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Sh. Raj Singh, S/o Sh. Karnail Singh,
Near Water Works,
Kotha Mahal Singh Wala,
Village - Jaito, Tehsil - Jaito,
Distt. - Faridkot - 151202 (Punjab)
(M.-9814500253)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Development
And Panchayat Officer,
Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Faridkot (Punjab)
...Respondents

Appeal Case No.6959 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
09.08.2023	--	10.09.2023	--	26.10.2023

Present: Appellant: Sh. Raj Singh
Respondent: Sh. D. C Singh (BDPO)

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Both the parties are present and heard. The Respondent, **Sh. D. C. Singh (BDPO)**, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. The appellant submits that he requires some time to examine the information provided by the PIO and to point out any discrepancies, if any.
3. **In view of the above observations**, the Respondent PIO is **directed to offer inspection of the relevant available records** to the appellant at a mutually convenient date and time. The appellant is **directed to avail the said opportunity**, failing which **no further opportunity** shall be provided to him for raising objections regarding the information supplied.
4. Another opportunity is granted to **both the parties to present their case on the next date of hearing positively**, failing which the case shall be **decided on merits** based on the available record.
5. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
18.11.2025

Sd/-
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Sh.Pardeep Singh S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
Street No. 1, BastiHazoor Singh,
Fazilka - 152123(Punjab)
(M.-9876277779)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Secretary,
Market Committee,
Fazilka(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe General Manager (Enforcement),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65-A, MandiBhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6194of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
07.05.2024	31.07.2024	24.06.2024	--	11.10.2024

Present: Appellant:Sh. Pardeep Singh

Respondent:Sh. Mandeep (Clerk) and Sh. Arvind (Clerk)

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. The appellant is present through Webex and states that **no information has been provided to him**. On behalf of the Respondent PIO, **Sh. Mandeep (Clerk)** and **Sh. Arvind (Clerk)** are present and submit that the information sought pertains to **third-party information**, which is **exempted under Section 8(1)(j)** of the RTI Act. They further submit that the information sought is **voluminous in nature**, making it difficult to collate and compile, and therefore it is **exempted under Section 7(9)** of the RTI Act. They add that the information sought does **not serve any public interest**, and accordingly request for closure of the case.
3. The APIO has submitted a letter bearing **Reference No. 747 dated 17.11.2025**, which is taken on record and copy of the same is endorsed to the appellant.
4. **In view of the above**, the Commission **directs the appellant to remain personally present before the Commission** on the next date of hearing **along with a detailed rejoinder** specifically addressing the submissions made by the Respondent APIO.
5. The appellant is further informed that **failure to appear on the next date of hearing shall result in the case being decided ex parte**, based on the material available on record.
6. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh.Nitin Kumar
S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar,
V.P.O.-HaibatPindi,
Tehsil – Pathankot - 143525 (Punjab)
(M.-7717630170)
RTI Application No. 146486

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe BlockDevelopment
andPanchayat Officer,
NarotJaimal Singh,
Distt. - Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oDistrict Development
andPanchayat Officer,
Pathankot (Punjab)
...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7054 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
09.09.2024	--	10.10.2024	--	26.11.2024

Present: NONE

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Both parties are absent without any intimation to the commission.
3. In the view of above, another opportunity is given to both the parties to present the case on next date of hearing positively, failing to which the case would be decided on merit basis.
4. In addition, the direction is given to respondent PIO, to file a reply / supply information before the next date of hearing. Failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated.
5. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Tehsil – Pathankot - 143525(Punjab)
(M.-7717630170)
RTI Application No. 146486

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe BlockDevelopment and Panchayat Officer,
NarotJaimal Singh,
Distt. - Pathankot(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oDistrict Development and Panchayat Officer,
Pathankot(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7258 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
25.09.2024	--	25.10.2024	--	09.12.2024

Present: NONE

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Both parties are absent without any intimation to the commission.
3. In the view of above, another opportunity is given to both the parties to present the case on next date of hearing positively, failing to which the case would be decided on merit basis.
4. In addition, the direction is given to respondent PIO, to file a reply / supply information before the next date of hearing. Failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated.
5. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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V.P.O.-HaibatPindi,
Tehsil – Pathankot - 143525 (Punjab)
(M.-7717630170)
RTI Application No. 146485

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe BlockDevelopment
andPanchayat Officer,
NarotJaimal Singh,
Distt. - Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oDistrict Development
andPanchayat Officer,
Pathankot (Punjab)
...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7259 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
25.09.2024	--	25.10.2024	--	09.12.2024

Present: NONE

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Both parties are absent without any intimation to the commission.
3. In the view of above, another opportunity is given to both the parties to present the case on next date of hearing positively, failing to which the case would be decided on merit basis.
4. In addition, the direction is given to respondent PIO, to file a reply / supply information before the next date of hearing. Failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated.
5. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh.Surinder Kumar Sharma,
Inspector Food & Civil Supplies,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)
(M.-6239116568)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe District Food Supplies & Controller,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Director,
Food Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
AnajBhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh – 160036

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7413 of 2024

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
14.08.2023	--	14.10.2023	--	18.12.2024

Present: Appellant:Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma

Respondent:Sh. Ashok Kumar , Inspector (O/o DFSC, Gurdaspur),
Sh. Jasmanjot Singh (Sr. Assitt), Sh. YogeshBansal (Sr. Assitt.)

