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Sh. Madan Lal, S/o Sh. Om Prakash,
H.No 10803, Zone – 2/H, Street No 18,
Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Parinda Road 18,
Bathinda.(M: 9872367068).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Bathinda.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3810 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Madan Lal, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Gopal Krishan, PIO-cum-Suptd., the respondent (through cisco webex).

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrations reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e.21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that as directed by the Commission during the last hearing, he visited the O/o respondent on the fixed date and time but the copy of resolution No. 144 dated 08.06.1954 has still not been provided to him.

3. The respondent PIO states that complete record has been shown to the appellant during his visit on 03.11.2025 but the demanded information is quite old, which is not available in their official records.

4. In the facts and circumstances of the case, I am of the view that ends of justice will be met by directing the respondent PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within 15 days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant is not available in official records. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case and hence the appeal is **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Sh. Ankit Kakkar, S/o Sh. Prabh Dayal,
H.No 3354, Sector-21/D, Chandigarh.
(M; 9813494745).RTI Application No 115502.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation, Punjab,
Udyog Bhawan, Sector-17A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation, Punjab,
Udyog Bhawan, Sector-17A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3807 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Ms. Manpreet Sidhu, L.O along with Ms. Preeti, PIO the respondent.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrations reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e.21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation for the second successive hearing in the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO states that complete information as per official records has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 24.10.2025 and no observations have been received from the appellant, so far.

4. From the perusal of the record, it is ascertained that despite due and adequate notice for hearing, the appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing without intimation. However, the appellant is absent and nothing has been heard from him in regard to the information, which seems that he is satisfied with the supplied information and does not intend to pursue the case.

5. Keeping in view the prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that, no further cause of action is required to be taken. As such, the present case is **disposed of & closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh, S/o Sh. Jageet Singh,
Village Karampatti, Malout,
District: Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Malout, District Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
District Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3815 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Davinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e. 21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation for the second successive hearing in the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Davinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, files a reply mentioning therein that complete information as per RTI application has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 28.11.2025.

4. From the perusal of the record, it is ascertained that despite due and adequate notice for hearing, the appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing. However, the appellant is absent and nothing has been heard from him in regard to the information, which seems that he is satisfied with the supplied information and does not intend to pursue the case.

5. Keeping in view the prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that, no further cause of action is required to be taken. As such, the present case is **disposed of & closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Tara Singh,
Village Karampatti, Malout,
District: Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO cum MNERGA Officer,
Malout, District Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
District Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3816 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrations reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e.21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither of the parties is present. The appellant was not present even on the last date of hearing. It appears that the appellant is not interested in pursuing this matter. The appeal case is **dismissed for non prosecution**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Sh. Sukhchain Singh, S/o Sh. Ajmer Singh,
R/o Village Kotli, Tehsil- Samana , Distt Patiala.
(M: 9505700002). RTI Application No 116078.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Division, Public Works Department (B&R),
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Mechanical Circle, Public Works Department (B&R),
Patiala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3834 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Anupinder Singh, SDE along with sh. Jagwinder Singh, SDC on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e. 21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation for the second successive hearing in the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO states that the appellant was advised to deposit the documentation fee of Rs. 3830/- and get the required information but the appellant has failed to deposit the required fee so no information was provided to him.

4. Post deliberations and perusal of the file indicates that the respondent PIO has demanded the copying cost within the stipulated time as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005. Moreover, an opportunity was also awarded to the appellant for the inspection of the record, despite that neither the appellant deposited the fee nor inspected the record.

5. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to deposit the fee for providing information and the respondent PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant on receipt of the requisite fee.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case and hence the appeal is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Sh. Budh Singh, S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh,
R/o Village Bhamba Wattu Uttar, Tehsil Jalalabad,
District: Fazilka- 152024. (M; 9464641944)
RTI Application No 115292

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (Elementary Education),
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (Elementary Education),
Fazilka.

.. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4092 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Akshit Kataria, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent for the second successive hearing in the Commission.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Akshit Kataria, Clerk files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 16.01.2026 mentioning therein that the appellant has sought the action taken on his application dated 10.07.2023 which is addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab and the action is also to be taken by the him, as he is competent authority. A reply in this regard has also been conveyed to the appellant vide letter dated 15.01.2026. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. From the perusal of the record, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has addressed the RTI application adequately. The appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing without any information despite due and adequate notice for hearing. However, the appellant is absent without intimation and nothing has been heard from him in regard to the information, which seems he is satisfied with the supplied information and does not intend to pursue the case. **A copy of reply dated 16.01.2026 which is submitted by the respondent PIO, during the course of hearing is being sent to the appellant along with the Orders of the Commission.**
5. Keeping in view the prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that, no further cause of action is required to be taken. As such, the present case is **disposed of & closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Enclosed: A reply dated 16.01.2026

Sh. Rajiv Sharma, (M; 7508080011)
292, Kothey Bhim Sain, Dinanagar,
Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur. Pin Code – 143531.
RTI Application No 115643.

