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**Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, (85095 80002)**

R/o H. No. 78/8, Park Road,  
Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o XEN/S.D.O.,**

**Sub Division PSPCL,**

**Bhadour, District Barnala.**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o XEN/S.D.O.,**

**Sub Division PSPCL,**

**Bhadour, District Barnala.**

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 3527 OF 2023**

**Present:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Sh. Manish Garg (AE)

### **ORDER :**

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Asit jolly** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.
2. The respondent PIO representative, Sh. Amnish Garg (AE), stated that the sought information has been provided to the appellant. An email dated 02.04.2024 is received by the undersigned bench from the appellant confirming that he has received the requisite information.
3. In view of the above, no further action is required. The case is hereby **DISPOSED OF.**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Advocate Jagdish Kumar Gupta (94657 50041)

Chamber No. 851, District Courts,

Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN,

Water Supply & Sanitation Division -3,

Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o XEN,

Water Supply & Sanitation Division -3,

Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2906 OF 2023

### Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Rajinder Singh (JE)

### ORDER :

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Asit jolly** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.

2. The appellant is absent for the second consecutive time. The respondent, Sh. Rajinder Singh (JE), appeared and stated that in compliance with the previous order of the Commission, he has brought the attested copies of the complete information. As the appellant is not present today, the respondent has submitted the copies of the information to the Commission for record.

3. In view of the above, the appellant may collect the information from the office of the Commission on any working day during office hours.

4. Since the appellant has failed to appear despite being given sufficient opportunities and no further cause of action remains, the case is hereby **DISPOSED OF** accordingly.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Hardeep Singh, (94641 16767)  
R/o # F/22/488, Mustafabad,  
Batala Road, Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director,  
Technical Education Department, Punjab,  
Sector-36-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director,  
Technical Education Department, Punjab,  
Sector-36-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3007 OF 2023

**Present:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Sh. Harpreet Singh (Sr. Assistant)

### **ORDER :**

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing without any intimation.
3. However, the respondent PIO is represented by Sh. Harpreet Singh, Sr. Assistant, who is present today and has submitted a reply vide Memo No. 285 dated 21.04.2025, along with all supporting enclosures. The reply is taken on record.
4. Upon perusal of the reply, the Commission is of the view that the information sought by the appellant has been **sufficiently addressed** and no further clarification or action is warranted in the matter.
5. In view of the above, the Commission finds the reply to be satisfactory and accordingly, **the appeal is DISPOSED OF.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
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Shri Sandeep Kumar, (96465 46613)

S/o Shri Om Parkash,

R/o Gali No. 2, Near Shani Dev Mandir,

Patel Nagar, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN,

Water Supply and Sanitation,

Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Engineer,

Public Health,

Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3133 OF 2023

**Present:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### ORDER :

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Asit jolly** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.

2. Both the parties are absent today. It is observed that the appellant has remained absent throughout all the hearings held before the Commission.

3. A reply has been received from the PIO in the Commission vide Diary No. 1873 dated 03.02.2025, wherein it is submitted: *"Civil Suit No. 576 of 2024 is pending before the Civil Court, Malout. Hence, the information cannot be provided at this stage. The same shall be supplied once the court delivers its final judgment."*

4. Upon consideration of the reply, the Commission observes that the information sought pertains to a matter **sub judice**, and its disclosure at this stage may impede the process of adjudication. Therefore, the exemption claimed is found to be valid under **Section 8(1)(h)** of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. In view of the above, the Commission accepts the reply and **directs the PIO to provide the requested information to the appellant promptly after the pronouncement of the final judgment by the Hon'ble Court.**

Accordingly, the appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Sandeep Kumar, (96465 46613)  
S/o Shri Om Parkash,  
R/o Gali No. 2, Near Shani Dev Mandir,  
Patel Nagar, Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o XEN,  
Water Supply and Sanitation,  
Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chief Engineer, (HOD),  
Public Health,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3177 OF 2023

**Present:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER :**

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and were subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.
2. Both the parties are absent today. It is further observed that the appellant has remained absent throughout all the hearings held before the Commission, despite due notice having been issued.
3. Such non-appearance without intimation results in an avoidable **waste of the Commission's time and resources**, and adversely affects the **timely disposal of cases**, thereby adding to the **pendency** before the Commission.
4. In the absence of any representation or cause for further proceedings, the case is **CLOSED**. However, **liberty is granted to the appellant to make a submission within 15 days from the date of this order**, along with a valid reason for absence, failing which no further opportunity shall be granted and the matter shall remain closed.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Harmit Singh Sidhu, (98786 91567)

S/o Shri Sher Singh,

R/o M/s Baba Kala Finance Company,

Phul Road, Rampura Phul-151103 (Bathinda).

