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V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Station House Officer (S.H.O.),
Shimplapuri,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone – B (B & R),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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O/o The Executive Engineer,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone – D (B & R),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Assistant Town Planner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone –C,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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Municipal Corporation,
Zone –B,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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Municipal Corporation,
Zone – C (B & R),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman,
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana (Punjab)
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Nawanshaheer
Distt. – Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

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Appeal Case No. 6996, 6997, 6998, 6999, 7002, 7008, 7009, 6994, 6995, 7000, 7004, 7007, 7005, 7006, 7003, 7267, 7268, 7269, 7270, of 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: 1. Ashish Sahrma (J.E)
2. Harpreet Singh (Draftsman)
3. Sh. Parveen kumar (Jr. Asst.)
4. Munish Kumar (EO)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned second appeals 24 cases before the Commission, and the matters were fixed for hearing today. A **single interim order** is passed in these twenty appeals as the issues involved are substantially similar.

Facts Emerging During the Hearing

2. The appellant remained absent but intimated the Commission through email about his inability to attend due to ill health and requested adjournment.
3. Each appeal is taken up separately. The respondent parties were present and made oral and written submissions, which were endorsed to the appellant, stating that the information sought is **vague, voluminous, partly third-party in nature, and in some instances does not pertain to their departments.**

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4. They further submitted that the appellant must first **specify the precise information required**; only then would it be possible for the authorities to provide the information. Their submissions have been taken on record separately.

Observation & Decision:

5. After going through each case file separately and hearing the respondents, the Commission **agrees with the respondents' submissions**, observing that the information sought is **non-specific and voluminous**. The RTI applications appear to be based on a limited set of standard templates with only the district name altered. The information requested is broad and unspecific, involves multiple departments and third-party records, and would require extensive collation of data.
6. **Under Section 7(9)** of the RTI Act, 2005, information shall ordinarily be provided in the form requested unless such disclosure would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority or endanger the safety or preservation of records.
7. In the absence of the appellant, and to ensure the principles of **natural justice**, the Commission grants a **final opportunity** to the appellant. The appellant is advised to **reframe the queries in a point-wise and specific manner**, in conformity with Section 2(f) read with Sections 2(i) and 2(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. The appellant shall file a **revised and specific application within ten (10) days** from the date of issue of this order. **Failing compliance by the appellant within the stipulated period, the Commission will proceed to decide these appeals ex parte on the basis of the available record.**
8. The concerned PIO/APIO of the respondent authorities may also file any additional or supplementary submissions, if desired, within the same ten (10) days.
9. This matter remains **pending**, and this **interim order** is issued to provide the appellant a final opportunity for compliance. **Orders are reserved in all the nineteen cases**, pending receipt of the appellant's revised application in each case and any further submissions from the respondent PIO/APIO.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7239,7240,7241,7242 of 2023

Present :

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The appellant had filed the present **second appeals** before the Commission on 06.11.2023. Since the parties involved in all the cases are the same, the matters were heard together by a common order.
2. Vide previous order 18.09.2025, the Commission observed that the information sought in all four appeals was largely **non-specific, voluminous, and in certain parts related to third-party records**. The appellant was accordingly advised to **reframe his queries in a point-wise and specific manner** and was granted an opportunity to file a revised application clearly identifying the information required in public interest.
3. On the date fixed for hearing today, **both parties are absent**. The appellant has intimated the Commission in advance about his inability to attend the hearing owing to ill health and requested adjournment. However, the appellant has **not filed any revised or specific application** in compliance with the earlier order.
4. The Commission takes note of the appellant's intimation but also observes that the directions issued previously have not been complied with. In the interest of natural justice, the appellant is granted **one final opportunity** to comply with the directions of the Commission by filing a **revised, specific, and point-wise application** in each of the above appeal cases **within 10 days from the issue of this order**. It is made abundantly clear that **failing such compliance, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter ex parte on the basis of the available record, and no further opportunity shall be granted**.
5. The **ORDER IS RESERVED**, subject to receipt of the appellant's compliance within the stipulated period.