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, School Education, Punjab,
Punjab School Education Board,
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, School Education, Punjab,
Punjab School Education Board,
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase- VIII, SAS Nagar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4034 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither of the parties is present. The appellant was not present even on the last date of hearing. It appears that the appellant is not interested in pursuing this matter. The appeal case is **dismissed for non prosecution**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Sh. Rajiv Sharma, (M; 7508080011)
292, Kothey Bhim Sain, Dinanagar,
Tehsil & District Gurdaspur. Pin Code – 143531.
RTI Application No 115637

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary Education),
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary),
Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4032 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither of the parties is present. The appellant was not present even on the last date of hearing. It appears that the appellant is not interested in pursuing this matter. The appeal case is **dismissed for non prosecution**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Sh. Amandeep Singh, S/o Sh. Amrik Singh,
Village Post Office: Kalian, Tehsil Ahmedgarh,
District: Malerkotla. (M; 8264323832)
RTI Application No 116847

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary Education),
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (SBS Nagar).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary Education),
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (SBS Nagar).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4121 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Des Raj, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent, at today's hearing for the second successive hearing in the Commission.
3. The respondent PIO files an email dated 29.10.2025 sent by the appellant vide which the appellant has given in writing that he is not interested in pursuing the matter and wants to withdraw the case. On the written submission of the appellant for withdrawal of this appeal, the instant Appeal Case is allowed to be withdrawn as per para 7 of Office Order dated 27.03.2018 of the Commission. The case is hereby **closed and disposed of**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Ms Adarsh Kaur Sandhu, W/o Sh. Rupinder Singh,
2411 C, Friends Avenue, Airport Road, Plah Sahib Gurdwara,
Amritsar. (M; 9855975666)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (Elementary Education),
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (Elementary Education),
Amritsar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4075 of 2024

Present: (i) Ms. Adarsh Kaur Sandhu, the appellant.
(ii) None for the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.11.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that she has received the copy of the final action taken report but it has not been provided within the stipulated period as prescribed under the RTI Act, as a result, she has suffered mental harassment and financial loss in getting the desired information. The appellant requested that she should be compensated and the respondent PIO should be penalized for the delay.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing.

4. From the perusal of the case file and the averments narrated by the respondent PIO the Commission is of the view that the respondent PIO has adequately addressed to the RTI application but has been addressed after the delay of more than a year. The Commission takes an adverse view of the inaction on the part of the PIO O/o DEO(EE), Amritsar in not providing the information sought for within the stipulated time. It is expected that the PIO on receipt of a request, shall as expeditiously as possible provide the information sought for by the appellant. The Commission therefore would like to counsel the PIO to be more careful in future so that such lapses do not recur and that the provisions of the RTI Act are implemented in letter and spirit.

5. Keeping in view of the above, there is no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

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Sh. Sukhchain Singh, S/o Sh. Ajmer Singh,
R/o Village Kotli, Tehsil- Samana , Distt Patiala.
(M: 9505700002). RTI Application No 112719.

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Punjab,
1st Floor, Medical Education Bhavan,
Sector-69, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Punjab,
1st Floor, Medical Education Bhavan,
Sector-69, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3833 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Harjinder Singh, APIO-cum-Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e. 21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation for the second successive hearing in the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO files a reply dated 11.12.2025 sent to the appellant mentioning therein the sought for information cannot be provided to the appellant being third party information and the same is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent PIO has also submitted a copy of judgment passed against LPA No. 145 of 2020 dated 25.01.2023 of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court vide which the Hon'ble Court has also denied the same, copy of the same is taken on record.

4. From the perusal of the record as available in the file, it is ascertained that the appellant has sought information regarding attendance reports and attendance register of Staff Nurse, posted at the O/o DRME, which has been denied by the department under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The perusal of the record reveals that the appellant has sought the third party information which has no public interest. The appellant is misusing the RTI Act for his personal grievances. The RTI Act is not means of grievances redressal. The performance of an employee/officer in an organization is primarily a matter between the employee and the employer and normally those aspects are governed by the service rules which fall under the expression "personal information", the disclosure of which has no relationship to any

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Appeal Case No. 3833 of 2024

public activity or public interest. On the other hand, the disclosure of which would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of that individual. Of course, in a given case, if the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer of the Appellate Authority is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information, appropriate orders could be passed but the petitioner cannot claim those details as a matter of right. The Bench agree with the contention of the respondent that the information sought by the appellant is third party information and has rightly been declined in view of Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Despite due and adequate notice for hearing, the appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing. An ample opportunity was given to the appellant to state his case. However, the appellant is absent and nothing has been heard from him in regard to the information, which seems that he is satisfied with the supplied information and does not intend to pursue the case.

6. Keeping in view the prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that, no further cause of action is required to be taken. As such, the present case is **disposed of & closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 21st January, 2026

**Sd/-
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