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Rampura Phul,

District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Urban Development, Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3188 OF 2023

Present: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Mandeep Singh (clerk)

### ORDER :

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and were subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today.

2. The above-mentioned case was listed for hearing today. The appellant is absent and has remained absent on multiple occasions, despite due notice.

3. The respondent is represented by Sh. Mandeep Singh, Clerk, who submitted that in compliance with the previous order of the Commission dated 23.04.2024, a **point-wise reply** has been sent to the appellant vide Letter Ref. No. 308 dated 26.04.2024, with a copy endorsed to the Commission. The same is taken on record.

4. The respondent further submitted that if the appellant is still not satisfied with the reply, he may visit the office on any working day, where the required information shall be made available to him.

5. After hearing the respondent and perusing the case file, the Commission observes that the PIO has complied with the directions of the Commission and has provided a **point-wise reply**, with an open offer to the appellant for further clarification or access to the records.

6. In view of the above, **liberty is granted to the appellant to visit the office of the PIO on any working day within 30 days from the date of this order** to seek any further clarification or to inspect/collect the remaining information, if any. Failing this, it shall be presumed that the appellant is **no longer interested in pursuing the matter**, and no further correspondence in this regard shall be entertained. Accordingly, the case is **disposed of** with the above observation and direction.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Ajay Kumar, (81465 48104)

S/o Shri Ram Rakha,

R/o H. No. A-1346, Street No. 1,

Radha Swami Colony, Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Fazilka.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3195 OF 2023

Present:

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent:** Absent

### ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. Both parties are absent from the Commission for the third consecutive hearing. In view of their repeated non-appearance, the matter stands **CLOSED**.

3. However, liberty is granted to the Appellant to move an application for restoration of the case, supported by a valid reason for non-appearance, within 15 days from the date of this order.

**This view finds support in the decision of the Central Information Commission in *CIC vs. C. Ramesh (CIC/LS/A/2010/000107)*, wherein it was held:**

*"The Commission is not expected to endlessly wait for the parties to appear and pursue the matter. If the appellant remains absent despite opportunities, the case may be closed. However, liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission with sufficient cause for non-appearance."*

**A similar principle was reiterated in *Smt. Neelam Sharma vs. DDA (CIC/SG/A/2009/003035)*, observing:**

*"Repeated absence of the appellant, despite notices, indicates lack of interest in pursuing the appeal. Hence, the case is closed. However, the appellant may request for reopening the case with a valid justification."*

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

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**Shri Ajay Kumar, (81465 48104)**

S/o Shri Ram Rakha,

R/o H. No. A-1346, Street No. 1,

Radha Swami Colony, Fazilka.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Fazilka.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 3327 OF 2023**

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent:** Absent

### **ORDER:**

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. Both parties are absent from the Commission for the third consecutive hearing. In view of their repeated non-appearance, the matter stands **CLOSED**.

3. However, liberty is granted to the Appellant to move an application for restoration of the case, supported by a valid reason for non-appearance, within 15 days from the date of this order.

**This view finds support in the decision of the Central Information Commission in *CIC vs. C. Ramesh (CIC/LS/A/2010/000107)*, wherein it was held:**

*“The Commission is not expected to endlessly wait for the parties to appear and pursue the matter. If the appellant remains absent despite opportunities, the case may be closed. However, liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission with sufficient cause for non-appearance.”*

**A similar principle was reiterated in *Smt. Neelam Sharma vs. DDA (CIC/SG/A/2009/003035)*, observing:**

*“Repeated absence of the appellant, despite notices, indicates lack of interest in pursuing the appeal. Hence, the case is closed. However, the appellant may request for reopening the case with a valid justification.”*

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**Shri Simranjit Singh, (98760 76662)**

S/o Shri Jagdish Singh,

R/o # 93/2, Adarsh Nagar,

Jalandhar.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,

Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,

Jalandhar.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 3213 OF 2023**

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent:** Absent

## **ORDER:**

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. The appellant is absent for the third consecutive hearing in the Commission.

3. However, in compliance with the Commission's order dated 08.12.2023, the representative of the PIO, Sh. Vijaypal Singh, SDE, along with Sh. Palwinder Singh, Superintendent, appeared and submitted a point-wise reply to the RTI application vide letter no. 254 dated 19.03.2024. The same is taken on record.

