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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882 96107)

R/o Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village Bholapur Jhabewal, P.O. Ramgarh,  
District Ludhiana-141123

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, RTA,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, RTA,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 0065 OF 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply of PIO	Date of First Appeal made,	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of AC/ CC Filed in Commission
03.10.2022	--	07.11.2022	--	22.12.2022

PRESENT:

Appellant: **Shri Jasbir Singh**

Respondent: Sh. Hari Om (Sr. Assistant) 9815256996 ,

### FINAL ORDER (6th Hearing):

1. This Order may be read with reference with previous order of the Commission dated **27.11.2024**.

2. Both parties were present for the hearing. The Respondent Public Information Officer (PIO), represented by Hari Om Singh (Senior Assistant), submitted that the requisite information was already sent to the appellant on 12.12.2024 via letter reference no. 53. However, it was acknowledged that instead of the Motor Vehicle Inspector Ludhiana stamp, the Jalandhar stamp was mistakenly affixed. This error has since been rectified, and the corrected information has been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant, present in person, acknowledged receipt of the information but expressed dissatisfaction due to the delay in providing the information and claimed it is still incomplete. The respondent's representative asserted that the information provided is complete and that no additional information pertaining to this RTI application is pending.

4. The Respondent PIO also submitted an apology letter from the PIO, Office of the RTA Ludhiana, reference no. 8337 dated 20.12.2024. 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 ₹5,000 (**imposed on PIO vide Order dated 22.06.2023**) and dispose of the case.

5. 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**. In view of the above, and considering the over-pendency of cases in the Commission, the case is closed.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

**24.12.2024**

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Shri Surinderpal Singh, (86862 78000)

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Regional Transport Office,  
Ludhiana

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

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 0110 OF 2022

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
31.05.2021	--	22.09.2021	--	22.12.2021

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Hari Om (Sr. Assistant) 9815256996 ,

### FINAL ORDER (9<sup>th</sup> Hearing):

1. This Order may be read with reference with previous order of the Commission dated 19.11.2024.

2. The appellant has remained absent at all hearings, either sending representatives or submitting objection letters regarding the information provided by the Respondent PIO. These inconsistent methods have created confusion for the Commission, as the facts of the case are not being clearly presented by the appellant. This lack of clarity has resulted in unnecessary delays and additional hearing dates being scheduled repeatedly.

3. Today, the appellant is again absent but has submitted an email dated 15.12.2024, pointing out certain deficiencies. On the other hand, the Respondent PIO's representative, Sh. Hari Om, made a written submission to the Commission via letter reference no. 8338 dated 20.12.2024. The relevant portion of the submission is reproduced below:

ਨੰਬਰ 8338

ਮਿਤੀ 20-12-2024

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਅਪੀਲ ਕੇਸ ਨੰਬਰ 110 ਆਫ 2022 (ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ )

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਤੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 14734 ਮਿਤੀ 04-12-2024 ਦੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ।

ਨਿਰਮਾਤਾ ਸਹਿਤ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਲੜੀ ਨੂੰ 1 ਅਤੇ 2 ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਨੁਲੱਗ ਨੱਥੀ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜਵਾਬ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਲੜੀ ਨੂੰ 3 ਅਤੇ 4 ਸਬੰਧਤ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਆਨ-ਲਾਈਨ ਪੋਰਟਲ ਤੇ ਅਜਿਹੀ ਕੋਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੈਨਅਲੀ ਵੱਖਰੇ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਅਜਿਹੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੋਨਟੇਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਐਕਟ, 2005 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 2(ਐਫ) ਤਹਿਤ ਕਵਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਕਿਉਂਜੋ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਤਹਿਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਅਰਥ ਉਹ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਗਜ਼ਾਤ/ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼/ ਸੀ.ਡੀ./ਫਲੋਪੀ ਆਦਿ ਦੇ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪਲੱਬਧ ਹੋਵੇ। ਨਾ ਕਿ create ਕਰਕੇ ਦੇਣੀ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਸਹਾਇਕਾਂ ਖਾਸੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਬਿਨੇਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ 170 ਮਿਤੀ 02-12-2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ ਜੀ।  
ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਹੱਥ ਜੋੜ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਕੇਸ ਨੂੰ ਡਿਸਪੋਜ਼ ਆਫ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ।

ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਰਿਜ਼ਨ  
ਟਰਾਂਸਪੋਰਟ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ

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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0110 OF 2022**

4. After reviewing the PIO's submission, the Commission finds that the RTI application in this case has been adequately addressed. The factual position has been communicated to the appellant, leaving no further scope for action unless the appellant raises specific queries.

5. Considering the circumstances, no further cause of action is required in this case. Accordingly, the instant appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**24.12.2024**

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Shri Ajay Sharma, (98156 61652; 95922 97005)  
S/o Shri Mangat Ram Sharma,  
R/o Bhagwan Dass Colony,  
Salem Tabri, Ludhiana-141008

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.  
First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2594 OF 2022

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
12.02.2022	--	22.03.2022	--	30.05.2022

Appellant: Shri Ajay Sharma (via Cisco Webex)

Respondent: Sh. Hari Om (Sr. Assistant) 9815256996

### **FINAL ORDER (8<sup>th</sup> Hearing) :**

1. The case was last heard on 27.11.2024 during which directions were issued to the Respondent PIO to provide the requisite information to the Appellant and compensate him for any inconvenience caused.
2. During the present hearing, the Respondent PIO, represented by **Sh. Hari Om (Sr. Assistant)**, submitted that the requisite information has been provided to the Appellant, and a compensation amount of Rs. 5000/- has been issued to him through cheque.
3. The Appellant, present through Webex, acknowledged receiving the information and the compensation but expressed his desire for penal action against the department for submitting a false affidavit to the Commission.
4. The Respondent PIO representative, **Sh. Hari Om (Sr. Assistant)** apologized for the mistake, stating that it was unintentional and attributed it to errors made by a previous official due to manual handling of tasks. He assured the Commission that such mistakes would not be repeated in the future.
5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the Commission issues a **strict warning** to the PIO, RTA Ludhiana, for the harassment caused to the Appellant.
6. As the Appellant has received the requisite information and compensation, and keeping in view the pendency of cases in the Commission, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

*The Commission also instructs the Respondent Public Authority to convene periodic conferences/seminars to sensitize, familiarize and educate the concerned officials about the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 for effective discharge of its duties and responsibilities.*

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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27.11.2024

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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, (98887 10031)

Activist Whistle Blower, NCAG

# 1331-5, Vishawkarma Bhawan,

Down Canal road, Simlapuri, Ludhiana-141003

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 0465 OF 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
27.09.2022	--	27.10.2022	--	09.01.2023

Appellant: Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (through Webex)

Respondent: Sh. Hari Om (Sr. Assistant) 9815256996 ,

### ORDER (6<sup>th</sup> Hearing):

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 27.11.2024.

2. The case was last heard on 27.11.2024 during which the Respondent PIO appeared and submitted that only the forwarding page of the RTI application had been received. Consequently, the complete RTI application was provided to the Respondent PIO during the hearing. In compliance with the directions of the Commission, the Respondent PIO was instructed to provide the requisite information to the Appellant within 15 days, as per the RTI Act.

3. During the today's hearing, the appellant stated that no information has been provided to him. The Respondent PIO, represented by Mr. Hari Om Singh (Sr. Assistant), made a written submission via letter reference no. 8339 dated 20.12.2024. The submission highlights the following points:

- The RTI application does not specify the time period for which the information is sought.
- The information pertains to third-party data, which is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.
- The complete RTI application was collected from the Commission only during the last hearing. A reply was subsequently sent to the Appellant via letter no. 162 dated 02.12.2024.
- The Respondent PIO has requested the waiver of the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- and closure of the case.

