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Sh. Gagnish Singh Khurana

S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh Khurana,
Gen. Secretary-Acre Association (Mangli)
K-293, Phase-8, Focal Point-24,
Ludhiana- 141010

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Manager,
Punjab Small Industries &
Export Corporation,
Punjab UdyogBhawan, 18 Himalaya Marg,
Sector 17-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Managing Director,
Punjab Small Industries &
Export Corporation,
Punjab UdyogBhawan, 18 Himalaya Marg,
Sector 17-A, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 950 of 2020

Present: Sh. Gagnish Singh Khurana, the appellant.
Sh. Preeti Khepar, PIO (8360889783)
Sh. Manmeet Sidhu, Law Officer
Sh. Ankur Choudhary, EO –II (7986485739)
Sh. Deepak Kumar, EO (Allotment) (9988031819)
Advocate, Sh. Ajay Pal Singh (9876644000)
Ms. Jigyasa Narang (8556075099)
Sh. Parminder Singh (9781524646) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with the reference with the previous order dated 28.10.2025.

2. The appellant submitted the evidences in support of his claim that the brochure was in existence, information of which has been sought i.e. a copy of brochure and the minutes of the meeting in which the decision was taken to provide the basic amenities like Central Business, Bank, Fire Brigade Station etc. at Phase-8, Focal Point, 34-Acre, Mangli, Ludhiana. Also, the respondent submits that the office has already received the submissions made by the appellant and requested for an adjournment to file the counter submissions. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.

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The respondent also brought to the notice that a Committee comprising Estate Officer, Sh. Deepak Kumar, Deputy Manager, Sh. Jaswant Singh and Sh. Gopal, Clerk has been constituted to trace the record and also the respondent assured that the report of the said Committee will be submitted on/or before the next date of hearing.

3. It is also a fact that the custodian of the information i.e. Allotment Section (Estate Wing) was directed to send the names and designations of all the custodian of the record i.e. Superintendent & Senior Assistant and/or whichever designation but no submissions have been received. One opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to submit the details on/or before the next date of hearing.

4. Also, a copy of the last order was sent to the Managing Director, PSIEC with the following directions but nothing has been received. In the interest of natural justice, one opportunity is given to ensure the compliance of the last order, relevant portion of which is as follows:

“4. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Managing Director, PSIEC to send the report whether any payment was made for publishing of the brochure by the Head Office of PSIEC and/or by the field office of PSIEC, if so, then the details along with the bill(s) be submitted and the In-charge of the said Accounts Branch be directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the written submissions by way of an affidavit. Also, the minutes for providing the basic amenities at Focal Point, information of which has been sought by the appellant, are not traceable, the In-charge of the said Branch be also directed to remain present along with the specific undertaking that the minutes of the said meeting is not available and/or any other minutes of the meeting are also missing and/or all the minutes of the meeting are available on record. He is further directed to submit as to what action has been taken by the said Branches for misplacement of record and in case till date no action has been taken then the specific undertaking be filed.

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5. *Since, missing record is not an exemption under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, therefore, **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent to trace the record and any development in this regard be submitted by way of an affidavit and in case no submissions will be received then it will be assumed that the respondent has nothing to say in this regard and the Commission will proceed as per the procedure established by Law. In the interest of natural justice, a copy of this order be circulated among all the branches connected with the RTI application to file their response, if any and a compliance report be also sent to the Commission for record.”*

5. **It is further clarified that in case of non-compliance, the Managing Director, PSIEC may be directed for personal appearance in this case.**

6. After going the submissions made by the appellant, SIC, HarpreetSandhu recuse himself from the hearing of this case and requested that the Double Bench be reconstituted in this case. Accordingly, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Registry Branch for re-constitution of this Bench well before the next date of hearing i.e. 15.01.2026.

7. To come up on **15.01.2026 at 02:00 P.M. at Chandigarh.**

(HarpreetSandhu)
State Information Commissioner,
Punjab

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 27.11.2025

CC:

Managing Director (by name)
PSIEC, Chandigarh
Udyog Bhawan, Sector 17-A,
Chandigarh

Deputy Registrar
PSIC, Chandigarh

PS/SIC Sh. Harpreet Sandhu for kind information