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Distt. - Ludhiana - 141003 (Punjab)
(M.- 98884-90031)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer-cum-Chief,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer-cum-Chief,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6806 , 6807 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
28.06.2023	--	31.08.2023	--	19.10.2023

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The appellant had filed the present **second appeals** before the Commission. Since the parties involved in both cases are the same, the matters were clubbed together for disposal by a common order.
2. In **AC: 6806/2023 and AC: 6807/2023**, the appellant had sought information relating to the officials (JE, SDO, XEN, SE) of 67 dyeing units, including their names, designations, office addresses, phone numbers, service details, technical qualifications, and copies of 10th class Punjabi pass certificates, as detailed in the RTI applications.
3. Vide interim order **18.09.2025**, the Commission had observed that the information sought pertains to **personal records of third-party officers**, which are ordinarily **exempt from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005**, unless larger public interest is demonstrated. Accordingly, a **final opportunity** was granted to the appellant to file written rejoinders clearly setting out the public interest involved and to appear before the Commission, failing which the matter was to be decided on merits. The concerned PIO was also directed to remain present.
4. On the date fixed for hearing, **both the appellant and the respondent have remained absent without intimation**. Further, the appellant has **neither filed any written rejoinder nor placed on record any material** to establish the existence of larger public interest in disclosure of the information sought.

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5. The Commission is, therefore, constrained to hold that the appellant is **not inclined to pursue the matter any further**. In the absence of any justification forthcoming from the appellant, **no larger public interest** is made out to warrant disclosure of the exempted information.
6. In view of the above, the Commission finds that **no further intervention is called for in the matter**. Accordingly, **Appeal Case Nos. 6806 & 6807 of 2023 are hereby DISMISSED FOR NON-PROSECUTION.**

Chandigarh
25.09.2025

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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First Appellate Authority,

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6803, 6804, 6805, 6808 of 2023 .

Present :

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

Final Order

1. The appellant had filed the present **second appeals** before the Commission. Since the parties involved in all the above-captioned cases are the same, the matters were clubbed together for disposal by a common order.
2. In **AC: 6803/2023, 6804/2023, and 6808/2023**, the appellant had sought information pertaining to the **names, designations, technical degrees, and 10th class certificates** of JE, SDO, XEN, and SE designated from 2015 onwards in Zone A, B, etc., as detailed in the RTI applications.
3. In **AC: 6805/2023**, the appellant had sought information relating to the **Executive Officers (EOs) of various Nagar Councils in Punjab**, including their names, designations, and mobile numbers.
4. Vide interim order dated **18.09.2025**, the Commission had observed that the information sought prima facie relates to the **personal records of third-party officials** and is ordinarily **exempt from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005**, unless the appellant could establish the existence of **larger public interest**. Accordingly, a **final opportunity** was granted to the appellant to file rejoinders and to appear before the Commission to justify the public interest element, failing which the cases were to be decided on merits in his absence.

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5. On the date fixed for hearing today, the **appellant has remained absent without intimation** and has **not filed any written rejoinders** in compliance with the previous directions. The respondent, Sh. Balwinder Pal, Sr. Assistant, appearing on behalf of the PIO, reiterated that the information stands denied being personal in nature, with **no element of larger public interest involved**.
6. The Commission, after considering the material available on record, finds that the **appellant has failed to pursue the matter diligently** and has not advanced any justification to demonstrate larger public interest in disclosure of the personal information sought.
7. In view of the above, the Commission holds that **no further intervention is warranted**. Accordingly, **Appeal Case Nos. 6803, 6804, 6805 & 6808 of 2023 are hereby DISMISSED FOR NON-PROSECUTION**

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(B & R), Zone – C,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7001 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
01.07.2023	--	01.08.2023	--	30.10.2023

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Amrit Pal Singh (SDO)

ORDER:

1. The appellant had filed the present **second appeal** before the Commission and accordingly the case is fixed for today.
2. Respondent, Sh. Amrit Pal Singh, SDO, appeared and stated that the requisite information has already been provided to the appellant. The appellant has also acknowledged the receipt of the same in writing dated 19.09.2025.
3. In view of the above, the case stands **DISPOSED OF.**

Chandigarh
25.09.2025

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.