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 0465 OF 2023

4. Upon examining the facts, the Commission observes the following:

- The Appellant failed to specify the duration of the information sought in the RTI application, which was duly communicated by the Respondent PIO.
- The Respondent PIO acted on the RTI application as soon as the complete copy was made available to them during the last hearing.

5. Considering the above, the Commission decides as follows:

- The case is **closed** with the direction to the Appellant to clearly specify the time period of the information sought in the RTI application.
- The Appellant may collect the information from the office of the Respondent PIO within 15 days of the issuance of this order, upon providing the required details.
- The penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Penalty imposed on PIO vide Order dated 18.08.2023) is **waived** as it is not justified under the circumstances.

This case is **Disposed of and Closed** accordingly.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Shri Manjit Singh, (84274 98620)  
S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh,  
R/o Village Manemajra,  
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, District Ropar.

....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 0145 OF 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
01.08.2021	--	09.09.2021	--	29.12.2021

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

### FINAL ORDER (8th Hearing):

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 27.11.2024.
2. Today marks the **8th hearing** of this case. During the last hearing, as per the Respondent PI submission the information was provided to the Appellant; however, the Appellant was not satisfied with the same.
3. Today, **both parties are absent**, however an email has been received from the **PIO, RTO Bathinda**, stating that the sought information has been supplied to the Appellant. The PIO has also requested that the case be closed.
4. Furthermore, the Appellant has neither appeared for today's hearing nor pointed out any deficiencies in the information supplied to him.
5. After considering the Respondent's submission and viewing the **pendency of cases in the Commission**, the case is **closed**.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Regional Transport Authority,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2324 OF 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
03.01.2023	--	14.02.2023	--	06.04.2023

Appellant: Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia (through Webex)

Respondent: Sh. Hari Om (Sr. Assistant) 9815256996 ,

### FINAL ORDER (6<sup>th</sup> Hearing):

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 27.11.2024.

2. The case was last heard on 27.11.2024, during which the Respondent PIO appeared and submitted that only the forwarding page of the RTI application had been received. Consequently, the complete RTI application was provided to the Respondent PIO during the hearing.

3. During the today's hearing, the Appellant stated that no information has been provided to him so far by the Respondent PIO. The Respondent PIO, represented by **Sh. Hari Om Singh**, (Sr. Assistant) made a written submission in the Commission vide letter reference no. **161 dated 02.12.2024**, a copy of which was also sent to the Appellant. The relevant portion of the submission is reproduced below:

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਕਤ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੇਸ ਨੰ:2324/2022 ਵਿਚ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਵਿਚ ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ :1 ਵਿਚ ਜੋ ਬਾਹਰਲੀਆਂ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਮੰਗੀਆਂ ਹਨ, ਉਸ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਪਚੇ ਵੀ ਕੋਈ ਲੋਕ ਹਿੱਤ ਨਜ਼ਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਆਉਂਦਾ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਤੀਜੀ ਧਿਰ ਦੇ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਬਿੱਲ, ਇੰਸੂਰੈਂਸਾਂ, ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਨੰਬਰ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੰਪਲੀਟ ਫਾਇਲ ਮੰਗੀ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਤੀਜੀ ਧਿਰ ਦੇ ਸਾਰਾ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਆਧਾਰ ਕਾਰਡ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਤੰਗ ਪ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਾਨ ਹੀ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਲੋਕ ਹਿੱਤ ਨਜ਼ਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਆਉਂਦਾ ਫਿਰ ਵੀ ਜੇਕਰ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਪੈਸਿਫਿਕ ਗੱਡੀ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਆਪ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ 10 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਦੱਸ ਕੇ ਲੈ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।

2) ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ:2 ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਦੇ ਸਿਵਲ ਰਿਟ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਨੰ: 27734 ਆਫ 2012 ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਸਰਵਿਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ।

3) ਪੈਰਾ ਨੰ:3 ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਦੇ ਸਿਵਲ ਰਿਟ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਨੰ: 27734 ਆਫ 2012 ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਸਰਵਿਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ।

ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਲੋਕ ਹਿੱਤਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਰੇ ਹੈ, ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਵੱਧ ਰੁੱਚੀ ਜਾਪਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਉਕਤ ਕੇਸ ਵਿਚ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਤੀਜੀ ਧਿਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਣ ਤੇ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਹਿੱਤ ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਨੂੰ ਡਿਸਪੋਜ਼ ਆਫ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ ਦਫਤਰ  
ਰਿਜ਼ਨਲ ਟਰਾਂਸਪੋਰਟ ਅਫਸਰ  
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## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2324 OF 2023**

4.\_ After considering the Respondent PIO's reply, the Commission finds that the denial of the requested information, citing it as third-party data and stating that no public interest is involved, is justified under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Commission upholds the decision of the Respondent PIO in denying the information. Accordingly, the case is **closed**.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Gursewak Singh, (94632 59716)  
C/o Rozana Pehredar,  
R/o # 24-A, Main Ajit Singh Road,  
Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Block & District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1025 OF 2023

### Present:

Appellant: Shri Gursewak Singh (On call)  
Respondent: Sh. Charanjit Singh (APO, MANREGA)

### Final Order:

1. The above mentioned Appeal Case was fixed for hearing before the Bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Punjab Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi. The Registry Branch vide his office order no. PSIC/Legal/2024/480, dated 04.09.2024 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly the case is fixed for hearing today.
2. The Respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Charanjit Singh (APO, MANREGA), submitted that the sought information has been provided to the Appellant. The Appellant was contacted via telephone, and he acknowledged the receipt of the information during the call.
3. In light of the above submission and acknowledgment by the Appellant, the Commission finds no further action is required in this case. Accordingly, the case is **closed**.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Parveen Kumar, (94648 17898)

RTI Activist,

R/o Street No. 1, Patwari Colony,

Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda-151302

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
(Urban Development), Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
(Urban Development), Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1115 OF 2023

### Present:

Appellant: Shri Parveen Kumar (Through Webex)

Respondent: Absent

### Order (2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing):

1. The above mentioned Appeal Case was fixed for hearing before the Bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Punjab Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi. The Registry Branch vide his office order no. PSIC/Legal/2024/480, dated 04.09.2024 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly the case is fixed for hearing today.

2. Appellant is present through Webex and stated that no information pertaining to **Point No. 2** of his RTI application has been provided to him so far by the Respondent PIO.

3. The Commission notes with concern that no representative from the Respondent authority is present for the hearing, despite a Notice and order issued by the Commission. This absence reflects a disregard for the Commission's authority and adversely impacts the hearing and disposal of the case.

4. In view of the above, the Commission grants a **LAST OPPORTUNITY** to the Respondent PIO to:

- Provide the requisite information/reply to the Appellant, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, **before the next date of hearing**.
- Ensure presence in the next hearing in person in commission chandigarh to represent the case.

5. Failure to comply with the above directions will compel the Commission to issue a **WARRANT** against the Respondent PIO.

