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Sh Sawaran Singh, (M-98555-38766)
S/o Sh Sona Singh,
VPO Changga Rai Uttar,
Tehsil Guruharsahai,
Distt- Ferozepur
(RTI application no. 16096)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC(Rural Development) Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC.No.4567 of 2022

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary
(9914084002)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.05.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Respondent states that the required information has already been given to the Appellant and has Submitted the acknowledgment given by the Appellant in token of having received the information.

3. The appellant is absent today. An email has been received from the appellant-Sh. Sawaran Singh stating that he has received the information and that the case may be disposed of.

4. Since, the appellant has received the information, 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 :09.09.2025

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Ms. Sopti, W/o Late Sh. Hans Raj
Village Ghallu, Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Fazilka
First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No. 1261 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.12.2024 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 17.12.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant demanded following information:-

प्रपत्र - एक

- आवेदक का नाम ..श्रीमती मेधा ल. 147.0. सेत रात.....
- पूरा पता/ई-मेल-फैक्स जिस पर जानकारी प्रेषित की जानी है ..प. 12. धिलू. र. का. कला. प्रिया. किरोनपुरा. (पिन. 0.).....
- दूरभाष नं ..88721-06541.....
- आवेदन देने की दिनांक ..11.6.2024.....
- कार्यालय का नाम ..तहसील कार. पा. किला.....
- चाही गई जानकारी का विवरण 1. हंसराज श/0 कालूराम के नाम देज
जमीन व प्लॉट का पूरा विवरण
2. हंसराज श/0 कालूराम का आधार नं जति प्रमाण पत्र
की कोपी
3. हंसराज श/0 कालूराम के वारिस प्रमाण पत्र की कोपी
4. हंसराज श/0 कालूराम के नाम देज जमीन पर कबला धारिपो
का पूरा विवरण



AC No. 1261 of 2024

4. From the perusal of this RTI application it has become clear that the information demanded by the appellant cannot be supplied inasmuch as it is exempt from disclosure under Section 8(i) (j) RTI Act 2005. It is observed that the purpose of the Appellant in seeking this kind of information does not involve any larger public interest for asking the information as per the details mentioned in his application and it should not be in the public domain as has been upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other Hon'ble Courts to avoid the humiliation and harassment of the employees. Allowing this kind of information will certainly strengthen the abuse of the process of law.

5. In the above mentioned circumstances, the appellant for seeking the personal information in the instant case has not been made with due bona fides and in larger public interest. The furnishing of the information asked for, if provided, would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of the individual under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

6. 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 Harvinder Singh Advocate
Chamber No 7009, District Court,
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Panchayati Raj,
PWD, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintendent Engineer,
Panchayati Raj, PWD, SAS Nagar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 74 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
((ii) For the respondent : Sh. Pawandeep Singh, Jr. Assistant (7696594994)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.05.2023 and 19.03.2025 vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent stated that the information has been sent to the appellant.

2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has sent his submissions via mail which is taken on record.

3. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. But the appellant has not pointed out any deficiencies so far.

4. After going through this case very minutely, it is observed that during the hearing dated 19.03.2025 the appellant was not present and the respondent stated that the information has been sent to the appellant. Hence, the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies, if any. Accordingly the case was adjourned on 27.05.2023. Again on 27.05.2023 neither the appellant was present nor he has sent any deficiencies. But he has sent an email to the Commission that he was unable to attend the hearing. Hence, one more opportunity was given to the appellant to appear before the Commission. Today again neither the appellant is present nor he has sent any deficiencies. He has again sent



AC No. 74 of 2024

an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing. However the respondent is present all the way from Ludhiana in all the hearings before the Commission.

From the above-mentioned circumstances, it is ascertained that the Appellant, is unnecessarily dragging the matter with some ulterior motive. The Commission cannot allow such practices. The appellant may take note that there is the judgment of the Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 6454 of 2011 Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Aditya Bandopadhyay and ors. has in its judgment dated 09.08.2011 observed as under -

(37 Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritising 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.)

5. The above said appeal case is, therefore **dismissed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. KNS Sodhi, # 1634,

Sector 70, Mohali

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o MC, Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o MC, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No. 3672 of 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

It is observed that the respondents has intimated on phone in Appeal Case No. 3677 of 2023 which was disposed on 27.08.2025 about the demise of the Appellant i.e. Sh. K.N.S. Sodhi. Further the Commission called on his mobile number i.e. 9872070863 on which incomings calls have been blocked. Hence, the Commission is of the view that no useful purpose would be served in keeping this Appeal case pending for an indefinite period. Therefore 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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