4. They further submitted that since the appellant is not present today, a copy of the reply will be sent to him by post.

5. In view of the above, the Commission finds that the PIO has complied with the order dated 08.12.2023 by submitting a point-wise reply to the RTI application. The PIO is directed to ensure that a copy of the same is sent to the appellant by post. The case is accordingly **DISPOSED OF**, with liberty to the appellant to approach the Commission within 15 days from the receipt of this order, in case he is not satisfied with the information provided, by stating specific reasons.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Gurnam Singh, (94630 41580)

S/o Shri Surjan Singh,

R/o Village Bakainwala,

Tehsil & District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

(Urban Development), Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

(Urban Development), Fazilka.

....Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 3217 OF 2023**

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent:** Absent

**ORDER:**

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. Both parties are absent from the Commission for the third consecutive hearing. In view of their repeated non-appearance, the matter stands **CLOSED**.

3. However, liberty is granted to the Appellant to move an application for restoration of the case, supported by a valid reason for non-appearance, within 15 days from the date of this order.

**This view finds support in the decision of the Central Information Commission in *CIC vs. C. Ramesh (CIC/LS/A/2010/000107)*, wherein it was held:**

*"The Commission is not expected to endlessly wait for the parties to appear and pursue the matter. If the appellant remains absent despite opportunities, the case may be closed. However, liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission with sufficient cause for non-appearance."*

**A similar principle was reiterated in *Smt. Neelam Sharma vs. DDA (CIC/SG/A/2009/003035)*, observing:**

*"Repeated absence of the appellant, despite notices, indicates lack of interest in pursuing the appeal. Hence, the case is closed. However, the appellant may request for reopening the case with a valid justification."*

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Shri Narinder Singh, (78883 65128)  
S/o Shri Wazir Singh,  
R/o Village Tarheti, Post Office Shahpur Kandi,  
Tehsil & District Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o XEN,  
Water Drainage Division,  
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
Water Drainage Circle,  
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3229 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Gurpreet Singh (sr. assistant)

### ORDER:

1. The **RTI application** in this case is dated **07.02.2023**, vide which the appellant has sought information in the form of: (i) **copy of the Service Book of Sh. Wazir Singh**, (ii) **details of his retirement benefits**, and (iii) **copy of complaint** made by **Sh. Joginder Singh** against **Sh. Wazir Singh** along with the **subsequent enquiry report**, as enumerated in the RTI application.
2. The **First Appeal** was filed before the First Appellate Authority on **13.03.2023**. The **Second Appeal** was received in the Commission on **16.05.2023** under **Section 19(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005**.
3. During the last hearing dated **02.04.2024**, **both parties were present**, and the appellant was represented by **Sh. Mohinder Singh via Webex**. In compliance with the Commission's earlier directions dated **13.09.2023**, the appellant, **Sh. Narinder Singh**, **inspected the record on 03.10.2023**, after which **copies of the documents** identified by him were provided by the **PIO**. Further, the **PIO submitted a point-wise reply** to the RTI application to the Commission vide **Letter No. 4172 dated 19.12.2023**, and also forwarded to the appellant a **detailed reply along with the relevant documents** vide **Letter No. 3976 dated 24.11.2023**. **Copies of these replies and documents are on record**. The appellant or his representative were advised that the said **reply is available in the case file** and may be **examined at their convenience** on any working day in the office of this Bench.

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 3229 OF 2023**

If any **deficiency** is found in the information provided, the same may be **conveyed in writing to the respondent PIO**, with a copy to the Commission, for appropriate action.

*This case was initially heard by the **Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly** and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.*

4. Today, the **appellant is absent**. The **respondent is represented by Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Senior Assistant**.
5. **In view of the above**, the respondent PIO's representative has stated that the **complete information was submitted to the Commission vide Letter No. 4172 dated 19.12.2023**, and a copy thereof was **furnished to the appellant vide Letter No. 3976 dated 24.11.2023**. However, the **appellant neither attended today's hearing nor availed himself of the opportunity to examine the reply on record**. Despite being **granted ample opportunity** to inspect and collect the information, he has failed to do so. Accordingly, the **Commission presumes that the appellant has no further requirements** in this matter. The appellant is, however, at **liberty to collect the reply and the documents** from the office of the Commission, **if not already received**.

The case is **DISPOSED OF AND CLOSED**.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh  
22.04.2025