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S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,
Village- Madhir,
Tehsil – Gidderbaha,
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)
(M.-9914692355)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Director,
Food Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
AnajBhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh - 160036

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Food Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
Pb. Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6292 of 2024

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
26.12.2023	--	05.02.2024	--	10.10.2024

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025, wherein the respondent had submitted a reply vide Letter No. 1216981/2025 dated 08.10.2025, stating that the information sought was denied under Sections 8(1)(j) and 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005. The appellant was granted another opportunity to appear before the Commission and file a rejoinder, if any, failing which the matter was to be decided ex parte on merits.

2. **Today, neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.** The appellant has also not filed any rejoinder or objections to the reply submitted by the respondent.
3. In the absence of the appellant and in view of the reply already submitted on record, **no further intervention of the Commission is required at this stage.** Accordingly, the case is **DISPOSED OFF.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
26.11.2025

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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(M. –8427110000)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Deputy Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt.of Finance,
(Personnel – 1 Branch),
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Deputy Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Deptt.of Finance,
(Personnel – 1 Branch),
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2993of 2025

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
02.01.2025	06.02.2025	14.02.2025	--	16.05.2025

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Hardeep Singh (Sr. Assistant), Ms. Bimla Devi (Suprintendent)

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025, wherein the respondents, Sh. Hardeep Singh (Sr. Assistant) and Ms.Bimla Devi (Superintendent), had submitted that documentation fee of ₹14/- was demanded from the appellant but has not been deposited. They had further submitted that the requisite information was brought to the Commission on the said date. The appellant, being absent, was granted an opportunity to collect the information from the Commission office and file a rejoinder, if any, before the next date of hearing, failing which the case was to be decided ex parte on merits.

2. **Today, the appellant is again absent without any intimation and has not availed the opportunity granted by the Commission. The respondent is present. No rejoinder or submission has been received from the appellant.**
3. In view of the repeated absence of the appellant and non-compliance with the previous directions, and as the respondent has already submitted the requisite information, **no further intervention of the Commission is required. The case is accordingly DISPOSED OFF.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
26.11.2025

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Lt. Col. NavrajDev Singh Bains (Retd.) (89683 75067)

S/o ShriHardev Singh Bains,
R/o H. No. 905, Sector-2,
Panchkula-134112

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director General,

Centre for Training & Employment, Punjab Youth (C-PYTE),
Sector-42-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Secretary,

Department of Employment Generation & Training, Punjab,
Room No. 410, 4th Floor, Civil Secretariat-II,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6006 OF 2022

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Gurinder Singh (Deputy Director), Ms. Sonika Sharma (Clerk)

Order :

1. The RTI application is dated 08.08.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information regarding **certified copy of Minutes of Third Governing Council Meeting of C-PYTE held in 2019-20 etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.09.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated **28.10.2025**.

2. During today's hearing, the appellant is again absent and has not filed any rejoinder or written submission despite having been afforded sufficient opportunities. The respondent PIO representatives are present and reiterate their earlier submissions. The compliance report already submitted vide letter Ref. No. 913 dated 06.10.2025, along with supporting enclosures, stands on record and remains unrebutted.
3. The Commission observes that adequate opportunities have been granted to the appellant to pursue the matter. His continuous absence and failure to submit any rejoinder indicate that he is no longer interested in pursuing the present appeal.
4. In view of the above, and as no further intervention of the Commission is required, the **appeal stands DISPOSED OFF**.

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26.11.2025

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(M.-9872218105)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheBlock Development
andPanchayat Officer,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o TheDistrict Development
andPanchayat Officer,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.3370 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
27.01.2025	--	18.03.2025	--	05.06.2025

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated **28.10.2025**, wherein the Respondent, Sh. Pawan Kumar (Panchayat Secretary), had appeared in person with the relevant record and handed over the same to the appellant. At that time, the appellant pointed out that certain portions of the information were still missing, and the PIO was directed to provide the complete pending information within seven (07) days from the receipt of the order.

