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Shri Sarwan Singh, (9915047191)

S/o Shri Darbara Singh,

R/o Village Jaramsatpur, Tehsil Tarn Taran.

Presently R/o Kajikot Road, Dharam Singh Avenue,

Street No 2, Tarn Taran.

....Complainant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Social Security Officer,

Tarn Taran.

.....Respondent

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 0151 OF 2025

Cisco Webex Proceedings

PRESENT:

Shri Sarwan Singh, Complainant.

Shri Rahul Arora, DSSO (9814214444) on behalf of the Respondent.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 06.04.2025 and Complaint Case was filed in the Commission on 06.06.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 24.09.2025.

2. That both parties attended hearing through Cisco Webex. The respondent stated that the requisite information/reply has been sent to the appellant vide letters dated 21.01.2025 and 07.05.2025, copy of the same is placed on record.

3. That post deliberation, the Bench observes that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant. The attention of the Complainant is drawn to the decision of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India rendered on 12.12.2011 in Civil Appeal Nos. 10787-10788 of 2011 (arising out of SLP(C) No. 32768-32769/2010) – Chief Information Commissioner and another Vs. State of Manipur and another in para 31 whereof, it has been held that while entertaining a complaint case under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commissioners have no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for an access to the information which is as under:-

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31. *We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the Hon'ble High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information."*

As such, the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 no directions for providing further information can be given by the Commission.

4. That since there is an alternative and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available to the Complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 which has not been availed in the instant complaint case and the First Appellate Authority has not had the occasion to review the decision of PIO, as envisaged under the RTI Act by passing a detailed well reasoned speaking order.

5. That the instant matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority i.e. District Social Security and Empowerment Officer, Tran Taran**. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard.

6. That in case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision and/or he does not receive the order of the First Appellate Authority, he is at liberty to file second appeal before Punjab State Information Commission Section 19(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. In view of the above, **the case is disposed of and closed.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

24.09.2025

Copy of above is forwarded to the following

(Regd. Post):

The First Appellate Authority – cum –

District Social Security and Empowerment Officer,
Tran Taran.

for information and necessary compliance. RTI application dated 06.04.2025 is enclosed.

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Shri Shingara Singh, (9872565768)

S/o Shri Malkait Singh,

R/o Village & Post Office Chappar,

District Ludhiana-141204

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat,

Chappar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1078 OF 2024

PRESENT: None of the Parties.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 13.08.2025.

2. That both parties remained absent in court, inspite notice/order was sent through registered post.

3. That it is pertinent to mention here that the appellant remained absent without intimation to the Bench. Though, copy of previous notice/order dated 13.08.2025/24.09.2025 were also sent to the appellant, through registered post but thereafter no communication on record. The appellant has failed to appear for the second consecutive hearing, which indicates that he does not wish to pursue the matter.

4. That in view of the above, and there being no cause for further adjudication, the Appeal is **disposed of and closed** for want of prosecution. No further action is warranted.

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

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Shri Shingara Singh, (9872565768)

S/o Shri Malkait Singh, VPO,

Chappar, District Ludhiana-141204

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Pakhowal, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1079 OF 2024

PRESENT: None of the Parties.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 13.08.2025.

2. That both parties remained absent in court, inspite notice/order was sent through registered post.

3. That it is pertinent to mention here that the appellant remained absent without intimation to the Bench. Though, copy of previous notice/order dated 13.08.2025/24.09.2025 were also sent to the appellant, through registered post but thereafter no communication on record. The appellant has failed to appear for the second consecutive hearing, which indicates that he does not wish to pursue the matter.

4. That in view of the above, and there being no cause for further adjudication, the Appeal is **disposed of and closed** for want of prosecution. No further action is warranted.

Sd/-

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Shri Gurtej Singh, (9464768962)

S/o Shri Harmail Singh,
R/o Village New Lalouchi,
Tehsil & District Patiala.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Jail road, Near Thapar Chowk, Opposite Central Jail,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Jail road, Near Thapar Chowk, Opposite Central Jail,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1088 OF 2024

Cisco Webex Proceedings

PRESENT: Shri Gurtej Singh, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.08.2025.

2. That the PIO remained absent during the hearing, however, an email has been received stating that the requisite information has been provided by hand to the appellant and the appellant attended hearing through Cisco Webex and confirmed the receipt of information.

3. That upon perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the information has indeed been furnished to the appellant by the respondent and the appellant has duly acknowledged receipt thereof under his signature, copy of the same is placed in the case file.

4. That in view of the above, no ground for further intervention remains. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed**.