Chandigarh
25.09.2025

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Appeal Case No. 7243,7244,7245,7246 of 2023

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Ram Prakash (EO)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 18.09.2025. *Since the parties involved in above mentioned cases are the same, the matters were clubbed together by a common order.*
2. Today, the appellant is absent but has intimated his inability to attend due to ill health. The respondent, Sh. Ram Prakash, Executive Officer, O/o MC Gardiwal, reiterated that the information sought is vague, voluminous and non-specific, and suggested that the appellant may inspect the records.
3. The Commission notes that despite earlier directions, the appellant has not filed any revised or specific application.
4. In the **interest of natural justice**, the appellant is granted **one final opportunity** to file a **revised, specific, and point-wise application** in each case **within 10 days** of this order. It is made **clear** that failing such compliance, the Commission shall decide the matters **ex parte on the basis of the record**, and no further opportunity shall be given.

ORDER RESERVED, subject to compliance within the stipulated period.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7247, 7248, 7249, 7250 of 2023

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 18.09.2025, vide which, the appellant was advised to **reframe his queries in a point-wise and specific manner** in conformity with the RTI Act, and was granted a last opportunity to file a revised application, failing which the matter was to be decided on merits. *Since the parties involved in above mentioned cases are the same, the matters were clubbed together by a common order.*
2. On the date fixed for hearing today, **both parties are absent**. The appellant has, however, intimated the Commission in advance through email about his inability to attend the hearing owing to ill health and requested adjournment.
3. The Commission notes the appellant's intimation but also observes that **no revised or specific application has been filed in compliance with the previous directions.**
4. In the **interest of natural justice**, the appellant is granted **one final opportunity** to comply with the directions of the Commission by filing a **revised, specific, and point-wise application** in each of the above cases **within 10 days from the issue of this order**. It is made **clear** that failing such compliance, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matters **ex parte on the basis of the available record**, without granting any further opportunity.

ORDER RESERVED, subject to compliance within the stipulated period.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7251, 7252, 7253, 7254 of 2023

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 18.09.2025, the appellant filed these second appeals on 06.11.2023. *Since the parties involved in above mentioned cases are the same, the matters were clubbed together by a common order.*
2. Vide last order, the appellant was advised to **reframe his queries in a point-wise and specific manner** and was given an opportunity to file a revised application in conformity with the RTI Act.
3. On the date fixed for hearing today, **both parties are absent**. The appellant has, however, intimated the Commission through email about his inability to attend due to ill health and requested adjournment.
4. The Commission notes the intimation but also observes that **no revised or specific application has been filed in compliance with the previous directions.**
5. In the **interest of natural justice**, the appellant is granted **one final opportunity** to file a **revised, specific, and point-wise application** in each case **within 10 days from the issue of this order**. It is made **clear** that failing such compliance, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matters **ex parte on the basis of the available record, without granting any further opportunity.**

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7237,7238,7255,7256 of 2023

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 18.09.2025, the appellant filed these second appeals on 06.11.2023. *Since the parties involved in above mentioned cases are the same, the matters were clubbed together by a common order.*
2. Vide last order, the appellant was advised to **reframe his queries in a point-wise and specific manner** and was given an opportunity to file a revised application in conformity with the RTI Act.
3. On the date fixed for hearing today, **both parties are absent**. The appellant has, however, intimated the Commission through email about his inability to attend due to ill health and requested adjournment.
4. The Commission notes the intimation but also observes that **no revised or specific application has been filed in compliance with the previous directions**.
5. In the **interest of natural justice**, the appellant is granted **one final opportunity** to file a **revised, specific, and point-wise application** in each case **within 10 days from the issue of this order**. It is made **clear** that failing such compliance, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matters **ex parte on the basis of the available record, without granting any further opportunity**.

ORDER RESERVED, subject to compliance within the stipulated period.

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