker relates to different PIOs. Each of the above said authorities has 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".

7. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent O/o Director Health and Family Welfare has not followed the correct procedure under the RTI Act 2005. He has transferred the RTI of the appellant to different PIOs. This faulty procedure is in violation of Section 6(1) of the RTI to Information Act, 2005. Hence Respondent-PIO O/o Director Health and Family Welfare Punjab take note of the provision of the Section 6(1) (a) of the RTI Act **in future** to avoid the wastage of the time and resources of the Public Authorities.

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8. In view of the above, the appellant is advised to file fresh RTI application before the concerned PIO's and obtain the information, if he so desire. 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/-

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Sh.Vasakha Singh, S/oSh.
Inder Singh, R/o Ward No. 3
260, BhuchomandiDistt.Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Engineer, PWD B&R
Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary ,
PWD (B&R), Room No. 503, 5th Floor,
Haryana New Secretariat Building, Sector-17,
Chandigarh-160017

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4768 of 2025

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

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.10.2023 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 14.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, they have sent their reply mentioning that the information sought by the appellant is related to more than one Public Authorities, i.e different PIO's. Hence, the appellant may obtain the information from the concerned PIO's at his own level.
5. After going through the RTI of the appellant, it has been ascertained that the appellant has demanded information, in the form of questions/queries. The appellant may note that it is settled legal position that information that can be provided under the RTI Act is that which is already on record of the Public Authority. The PIO cannot be asked to create any record for answering the RTI questions. As per the Supreme Court decision in



APPEAL CASE NO. 4768 of 2025

KhanapuramGandaiahvs Administrative Officer &Ors on 4 January, 2010 in SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NO.34868 OF 2009 the definition of information as given under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act 2005, shows that an applicant under Section 6 of the RTI Act can get any information which is already in existence and accessible to the public authority under law. Of course, under the RTI Act an applicant is entitled to get copy of the opinions, advices, circulars, orders, etc., but he cannot ask for any information as to why such opinions, advices, circulars, orders, etc. have been passed.

6. As per the respondent the RTI of the information seeker relates to different PIOs in the Punjab. The appellant may take note that each of these 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".

Copy of reply, as filed by the respondent, is handed over to the appellant.

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

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :09.04.2026

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Sh. Gurdeep Singh, S/o Sh.RamjiDass
Village Lohiarian, POMachhiwara,
Tehsil Samrala, Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Machhiwara,
Distt.Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO,Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4812 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Gurdeep Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: ShSukhjeet Kumar Bansal, PanchayatSecy (94652-59972) and Sh Pawan Kumar, SEPO (94631-14482)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 31.03.2025 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 18.08.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
4. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him.
5. The RTI of the appellant has been discussed between both the parties today. Accordingly, it has been ascertained that the requisite information has been provided to the appellant. *The appellant has also expressed his satisfaction over the same.* In view of the above, 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 :09.04.2026