24.09.2025

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Shri Parvinder Singh Kittna, (9814313162)

217, K.C. Tower, Chandigarh Road,

Nawanshahar-144514

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Superintending Engineer,

POWERCOM, Nawanshahar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Engineer,

Distribution North Zone,

PSPCL, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1090 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Er. Suvikas Paul, Addl. S.E. along with Shri Kehar Singh, Superintendent and Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Revenue Assistant for the Respondents

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.08.2025.

2. That the appellant remained absent from today's hearing as well as from the last hearing held on 14.08.2025, without any intimation to the Bench, whereas the PIO stated before the Bench that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 10557, dated 28.08.2023 and that no observation has been received from the appellant. A copy of the same is placed on record.

3. That it is pertinent to mention that the appellant has remained absent without any intimation to the Bench. Although a copy of the previous orders dated 14.08.2025 were duly sent to the appellant via registered post, no further communication has been received. The appellant's absence for the hearing indicates that the appellant is satisfied with the provided information/reply and does not wish to pursue the matter any further.

4. That, considering the appellant's continued absence and failure to indicate deficiencies, the Bench presumes that the appellant is satisfied with the information provided. In view of the above, no ground for further intervention remains. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed**.

24.09.2025

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Shri Tarsem Lal, (8146444144)

S/o Shri Karam Chand,

R/o H. No 3036/2, Street No 6, Mangaldeep Colony,

Opposite Gurmeet School, Kailash Nagar Road, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Tehsildar East,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1093 OF 2024

PRESENT:

Shri Tarsem Lal, Appellant.

Shri Vaneet Kaushal, Jr. Assistant (9888885324) on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.08.2025.

2. That the appellant stated that no information had been provided, whereas the respondent appeared before the Bench along with the requisite information and handed over the same to the appellant during the hearing.

3. That upon perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that the requisite information was duly handed over to the appellant during the hearing, and the appellant has acknowledged receipt of the complete information

4. That in view of the above, no cause of action survives in the matter. Hence, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed.**

24.09.2025

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Shri Harwinder Singh, (9417622722)

S/o Shri Avtar Singh,

R/o Village Sosan Basti, Sandhuwan Dabhli,

Tehsil & District Moga-142048

RTI Application No. 76266

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1094 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the Parties.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.08.2025.

2. That both parties remained absent in court, inspite notice/order was sent through registered post.
3. That it is pertinent to mention here that the appellant remained absent without intimation to the Bench. Though, copy of previous notice/order dated 14.08.2025/24.09.2025 were also sent to the appellant, through registered but thereafter no communication on record. The appellant has not appeared for the second consecutive hearing entailing thereby that the appellant does not want to pursue his case.
4. The case is **dismissed** for non prosecution.

24.09.2025

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Shri Shiv Chander Shekhar, (9872082120)

S/o Shri Visheshva Nand,
146, SBS Colony, Tehsil Rampura Phul,
District Bathinda-151103

RTI Application No 98288

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1099 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Tejbir Singh, Sr. Assistant (7572000026) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.08.2025.

2. That the appellant remained absent from today's hearing as well as from the last hearing held on 14.08.2025, without any intimation to the Bench, whereas the PIO stated before the Bench that the requisite information/reply has already been sent to the appellant and that no observation has been received from the appellant.

3. That it is pertinent to mention that the appellant has remained absent without any intimation to the Bench. Although a copy of the previous orders dated 14.08.2025 were duly sent to the appellant via registered post, no further communication has been received. The appellant's absence for the hearing indicates that the appellant is satisfied with the provided information/reply and does not wish to pursue the matter any further.

4. That, considering the appellant's continued absence and failure to indicate deficiencies, the Bench presumes that the appellant is satisfied with the information provided. In view of the above, no ground for further intervention remains. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed**.

24.09.2025

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Shri Jasveer Singh, (9463249551)

S/o Shri Sulakhan Singh,
Vill Dhoot Dhut, Dinanagar,
District Gurdaspur-143521

RTI Application No. 152807

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Dorangla, District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3390 OF 2025

PRESENT:

Shri Jasveer Singh, Appellant.

Shri Kamaljit Singh, Panchayat Secy., (7009262979) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 06.11.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.01.2025 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.06.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 24.09.2025.

2. That the appellant stated that no information had been provided, whereas the respondent appeared before the Bench along with the requisite information and handed over the same to the appellant during the hearing.

3. That upon perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that the requisite information was duly handed over to the appellant during the hearing, and the appellant has acknowledged receipt of the complete information

4. That in view of the above, no cause of action survives in the matter. Hence, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of and closed.**

24.09.2025

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab