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Sh. Kuldip Kumar,
H. No. 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk,
F.G.C. Road,
Amritsar - 143001(Punjab)
(M.-7814348489)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Secretary (Revenue),
Room No. 7, 3rd Floor,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Addl. Chief Secretary-cum-
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab
3rd Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6654 of 2023

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
01.08.2023	28.08.2023	05.09.2023	NIL	11.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Kuldip Kumar

Respondent: Sh. Iqbaljit Singh (Sr. Asstt.)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 22.07.2025, vide which the case was earlier adjourned with directions to the respondent Public Information Officer (PIO) to provide a copy of letter No. 8548 dated 11.07.2025 along with all relevant enclosures to the appellant within seven days and to submit proof of dispatch to the Commission.

2. The matter was accordingly fixed for hearing today through Cisco Webex. Both parties were present. The respondent stated that the requisite reply has already been furnished to the appellant, referring to the earlier submission vide letter No. 8548 dated 11.07.2025.

3. The appellant contended that the Revenue Department forwarded a reply along with DoPT Memo No. 11/2/2013-1R (PT) dated 14.08.2013, which clarifies that information may be disclosed where larger public interest is involved. He argued that the information sought relates to a corruption matter, thereby serving public interest, and hence should not be denied under Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act. The appellant further submitted that the reply furnished by the respondent is incomplete and unjustified, and reiterated his request for disclosure of the information in view of the larger public interest.

4. Considering the nature and complexity of the matter, and in order to provide a fair opportunity of hearing, the **PIO/APIO is directed to remain present in person before the Commission** on the next date of hearing to explain his stand.

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5. The appellant is directed to ensure that either he himself or his authorized representative appears before the Commission in person to present his case. This shall be treated as the last opportunity to the appellant to appear. Failing which, the case shall be decided on merits based on the material available on record.

6. **Next hearing on 09.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh

08.10.2025

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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(M.-9914514555)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6747 of 2023

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

Present : Appellant- Absent

Respondent- Sh. Gurinder Singh (Dist. Revenue Officer) cum PIO

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **13.08.2025**, vide which—

“In continuation of the order dated 30.04.2025, wherein the PIO was directed to remove deficiencies, file a revised reply, and also respond to the show cause notice, the respondent appeared and sought an adjournment to provide compliance. Accordingly, one final opportunity was granted to the PIO, Office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, to supply the requisite information and file a reply to the show cause notice before the next date of hearing.”

Today's Proceedings:

2. The appellant is absent. The respondent, **Sh. Gurinder Singh, District Revenue Officer-cum-PIO**, appeared and stated that the requisite information, in compliance with the Commission's directions, has been sent to the appellant **vide letter No. 10669 dated 06.10.2025**.

3. In view of the absence of the appellant, **one final opportunity** is granted to him to file a rejoinder, if any, and to appear personally or through an authorized representative on the next date of hearing. **Failing which, the case shall be decided ex-parte on merits.**

4. The **PIO is further directed to file a detailed reply to the show cause notice** within the stipulated period, positively before the next date of hearing.

5. **Next hearing on 09.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Satish Kumar

S/o Sh. Vijay Kumar,
Village – Kandh Wala Hazar Khan(179),
Teh. & Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)
(M.- 9463881723)
RTI Application No. 145515

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
DS Circle, Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
P.S.P.C. L., SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Operation (West),
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd
P.S.P.C. L., Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 163 of 2025 CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
19.09.2024	--	26.10.2024	--	01.01.2025

Present :

Appellant: Sh. Satish Kumar

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated **13.08.2025**.
2. The **PIO/APIO is absent**. The **appellant** submitted that the reply furnished by the PIO so far is **irrelevant and delayed**, and does not satisfactorily address the information sought.
3. **Directions:**
In view of the above, the **PIO/APIO is directed to remain present before the Commission on the next date of hearing** to explain the factual position and to represent the case effectively. **Failure to appear shall invite initiation of show-cause proceedings** under the relevant provisions of the RTI Act.
4. The **appellant may attend the next hearing through telephone call or hybrid mode (Webex/telephonic)**, as per his convenience.
5. **Next hearing on 09.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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08.10.2025

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Sh. Saranjit Singh, (M.-9830246245)

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A-Block, 4th Floor,

Kolkatta

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Land Acquisition Collector,

Improvement Trust,

Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Land Acquisition Collector,

Improvement Trust,

Amritsar (Punjab)

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Appeal Case No. 5628 of 2023

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

Present : Sh. Saranjit Singh, the appellant attended the hearing webex.

Ms. Harjit Kaur (Superintendent), respondent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated **27.08.2025**, wherein the matter was adjourned with a direction to the PIO to file a compliance report and appear in person on the next date of hearing.

Today's Proceedings:

2. Both parties are present — the **appellant, Sh. Saranjit Singh**, attended the hearing through **Cisco Webex**, and the **respondent, Ms. Harjit Kaur (Superintendent)**, appeared in person before the Commission.

3. The respondent submitted that the reply to the RTI application has already been sent to the appellant. The appellant, however, stated that the reply so furnished is **irrelevant and unsatisfactory**.

4. **Directions:** In view of the submissions made, the **PIO is directed to re-examine the RTI application carefully and file a fresh, point-wise, and self-contained reply** to the appellant within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

5. Next hearing on 09.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Chandigarh

08.10.2025

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.