2. Today, both the parties are absent. A compliance report has now been received from the PIO through email dated **24.11.2025**, intimating that the remaining information has been supplied to the appellant on **24.11.2025** by hand. The PIO has also enclosed a written acknowledgement from the appellant wherein he has confirmed receipt of the complete information, stated that he is satisfied with the same, and requested that the case be closed.
3. The Commission observes that the directions issued vide order dated 28.10.2025 have been duly complied with, and the appellant himself has confirmed satisfaction with the information supplied.
4. In view of the above, **the case stands DISPOSED OFF**, as no further intervention of the Commission is required.

Sd/-

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Sh. Ashwini Kumar Kukkar,
S/o Sh. Kashmiri Lal Kukkar,
H. No. 197, Civil Lines,
Teh.&Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)
(M. : 9914424260)
RTI Application No. 116193

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Ferozepur,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.4210 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
22.03.2024	19.04.2024	27.04.2024	16.05.2024	25.06.2024

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ashwini Kumar Kukkar (on call)
Respondent: ASI Sukhdev Singh

ORDER

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. The respondent, **ASI Sukhdev Singh**, has filed a written reply vide Letter No. 977 dated 21.11.2025 stating that:
 - The RTI application filed seeking the inquiry report pertaining to a complaint dated 01.05.2014 initially lacked the correct reference number.
 - Subsequently, the SSP Fazilka office confirmed that the complaint was forwarded under reference No. 1122-CP Fazilka dated 24.08.2014.
 - The concerned PC Branch reported that **records up to the year 2019 have been destroyed as per rules**, and therefore the information cannot be supplied.
 - Copies of the report and the order relating to destruction of record were already supplied to the applicant vide letter dated 03.07.2024.
3. The appellant, Sh. Ashwini Kumar Kukkar, is not present in person; however, his detailed written submission received via email dated **16.11.2025** has been taken on record. The appellant, in his written submissions, has alleged repeated non-compliance by the PIO, improper adjudication of the First Appeal, and denial of information despite statutory obligations. He has also relied upon judicial precedents on transparency, reasoned orders and the duties of PIOs and Appellate Authorities under the RTI Act.

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3. In view of above and upon perusal of the case file, the Commission notes the following:
- The respondent authority has placed on record the communication from the concerned branch confirming that **the relevant record pertaining to the year 2014 stands destroyed as per the approved Record Retention Schedule.**
 - Copies of the destruction order and correspondence have been supplied to the RTI applicant.
 - Once a public authority certifies, with supporting documents, that the record has been destroyed in accordance with rules, **the Commission cannot compel production of non-existent records.**
4. In view of the above factual position and the material placed on record, the Commission is satisfied that **no further information can be supplied**, as the sought record does not exist.
5. While the Commission notes the appellant's concerns regarding delay and repeated correspondence, the available record indicates that the PIO has now provided all possible information, including the destruction report.
6. **Accordingly, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted. The appeal is hereby DISPOSED OFF.**

Sd/-

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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H. No. 197, Civil Lines,
Teh.&Distt. – Fazilka(Punjab)
(M. : 9914424260)
RTI Application No. 120434

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.4573 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
21.04.2024	--	24.05.2024	--	15.07.2024.

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ashwini Kumar Kukkar (on call)
Respondent: Sh. Kuldeep Kumar (ADO) and Sh. Jaspreet Singh (ATM, Agriculture)

ORDER

1. The Appellant filed above mentioned appeal case in the Commission. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. The respondent representatives, **Sh. Kuldeep Kumar (ADO)** and **Sh. Jaspreet Singh (ATM)**, are present and have submitted that the point-wise information/reply has already been supplied to the appellant and to the Commission vide Letter No. **9566 dated 18.11.2025** issued by the Chief Agriculture Officer, Fazilka. Further clarification has also been furnished vide Letter No. **Spl-1 dated 25.11.2025** from the Block Agriculture Office.
3. As per the reply placed on record, the concerned applications under the PM-KisanSammanNidhi Scheme were rejected due to **incomplete documents** on the portal. The applicants were contacted telephonically, and the appellant was advised to update and submit the requisite documents (self-declaration, Aadhaar, land records, e-KYC etc.) so that the cases could be processed. It is also noted that, as per scheme guidelines, **only one family member** is eligible for benefits, which has also been communicated.
4. The appellant, Sh. Ashwini Kumar Kukkar, is not present in person; however, his detailed written submission received via email dated **16.11.2025** has been taken on record. The appellant has raised several legal submissions and sought penalty and disciplinary action.

