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FINAL ORDER

Shri Manjinder Singh, (98720-15069)

R/o # 2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector - 125, Kharar,
Distt Mohali – 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Barnala.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Barnala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 994 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh, (98720-15069)
Respondent: Shri Gurjit Singh, PIO-cum-ATO (80540-59009)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **16.07.2025**.

2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, is present in person, acknowledged receipt of the information, but expressed dissatisfaction due to the long delay in providing the information.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Gurjit Singh, States that the complete requested information has already been sent to the appellant through registered post. Furthermore, the respondent proffered an oral explanation for the delay in addressing the RTI application, in view of which, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the PIO to deny or delay the requested information.
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.

Date: 16.12.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Gurmej Lal, (97816-72776)

Whistle Blower, NCAG, Street No. 5,
1331-5, VishawkarmaBhawan, Down Canal Road,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana – 141003

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Mansa.

First Appellate Authority
O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Mansa.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4009 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **16.07.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation for the second consecutive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing, which appears that either he has nothing to say in this case and/or does not intend to pursue the case.

3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 15.07.2025, has been received from him mentioning therein that the complete sought information has already been supplied to the appellant. Further, he also submitted an apology letter from the PIO, Office of the EO, Nagar Council, Mansa, vide letter dated 24.07.2025. The letter explained that the delay occurred due to staff shortages and an excessive workload. The PIO assured that such delays would not recur and requested the Commission to waive the penalty of Rs. 10,000.00 (imposed on PIO vide Order dated 11.05.2023) and dispose of the case.

4. After considering the above facts it noted that the RTI application has been adequately addressed, and sufficient hearings have been conducted to consider this case. Moreover, the Commission issue a warning to the PIO to handle RTI applications promptly and to avoid delays in the future and accordingly, the penalty is hereby **dropped**.

5. In view of the above, and considering the over-pendency of cases in the Commission, the case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.12.2025

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Whistle Blower, NCAG, Street No. 5,
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Shimlapuri, Ludhiana – 141003

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Barnala.

First Appellate Authority

O/o O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Barnala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4012 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **16.07.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent. The appellant is absent without intimation for the second consecutive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant. The Commission finds that a reply to the show cause notice was submitted by the respondent PIO, via email dated 13.06.2023. After going through the reply filed by the respondent, I am of the view that the show cause notice which was issued to the PIO concerned vide order dated 25.04.2023, is **dropped**.

4. Keeping in view the facts of the case, the Commission is of the view that the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency in the information, so supplied by the respondent PIO, which appears that he has nothing to say in this regard.

5. Therefore, no further cause of action is required in this case. Hence, this case is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.12.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Michael Unvith Bhatoe, (95690-65099)

S/o Shri Jarnail Singh,

R/o # 131, Shri Guru Har Rai Avenue,

Green Field, Majitha Road, Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DEO (SE),

Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DPI (SE),

S.A.S Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7835 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Amrinder Singh, JA (87288-00788)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **26.08.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Amrinder Singh, JA, states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation for the second consecutive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard. The appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.12.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Shri K.N.S Sodhi (9872070863),
Kothi No. 1634,
Sector - 70, Mohali.

....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,
Sector - 62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,
Sector - 62, Mohali.

...Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 896 OF 2022

PRESENT: Complainant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **21.08.2025**.

2. Today neither the complainant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence. The perusal of the case file shows that an email dated 28.09.2025 has been received from Ms. Mona Sodhi, daughter of the complainant, who informed the Commission about the demise of the complainant, Shri K.N.S Sodhi and requested to close the case.

3. Hence, no useful purpose would be served in keeping this complaint case pending any further. Therefore, the complaint case filed by the complainant is **disposed of and closed**.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.12.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Mrs. Sonia Kumari, (99159-31610)

W/o Sh. Santosh Kumar,
R/o House No. 904, Dashmesh,
NayaGaon, Distt Mohali.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Manpreet Singh (95014-62999)

Public Information Officer-cum-EO,

O/o Nagar Council, Nayagaon,
Distt Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Nayagaon,
Distt Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8164 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Santosh Kumar on behalf of the appellant (99159-31610)
Respondent: Shri Manpreet Singh, PIO-cum-EO (95014-62999) and
Shri Sourav, JA (83605-33861)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **20.11.2025**.

2. Shri Santosh Kumar, is present on behalf of the appellant and states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Shri Manpreet Singh, states that the information sought by the appellant in this RTI application is identical / similar to that already supplied to him in Complaint Case No. 234 of 2023, which was disposed of by the bench of former SIC, Shri Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon. Further, the respondent tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard. He also submits a reply of show cause notice during the course of hearing, which is taken on record. Keeping in view all the facts mentioned in the reply the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.
4. After having the detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file it is noted that the RTI application in this case is identical as in Complaint Case No. 234 of 2023, which was disposed of by the bench of former SIC, Shri Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon on 08.05.2023. The appellant is cautioned against filing repeated RTI applications and second appeals seeking the same information over and over again. Such appeals are liable to be dismissed without hearing.
5. Keeping in view of the above, the appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.12.2025

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Surjan Singh (98784-21510)

S/o Shri Mela Singh,
VPO Hassanpur,
Tehsil Mullanpur, District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Baljinder Singh (98145-00408),

Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5853 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **20.11.2025**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that copy of the previous order was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. After going through the case file, it is ascertained that during the last hearing the appellant was asked to point out deficiencies in the provided information, but neither the appellant has pointed out any deficiency nor has he attended the hearing.

4. It is, therefore, presumed that he is satisfied with the information provided. As the appellant is absent and nothing has been heard from him. Therefore, no further cause of action is left. With this the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.12.2025

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