6. The next date of hearing is scheduled for **11.02.2025** and the Respondent PIO is directed to ensure strict compliance.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Gurmeet Singh, (94635 47954)  
S/o Shri Inder Singh,  
R/o Village Bhagwargarh (Bhakhian Wali),  
Tehsil Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Tehsildar,  
Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1512 OF 2023

### Present:

Appellant: Shri Gurmeet Singh

Respondent: Sh. Jashanpreet Singh (Kanugo, Tehsildar, Talwandi Saboo)

### Final Order (2nd Hearing):

1. The above mentioned Appeal Case was fixed for hearing before the Bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Punjab Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi. The Registry Branch vide his office order no. PSIC/Legal/2024/480, dated 04.09.2024 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly the case is fixed for hearing today.
2. Both parties were present for the hearing. The Appellant stated that no information or reply has been provided to him so far by the Respondent PIO.
3. The Respondent PIO, represented by **Sh. Jashanpreet Singh (Kanugo)**, submitted that the sought information pertains to third parties and contains sensitive details, such as account numbers.
4. After reviewing the case file, the Commission directs the Respondent PIO to prepare a list of persons involved, ensuring that personal details such as account numbers and other sensitive information are masked, in compliance with the RTI Act, 2005. After this Sh. Jashanpreet Singh (Kanugo) has made a written assurance to the Commission, stating that the said information will be provided to the Appellant during his visit to the office. This assurance letter has been taken on record
5. The Appellant is advised to visit the office of the Respondent PIO at a mutually convenient date and time within one week of the issuance of this order to obtain the information.
6. The Respondent PIO is directed to:
  - Attend to the Appellant during the visit and provide the requisite information, ensuring compliance with the RTI Act, 2005.

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 1512 OF 2023

- Submit a compliance report to the Commission immediately after providing the information, without fail.
7. The case is **disposed of** with the above directions, with liberty to the Appellant to approach the Commission again in case of any grievance regarding receiving the information as per this order.
8. In view of the pendency of cases in the Commission, the case is **closed** with the above observations and directions.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Sukhbir Singh Brar, (82888 38312)  
S/o Shri Manpreet Singh,  
R/o Near Grain Market, Madhak,  
Tehsil Jaito, District Faridkot-151204

(RTI Application No. 45986)  
....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Inspector General of Police,  
Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1603 OF 2023

### Present:

Appellant: **Absent**

Respondent: **ASI Resham Singh (via Webex)**

### Final Order (2nd Heaing):

1. The above mentioned Appeal Case was fixed for hearing before the Bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Punjab Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi. The Registry Branch vide his office order no. PSIC/Legal/2024/480, dated 04.09.2024 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly the case is fixed for hearing today.
2. The Appellant had sought information regarding **FIR No. 268/26/10/2022** registered at **Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda**.
3. The Respondent PIO, represented by **ASI Resham Singh**, appeared through Webex and submitted that the sought information/reply was sent to the Appellant via registered post vide letter reference no. **2113 dated 18.10.2023**. The reply provided factual details about the sought information.
4. The Appellant is **absent** for today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission, despite being duly notified about the hearing.
5. After reviewing the submission and the records, the Commission finds the reply provided by the Respondent PIO to be satisfactory and in compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
6. In light of the above, and considering the absence of the Appellant, the Commission concludes that the factual situation has been duly apprised to the Appellant. As no further cause of action is required, the case is **closed**.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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24.12.2024.



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S/o Shri Tej Ram,  
R/o Peer Khane Wali Gali,  
Near Baba Gujju Ram Ashram,  
Gidderbaha-152101 (Sri Muktsar Sahib)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
(Urban Development) Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1618 OF 2023

### Present:

Appellant: **Absent**

Respondent: **Absent**

### Final Order (2nd Hearing):

1. This order is to be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated 10.08.2023, wherein the Respondent PIO was directed to provide the information to the Appellant free of cost.
2. Both parties are **absent** for today's hearing, and no intimation regarding their absence has been provided to the Commission.
3. A letter dated **20.12.2024**, received in the Commission vide diary no. **15802**, states that the sought information comprising **94 pages** was sent to the Appellant. The letter further mentioned that the Appellant was advised to raise any objections, if any, within one week. However, no objections or deficiencies have been pointed out by the Appellant to date.
4. In view of the above, and considering the absence of the Appellant in today's hearing, the Commission assumes that the Appellant is satisfied with the information provided and has no further objections.
5. Accordingly, viewing the **pendency of cases in the Commission**, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**Shri Lakhwinder Singh** (91152 04282)  
S/o Shri Darshan Singh,  
R/o H. No. 81, Near Flour Mill,  
Village Ganga, Tehsil & District Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Bathinda.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2004 OF 2023

### Present:

Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### Final Order (2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing):

1. The above mentioned Appeal Case was fixed for hearing before the Bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Punjab Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi. The Registry Branch vide his office order no. PSIC/Legal/2024/480, dated 04.09.2024 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly the case is fixed for hearing today.