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

INFORMATION SOUGHT:

RTI application dated **28.08.2023**, wherein the appellant sought six specific documents relating to AFSO **Ms.RituMahajan**, including:

- (i) affidavit submitted at the time of appointment as legal heir/dependant,
- (ii) verification/authority submitted to the appointing authority,
- (iii) documents submitted at the time of joining,
- (iv) property details of the employee and her husband,
- (v) salary details, and
- (vi) personal particulars such as name, D.O.B., educational qualifications, and details of her children.(as mentioned in the RTI application)

2. The Respondent PIO, vide letter **Ref. No. 241 dated 12.11.2025**, denied disclosure of all six points on the ground that the information pertains to a third party who was consulted and refused consent.
3. On the date of hearing, both parties were present. The respondent officials—Sh. Ashok Kumar (Inspector), Sh. Jasmanjot Singh (Sr. Assistant) and Sh. YogeshBansal (Sr. Assistant)—reiterated the written denial. The appellant, Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma, submitted that there had been undue delay and that larger public interest is involved; however, no material was produced to substantiate such claim.

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Appeal Case No. 7413 of 2024

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4. After hearing both sides and perusing the record, the Commission observes as under:

- **Points 1–4 & 6:**

(affidavits, verification documents, initial joining documents, property details of employee and spouse, and personal/family particulars)

These items constitute *personal information* contained in the service records of a public servant. Disclosure of such information has **no direct relationship with public activity** and would cause **unwarranted invasion of privacy**, thus attracting **Section 8(1)(j)** of the RTI Act. The PIO's refusal on these points is justified.

- **Point 5 (Salary details):**

Salary paid from public funds is *not exempt* and should be disclosed. However, personal financial identifiers such as **bank account number, PF number, loan details, deductions, nominee details**, etc., remain exempt under Section 8(1)(j). The PIO ought to have provided the permissible portion instead of issuing a blanket denial.

- **Service-related public information (Designation, qualifications):**

Designation, posting details and educational qualifications of a public servant are *disclosable*. These also should have been provided.

DIRECTION:

5. The Respondent PIO is directed to issue a **fresh, point-wise reply** within **15 days**, strictly in accordance with the observations above—

- **disclosing:** salary particulars (excluding exempt details), designation, posting and educational qualification;
- **denying with reasoned justification:** personal documents falling under Section 8(1)(j); and supplying a copy of the same to the Commission.

6. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh.Surinder Kumar Sharma, Inspector
O/o Food & Civil Supplies,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)
(M.-6239116568)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe District Food Supplies & Controller,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Director,
Food Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
AnajBhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh – 160036

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7414 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
28.08.2023	--	14.10.2023	--	18.12.2024

Present: Appellant:Sh. Surinder Kumar Sharma

Respondent:Sh. Ashok Kumar , Inspector (O/o DFSC, Gurdaspur),
Sh. Jasmanjot Singh (Sr. Assitt), Sh. YogeshBansal (Sr. Assitt.)

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. The The respondent officials—Sh. Ashok Kumar (Inspector), Sh. Jasmanjot Singh (Sr. Assistant) and Sh. YogeshBansal (Sr. Assistant), submitted a reply vide letter **Ref. No. 240 dated 12.11.2025**, wherein information on Points **1, 2, 3 and 6** was provided. However, information on Points **4, 5, 7 and 8** was not supplied by the concerned branches of the Staff Branch, Circle Office Gurdaspur and A-2 Branch, Circle Office Gurdaspur, stating that the RTI application was not readable and required to be submitted in a computer-typed format.
3. The Commission observes that although the RTI application is handwritten, it is **legible**. Therefore, the above ground for denial is not acceptable.Accordingly, the concerned branch(es) are **directed to provide complete information on Points 4, 5, 7 and 8**, strictly as per the RTI Act, and to forward the same to the **PIO, O/o DFSC Gurdaspur**, who shall **compile and supply** the complete information to the appellant **on or before the next date of hearing**.
4. The appellant is directed to examine the information already supplied and **point out any deficiencies/discrepancies**, if any, on the next date of hearing.
5. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh.Satbir Singh
S/o Sh. Bachan Singh,
Village – Ganja, Block – Daurangla,
Tehsil – Dinanagar,
Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)
(M.-8872097981)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheBlock Development
andPanchayat Officer,
Daurangla,
Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oTheDistrict Development
andPanchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 225 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
05.07.2024	--	02.09.2024	--	01.01.2025

Present: Appellant:Sh. SatbirSingh

Respondent:Sh. Rakesh Kumar (Supt.)

