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Sh. Kulwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Karnail Singh,  
Village Post Office Bhullerheri, Tehsil Dhuri,  
DisttSangrur- 148017 (M: 8283848898)  
RTI Application No 93873

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Civil Surgeon,  
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Civil Surgeon,  
Sangrur.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6793 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
10.10.2023	10.10.2023	11.10.2023	18.10.2023	18.10.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent. However an email has been received from the appellant vide dated 24/04/2026 that he has received the information and is satisfied.
3. Neither the respondent nor any of his representatives is present at today's hearing. However an e-mail dated 24/03/2026 has been received in the Commission mentioning information has already been sent to appellant vide letter no: RTI/2023/396 dated 20/10/2023 and reply was also sent to appellant letter no: RTI/26/100 dated 03/03/2026.
4. In view of the above, no further proceedings are required in the matter and the instant complaint case is hereby **disposed of and closed**. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh  
**28.04.2026**

Sd/-  
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Sh. TarunWadhwa, Advocate & RTI Activist,  
H.No D/1598, Ward No 10, Chawla Street, Adarsh Nagar,  
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka. – 152123 (M; 8565803000, 9056119243)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o District Education Officer (Elementary Education),  
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director Public Instruction (Elementary Education), Punjab,  
Punjab School Education Board, Phase – VIII, Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6877 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
11.07.2023	----	31.08.2023	----	21.10.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Akshit (M; 9464533823), Clerk (webex)

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. However notice of hearing which was sent through registered post was returned back on 20/02/2026 remarking appellant is deceased.
3. Sh. Akshit appeared on webex on behalf of respondent PIO. He intimated that the appellant, Sh. TarunWadhwa expired on 27/05/2024. An e-mail dated 24/04/2026 has also been received in the Commission, regarding appellant's death, which is taken on record.
4. Since the appellant is deceased, the hearing in this case is abated, therefore, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent.

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Sh. Amar Nath, S/o Sh. Dharam Pal,  
IFTU office, near Petrol Pump, Behrampur Road,  
Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur. - 143421 (M: 8847433200)  
RTI Application No 79524

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director Public Instruction (Colleges),  
Sector- 62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director Public Instruction (Colleges),  
Sector- 62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6886 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
28.07.2023	----	04.09.2023	----	20.10.2023

**Present:** NONE

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today. **None is present on behalf of either party.**
2. However, an email dated 26.04.2026 has been received from the respondent, wherein it is stated that **a reply has been furnished to the appellant vide letter No. 526 dated 16.04.2026**, and a copy of the same has also been endorsed to the Commission.
3. The Commission has perused the RTI application on record. It is observed that the appellant had sought information from the Department of Higher Education, Punjab, inter alia, regarding:
  - **Copies of the declaration and constitution of Parent Teachers Associations (PTA) in all Government Colleges in Punjab;**
  - **Whether the PTA Fund is being collected from students as per Government instructions;**
  - **Whether such fund is being charged from SC/ST students covered under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme;**
  - **Clarification regarding the nature of the PTA Fund (refundable/non-refundable) and reasons for non-waiver, if applicable.**
4. The Commission has further perused the reply furnished by the respondent. It is observed that **the respondent has clarified that the information sought pertains to multiple Government Colleges and is not maintained in a consolidated form at the Directorate level, and providing the same would require collection and compilation of data from various institutions, which is not mandated under the RTI Act, 2005.**
5. It is also noted that **the appellant has neither appeared before the Commission nor placed on record any objection to the reply furnished by the respondent.**

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6. In view of the above, the Commission is satisfied that the respondent has provided an appropriate reply in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and no further intervention is warranted in the matter.
7. Accordingly, the case is hereby **DISPOSED OF.**

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**28.04.2026**

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Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Maluk Singh,  
# 292, Panchayati Raj, Gurdaspur.  
Pin Code- 143521 (M; 8054211214)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Excise Officer  
Department of Excise & Taxation,  
Sector – 69, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Assistant Commissioner (Excise),  
Assistant Excise & Taxation Commissioner Office,  
Sector- 68, Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6892 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
27.07.2023	14.08.2023	19.08.2023	22.08.2023	25.08.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. SatinderMalhi (Excise Inspector)

**ORDER:**

1. The case was fixed for hearing today. **The appellant is absent.** The respondent, **Sh. SatinderMalhi (Excise Inspector), is present and heard.**
2. The respondent submitted that **the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter No. 166 dated 14.03.2023 and again vide letter No. 155 dated 24.04.2024.** It has been stated that the information supplied includes details regarding liquor vends operating in SAS Nagar (Mohali) District. It is further observed from the record that **proof regarding dispatch of the information to the appellant has also been placed on record by the respondent.**
3. The Commission observes that **the appellant has neither appeared before the Commission nor placed on record any objection regarding the information supplied by the respondent.**
4. **In view of the above, the Commission is satisfied that the requisite information has been furnished by the respondent in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and no further intervention is required in the present matter.**
5. **Accordingly, the case is hereby disposed of.**

