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Shri Manjit Singh, (84274 98620)

S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh, R/o Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, District Ropar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, S.B.S. Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,

State Transport, Punjab,

Jeevdeep Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1579 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Manjit Singh, Superintendent, and

Sh. Rippon Chaudhary, Senior Assistant.

ORDER:

- 1. This case may be read in reference to the previous order of the Commission dated 09.08.2023, wherein the Commission had directed the appellant to deposit the requisite documentation fee, following which the information was to be provided to him.
- 2. Today, the Respondent-PIO is represented by Sh. Manjit Singh, Superintendent, and Sh. Rippon Chaudhary, Senior Assistant. They have stated that the appellant has not deposited the documentation fee to date.
- 3. The appellant is absent today. However, an email has been received in the Commission wherein the appellant has raised various allegations against the undersigned Bench and has requested the transfer of the case to another Bench. Notably, the appellant has made no submission regarding the deposit of the documentation fee, as directed in the previous order.
- 4. In view of the above, the Commission finds no justification to continue with the proceedings. The case is hereby <u>DISPOSED OF</u> with liberty to the appellant to deposit the prescribed documentation fee and collect the information from the Respondent-PIO.
- 5. The Commission further advises the appellant to maintain decorum and have faith in the impartial and fair functioning of the Commission.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Kashmir Singh, (94783 72576)

S/o Shri Shamsher Singh, R/o Village Timberpur, Fatehgarh Sahib-140602

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Home Guards & Civil Defence Department, Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Home Guards & Civil Defence Department, Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1606 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

- 1. This case may be read in reference to the previous order of the Commission dated 09.08.2023, wherein the Commission had directed the appellant to deposit the requisite documentation fee, following which the information was to be provided to him.
- 2. Both the parties are absent today.
- 3. The Respondent has apprised the Commission through prior communication that the concerned dealing official is on leave due to ill health and has, therefore, sought exemption from today's hearing.
- 4. However, the appellant is absent for the second consecutive time without any prior intimation to the Commission.
- 5. As per the observations recorded in the previous order, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. A final opportunity was also granted to him to appear and represent his case before the Commission. Despite this, he has failed to appear.
- 6. In view of the above, there is no justification to keep the matter pending indefinitely. The case is accordingly disposed of due to the appellant's non-cooperation and absence despite having been granted sufficient opportunities.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Sanjeev Goyal, R/o # 148, Model Town, Phase-1, Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Municipal Corporation, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Municipal Corporation, Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1840 OF 2024

Present:

Appellant: Absent Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

- 1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.
- 2. This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission, wherein the Respondent-PIO was directed to submit a point-wise reply to points No. 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the RTI application.
- 3. In compliance with the said directions, the PIO has submitted a report vide letter No. 1602 dated 21.06.2024, enclosing 37 pages of information. The same is taken on record.
- 4. The appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing before the Commission. He is, however, at liberty to collect the requisite information from the Commission office within **30** days from the issuance of this order.
- 5. In view of the above, as no further cause of action remains, the case is hereby closed.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Pawan Kumar Rathore, (78143 40046)

S/o Shri Gian Chand, R/o House No. 312, Phase-2, Urban Estate, Patiala-147002

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer.

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala.

Public Information Officer – cum –

Station House Officer, Police Station Kotwali, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Inspector General of Police,

Patiala Range, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1891 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: ASI Sukah Singh

ORDER:

- 1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.
- 2. Today is the fifth hearing in the Commission. The appellant has remained absent in four out of five hearings and appeared only once during the proceedings.
- 3. In compliance with the previous order of the Commission, the Respondent-PIO's representative ASI Sukah Singh has submitted a reply/information in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, vide letter No. 1891 dated 21.03.2025. The same is taken on record.
- 4. Upon examination, the Commission finds the reply to be appropriate, particularly in view of the concerns related to **Section 8(1)(g)** and **Section 8(1)(j)** of the RTI Act, 2005, as the information sought pertains to CCTV footage of a police station for a specific time period, which directly involves issues of security and privacy.

In view of the above, and considering the appellant's continued absence despite multiple opportunities, no further cause of action remains. The case is accordingly disposed of.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.