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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Shastari Nagar Model Town, Ludhiana. M: 7814322100

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SDO, Electrical Sub Division, PWD B&R, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority-cum-D/o SE, Electrical Circle, PWD B&R, Patiala

Respondents

Appellant

APPEAL CASE NO. 4331 OF 2023

Present:- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gursewak Singh, clerk (9530531229)

ORDER

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
- 3. Today, Sh. Gursewak Singh Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
- 4. Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4331 OF 2023

5. Since, the appellant has received the information , no further cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o XEN, Electrical Division,

PWD B&R, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority-cum-D/o SE, Electrical Circle, PWD B&R, Patiala

Respondents

Appellant

APPEAL CASE NO. 4327 OF 2023

Present:- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gursewak Singh, clerk (9530531229)

ORDER

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
- 3. Today, Sh. Gursewak Singh Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
- 4. Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4327 OF 2023

5. Since, the appellant has received the information , no further cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Manpreet Singh, S/o Sh. Davinder Singh, Village Kalpur, PO Dakha, Distt Ludhiana. M: 9855100351

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana-1.

First Appellate Authority, O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appellant

APPEAL CASE NO. 4036 OF 2022

Present:- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the earlier orders passed by the former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti. The RTI application is dated 19.05.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
- 3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant at diary no. 694 dated 09.04.2025 stating that he has received the information and is satisfied.

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Date:09.04.2025



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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.

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Shastari Nagar Model Town, Ludhiana.

M: 7814322100 Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o XEN, Electrical Division no.1, PWD B&R, Patiala

First Appellate Authority-cum-D/o Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, PWD B&R, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4328 OF 2023

Present:- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant

(ii) For the respondent :Er. Vikas Vashist, SDE-cum-PIO (9780322500)

ORDER

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
- 3. Today Er. Vikas Vashist-Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
- 4. Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4328 OF 2023

5. Since, the appellant has received the information, no further cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Shastari Nagar Model Town, Ludhiana.

M: 7814322100 Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Sub Divisional Officer(SDO), Electrical, Sub Division No 1, PWD B&R, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-D/o Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, PWD B&R, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4329 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Er. Vikas Vashist, SDE-cum-PIO (9780322500)

ORDER

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
- 3. Today Er. Vikas Vashist-Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
- 4. Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4329 OF 2023

5. Since, the appellant has received the information, no further cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Shastari Nagar Model Town, Ludhiana.

M: 7814322100 **Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer. O/o Sub Divisional Officer. Electrical, Sub Division No 2, PWD B&R, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, PWD B&R, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4330 OF 2023

Present:-(i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Er. Vikas Vashist, SDE-cum-PIO (9780322500)

ORDER

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
- 3. Today Er. Vikas Vashist-Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
- 4. Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant states that he has received the information and is satisfied.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4330 OF 2023

5. Since, the appellant has received the information, no further cause of action is required, the appeal is therefore **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Tayal, # 179 B, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana-141002 M: 7837600470 (RTI Application No 51087)

Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Punjab, 17 Bays Building, Sector-17-D, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Punjab, 17 Bays Building, Sector-17-D, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2744 OF 2023

Versus

Present:-

- (i) None for the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: Ms Parveen Bala, Sr Asstt. (94179-02891) and Sh Inderjeet Singh, Sr Asstt. (98148-00446)

<u>ORDER</u>

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.01.2025 vide which the copy of the information, as brought by the respondent, was sent to the appellant along with the orders, with directions to point-out deficiencies, if any.

- 2. The appellant is not present today.
- 3. The respondent states that as directed, the appellant has not pointed out any deficiencies, in the information provided.
- 4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He is absent continuously second time without intimation. As directed in the previous hearing, he has not pointed out any deficiencies in the information provided. Hence, it appears

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appellant is not serious and does not intend to pursue the case. Keeping in view the above prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required. As such the present case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within one month.

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Shastari Nagar Model Town, Ludhiana. M: 7814322100

Appellant

Versus Public Information Officer.

O/o Assistant Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Pathankot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2593 OF 2023

Present:- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Munish Kumar, Draftsman (7986523095)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.01.2025 vide which the respondent was not present

- 2. Today Sh. Munish Kumar the respondent states that he has brought information today in the Commission.
- 3. Appellant has gone through the same and states that he is satisfied with the same and that the case may be disposed of.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, no further action is required in this case. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **closed and disposed of.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Shastari Nagar Model Town, Ludhiana.

M: 7814322100 Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Superintending Engineer, PWD B&R, Construction Circle, Bathinda.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2595 OF 2023

Present:- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant

(ii) For the respondent :Sh. Sukhchain Singh, Junior Engineer (8559090004)

ORDER

Date:09.04.2025

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.01.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

- 2. Today the Appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. Respondent Sh. Sukhchain Singh states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. He further states that he has also brought copy of information today in the Commission. The same is handed over to the appellant.
- 3. Appellant has gone through the same and states that he is satisfied with the same and that the case may be disposed of.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, no further action is required in this case. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **closed and disposed of.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Tayal . # 179 B, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana (West)-141002. M: 7837600470

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Ludhiana (West).

First Appellate Authority, O/o Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Patiala Division, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2824 OF 2023

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

Date: 09.04.2025

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.01.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not bothered to inform the Commission about their absence for today's hearing.

In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. Keeping in view the above prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. As such, the present case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer. O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3790 OF 2023

Present:-

- (i) None for the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk (98880-86023) and Ms Ranjit Kaur, General Inspector (97794-18112)

ORDER

- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
- 3. The appellant is not present today. He has not bothered to inform the Commission about his absence.
- 4. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is in the form of question/ query. Further, he states that the information is also related to more than one

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PIO's and he has already sent his reply regarding the same to the appellant. He has also filed a copy of the same today which is taken on record.

- 5. After hearing the respondent and going through case file, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the information sought by the appellant is in the form of question/ query. 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 **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. Further, it is also ascertained that the information sought by the appellant relates to more than one PIO's. He may take note that each of these 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. The 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

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held by many or a number of authorities. The rational 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. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left, therefore, the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. *The appellant may however approach the concerned PIOs with fresh application/s if he wants* the information.

Sd/(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

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