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5. However, upon perusal of the case file, departmental correspondence, and the written replies dated **18.11.2025** and **25.11.2025**, the Commission finds that the RTI application has been duly replied to and the available information has been supplied to the best extent possible. The factual position has also been conveyed to the appellant, along with the necessary clarification for any further query, if required.
6. Accordingly, **no further cause of action remains in this matter**, and **no additional intervention of the Commission is warranted**. The appeal is, therefore, **DISPOSED OFF AND CLOSED.**

Sd/-

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(M. : 9914424260)
RTI Application No. 120436

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.4668 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
21.04.2024	--	16.07.2024	--	17.07.2024

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ashwini Kumar Kukkar (on call)
Respondent: Ms. BalbirKaur (Supt. o/o DC, Jalandhar)

ORDER

1. The appellant filed the instant appeal before the Commission, and the matter was fixed for hearing today.
2. The respondent representative, **Ms. BalbirKaur (Superintendent, O/o DC Jalandhar)**, has furnished a reply vide letter no. **9122 dated 21.11.2025**, along with enclosures. Upon perusal, the Commission observes as under:
 - o A pointwise reply had already been furnished to the appellant vide letter no. 3073/MA dated 16.05.2024, copies of which have again been placed on record.
 - o The First Appeal was adjudicated by the FAA, and a copy of the FAA's order has been submitted. The record shows that the appellant did not appear before the FAA.
 - o The respondent has clarified that all information available in the official records stands supplied and no further information remains pending.
3. The appellant, **Sh. Ashwini Kumar Kukkar**, is absent. However, his written submission received via email dated **16.11.2025** has been taken on record. The submissions mainly contain legal arguments and judicial citations but do not point out any specific deficiency in the information already supplied by the respondent.

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4. **Decision** After examining the RTI application, the reply dated **16.05.2024**, the FAA's order, and the respondent's letter dated **21.11.2025**, the Commission is satisfied that the matter has been appropriately addressed by the respondent authority. The factual position available in the records has been conveyed to the appellant. No further intervention is required.

Accordingly, the present **Second Appeal is disposed off and stands CLOSED.**

Chandigarh
26.11.2025

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe S. D. O.,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Tarn Taran(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe S. D. O.,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Tarn Taran(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.6634 of 2024

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
15.05.2024	--	30.07.2024	--	05.11.2024

Present: Appellant: Sh. Rassal Singh
Respondent: Er. Harpreet Singh (ASE, PSPCL)

ORDER

1. The appellant filed the instant appeal before the Commission, and the matter was fixed for hearing today.
2. **Both parties are present and heard.** The respondent, **Er. Harpreet Singh (ASE, PSPCL)**, submitted that the information sought has already been provided. As per the written submission of the **Dy. Chief Engineer/Op., Tarn Taran Circle**, the RTI application and earlier First Appeals on the same subject were duly replied to vide memo no. **707 dated 11.06.2024**, and the same reply was reiterated vide memo no. **10127 dated 06.08.2024**.
3. The appellant stated that he is **satisfied with the reply** and requested for closure of the case.
4. Since the information stands supplied and the appellant has expressed satisfaction, **the appeal is disposed off and CLOSED.**

Sd/-

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....Appellant

V/s

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O/oTheBlock Development &
Panchayat Officer,
Sanaur,
Distt. -Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oTheDistrict Development &
Panchayat Officer,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5050 of 2025

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
02.06.2025	--	04.07.2025	--	27.08.2025

Present: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER :

1. The appellant filed the instant appeal before the Commission, and the matter was fixed for hearing today.
2. **Both the appellant and the respondent are absent.**
3. However, an email dated **26.11.2025** has been received from the respondent PIO stating that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated **29.10.2025**, and the appellant has duly signed the acknowledgment for the same.
4. In view of the above, the Commission is of the considered view that the requisite information has already been provided. Hence, the case is hereby **DISPOSED OF AND CLOSED.**

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26.11.2025

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