ORDER:

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Both parties are present and heard. The appellant submits that only **partial information** has been supplied to him so far. The respondent PIO's representative requests an **adjournment** to enable submission of the complete reply/information.
3. In view of the request, the Commission grants **one final opportunity** to the respondent PIO to provide the **complete, point-wise information** to the appellant **before the next date of hearing**. In case any part of the record is found **missing**, the respondent PIO shall take immediate action as per rules, including **lodging an FIR**, and inform the Commission accordingly.
4. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Varinder Kumar, S/o Sh. SohanLal,
H. No. 1752, B – 14,
UcchlaTibba, Islam Ganj,
Ludhiana - 141008 (Punjab)
(M.-917115180)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheDeputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oTheDeputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 300of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
02.03.2024	--	23.04.2024	19.07.2024

Present:

Complainnat:Sh. Varinder Kumar

Respondent:Absent

ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

2. **The complainant, Sh. Varinder Kumar, is present** and states that **no information whatsoever has been provided** to him by the Respondent PIO in the present complaint case. He further submits that due to the prolonged delay, he has suffered unnecessary **harassment and inconvenience**.

3. **The Respondent is absent without intimation.** The Commission takes serious note of the non-appearance of the Respondent PIO and the failure to furnish the required information within the statutory period under the RTI Act, 2005.

4. **Accordingly, the Commission directs the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to depute a competent officer to appear in person** before the Commission on the next date of hearing **to represent the case** and to ensure that a **proper, point-wise reply/information** is furnished to the complainant **before the next date**, without fail. The Respondent PIO is **warned** that continued non-compliance or failure to provide the requisite information may lead to **initiation of penal proceedings** under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 301 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
02.03.2024	--	23.04.2024	19.07.2024

Present:

Complainant: Sh. Varinder Kumar

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. **The complainant, Sh. Varinder Kumar, is present** and states that **no information whatsoever has been provided** to him by the Respondent PIO in the present complaint case. He further submits that due to the prolonged delay, he has suffered unnecessary **harassment and inconvenience**.
3. **The Respondent is absent without intimation.** The Commission takes serious note of the non-appearance of the Respondent PIO and the failure to furnish the required information within the statutory period under the RTI Act, 2005.
4. **Accordingly, the Commission directs the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to depute a competent officer to appear in person** before the Commission on the next date of hearing **to represent the case** and to ensure that a **proper, point-wise reply/information** is furnished to the complainant **before the next date**, without fail. The Respondent PIO is **warned** that continued non-compliance or failure to provide the requisite information may lead to **initiation of penal proceedings** under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.
6. **Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Ludhiana - 141008 (Punjab)
(M.-917115180)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Department of Home Affairs & Justice, Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1
Sector 1 Chandigarh – 160001

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 302 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
02.03.2024	--	23.04.2024	19.07.2024

Present:

Complainant: Sh. Varinder Kumar

Respondent: Sh. Harjeet Singh (Sr. Asst. o/o CM office)

ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

2. The respondent, Sh. Harjeet Singh (Sr. Assistant, O/o Chief Minister, Punjab), appeared and submitted that the RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the Office of Home Department, Punjab vide letter No. 458 dated 19.03.2024, and the appellant was duly informed of the same.

3. In view of the above, the Office of Home Department, Punjab is hereby impleaded as a necessary party in the present case. The Respondent PIO, O/o Home Department, Punjab, is directed to file a point-wise reply to the appellant, with a copy to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.

4. Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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18.11.2025

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Station House Officer(S.H.O.),
Police Station – Division No. 2,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Station House Officer(S.H.O.),
Police Station – Division No. 2,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No.303 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
02.03.2024	--	23.04.2024	19.07.2024

Present:

Complainant: Sh. Varinder Kumar

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The Complainant filed above mentioned complaint case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

2. **The complainant, Sh. Varinder Kumar, is present** and states that **no information whatsoever has been provided** to him by the Respondent PIO in the present complaint case. He further submits that due to the prolonged delay, he has suffered unnecessary **harassment and inconvenience**.

3. **The Respondent is absent without intimation.** The Commission takes serious note of the non-appearance of the Respondent PIO and the failure to furnish the required information within the statutory period under the RTI Act, 2005.

4. **Accordingly, the Commission directs the SHO, Police Station – Division No. 2, Ludhiana to appear in person** before the Commission on the next date of hearing **to represent the case** and to ensure that a **proper, point-wise reply/information** is furnished to the complainant **before the next date**, without fail. The Respondent PIO is **warned** that continued non-compliance or failure to provide the requisite information may lead to **initiation of penal proceedings** under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Next hearing on 27.01.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Chandigarh
18.11.2025

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.