2. The Appellant has failed to appear for the second consecutive hearing without any intimation to the Commission. Despite being given a final opportunity to present themselves at the last hearing, the Appellant has chosen not to attend, prompting the Commission to decide the case on its merits.

3. Upon reviewing the case files, the Commission notes that a reply to the Appellant's RTI application was sent via letter Ref. No. 603 dated June 22, 2023.

In light of the Appellant's non-prosecution and absence, the Commission is constrained to close the case. The Commission is already burdened with a large number of pending cases, and in the interest of efficient case management and to avoid unnecessary delays the case is **DISPOSED OF** due to the Appellant's non-cooperation.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Baljit Singh, (94640 38294)  
Pump Operator, Near Bus Stand, Gurudwara Karansar Sahib,  
R/o Village Ghudda,  
Tehsil & District Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Sangat,  
District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
Urban Development, Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2012 OF 2023

### Present:

Appellant: **Shri Baljit Singh**  
Respondent: Sh. Jagjit Singh (E.O)

### Final Order (2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing):

1. The above mentioned Appeal Case was fixed for hearing before the Bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Punjab Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi. The Registry Branch vide his office order no. PSIC/Legal/2024/480, dated 04.09.2024 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly the case is fixed for hearing today.
2. Both parties are present for the hearing today. The appellant sought information regarding Sh. Rajinder Singh (Clerk), who is no longer alive. The respondent, represented by PIO Jagjit Singh, apprised the Commission of this fact and submitted the death certificate of Late Sh. Rajinder Singh (Clerk).
3. The respondent also informed the Commission that, during his lifetime, a consent letter was sent to Late Sh. Rajinder Singh seeking permission to disclose his personal information. However, he had explicitly denied disclosure of his personal information. As the requested information pertains to a third party, and considering the individual's right to privacy, the same cannot be disclosed.
4. In view of the above facts and the demise of the concerned individual, the Commission finds no merit in proceeding further with the case. Therefore, the case is **hereby closed**.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.  
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Shri Shiv Chander Shekhar, (98720 82120)  
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Rampura Phul, Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
(Urban Development), Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2070 OF 2023

## Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Mandeep Singh(Clerk, Nagar Council Kotha Pura) 9878958893  
(through Webex)

## Final Order:

1. The above mentioned Appeal Case was fixed for hearing before the Bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Punjab Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi. The Registry Branch vide his office order no. PSIC/Legal/2024/480, dated 04.09.2024 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly the case is fixed for hearing today.
2. During the present hearing, the Respondent PIO, represented by **Sh. Mandeep Singh (Clerk)** (through Webex), submitted that the sought information pertains to various Nagar Councils and Nagar Panchayats. Among these, three Nagar Councils/Panchayats — **Nagar Council Bhai Rupa, Nagar Council Kotha Pura, and Nagar Council Bhagta Bhaika** — have provided the requisite information to the Appellant.
3. The Respondent PIO further stated that the Appellant has acknowledged receipt of the information, and the acknowledgment has been taken on record by the Commission.
4. The Commission notes that the RTI application pertains to more than three PIOs, which complicates the process of collecting and providing consolidated information. Therefore, the Appellant is advised to file separate RTI applications with the concerned Nagar Councils or Nagar Panchayats for the remaining information.
5. Accordingly, the case is **disposed of** with the above observations and directions.

**(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

**24.12.2024.**