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28.04.2026

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Sh. Kulvir Singh Bains, S/o Sh. SitalDass,  
R/o Village Rajowal, PO KotBadal Khan,  
Tehsil Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar – 144039 (M: 9914002142)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director,  
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Sector- 62, Phase – VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director,  
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Sector- 62, Phase – VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6924 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
01.08.2023	----	08.09.2023	-----	20.10.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent. However an email has been received from the appellant vide dated 20/04/2026 requesting to dispose off his case, which is taken on record.
3. Neither the respondent nor his representative is present today .Neither he had informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing despite notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post nor any submission have been received from him.
4. In view of the above, no further proceedings are required in the matter and the instant complaint case is hereby **disposed of and closed**. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh  
**28.04.2026**

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Sh. Ankush Singh Sipayya, S/o Sh. Sudesh Kumar Sipayya,  
H.No 1410, ChaudharyBalbir Colony, Hoshiarpur.  
Pin Code : 146021 (M: 7973624135)  
RTI Application No 68460

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Northern India Institute of Fashion Technology (NIIFT), Punjab,  
Phase- I, Industrial Area, Sector- 57, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Northern India Institute of Fashion Technology (NIIFT), Punjab,  
Phase- I, Industrial Area, Sector- 57, Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6945 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
31.05.2023	----	04.07.2023	----	23.10.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Sh. Ankush Singh Sipayya

Respondent: **Sh. Ramandeep Singh (Registrar) and Sh. Raj Kumar (Administrative Assistant)**

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. **Both parties are present and heard.** The appellant, Sh. Ankush Singh Sipayya, submitted that **the information has now been received and is satisfactory; however, the same was provided after an inordinate delay of 982 days,** and requested that action under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 be considered.
3. On behalf of the respondent, **Sh. Ramandeep Singh (Registrar) and Sh. Raj Kumar (Administrative Assistant) are present and submitted an unconditional apology for the delay,** assuring that **such lapse shall not be repeated in future.**
4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both parties and observes that **there has been a substantial and unexplained delay in providing the information,** which is contrary to the mandate of the RTI Act, 2005. However, it is also noted that **the information has now been furnished to the satisfaction of the appellant and the respondents have expressed remorse by tendering an unconditional apology.**
5. **In view of the above, while taking a lenient view in the matter at this stage, the Commission hereby issues a strict warning to the respondent officials that such inordinate delay and casual approach in dealing with RTI matters shall not be tolerated in future. They are directed to strictly adhere to the timelines prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, failing which appropriate penal proceedings under Section 20 of the Act shall be initiated without any further notice.**
6. **The respondent department is further directed to put in place proper internal mechanisms to ensure timely disposal of RTI applications and to fix responsibility for such lapses so that recurrence is avoided.**
7. **With these observations, the case is hereby disposed of.**

Chandigarh  
**28.04.2026**

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Sh. Chamkaur Singh, S/o Sh. Bahader Singh,  
R/o Village ChakBaiKa, Tehsil Raikot,  
Distt Ludhiana (M: 8727923270)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Forest Range Officer,  
Barnala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,  
Sangrur.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 7082 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
31.10.2023	----	12.09.2023	----	31.10.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Baljeet Singh (Forester)

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent. The respondent, Sh. Baljeet Singh (Forester), is present and heard.
3. The respondent submitted that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, who has also acknowledged receipt of the same.
4. The documents submitted vide letter No. 36 dated 18.04.2026 are taken on record along with supporting enclosures.
5. In view of the above, the Commission is satisfied that the requisite information has been furnished and no further intervention is required. Accordingly, the case is hereby DISPOSED OF.

Chandigarh  
28.04.2026

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Old Khar (W), Mumbai. (M: 9322410102)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,  
O/o District Magistrate,  
Rupnagar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Magistrate,  
Rupnagar.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 7295 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
04.09.2023	----	15.09.2023	----	19.09.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Mohit Singh clerk, Sh. Jashanpreet Singh (clerk)

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent. The respondents, Sh. Mohit Singh (Clerk) and Sh. Jashanpreet Singh (Clerk), are present and heard.
3. The respondents submitted that the requisite information has been sent to the appellant through registered post vide letter No. 420 dated 17.04.2026, and a copy of the same has been placed on record.
4. The Commission observes that the appellant has neither appeared before the Commission nor placed any objection/rejoinder on record regarding the information supplied.
5. In view of the above, the case is hereby **DISPOSED OF.**

*However, liberty is granted to the appellant to seek reopening of the case within 15 days from the receipt of this order by filing an appropriate application along with valid reasons, if any grievance still survives.*

Chandigarh  
**28.04.2026**

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Sh. Surjit Singh Aujala, (M: 9876757790)  
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Distt Jalandhar. Pin Code- 144502

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Chief,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab,  
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/oChief,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Punjab,  
Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6935 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
06.07.2023	----	08.08.2023	----	22.10.2023

**Present:**NONE

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. **None is present on behalf of either party**, despite notice having been sent to both parties through registered post. No written submission or communication has been received by the Commission.
3. The Commission observes that **despite due service of notice and sufficient opportunity, neither party has shown interest in pursuing the matter.**
4. **Accordingly, the case is hereby DISPOSED OF FOR NON-PROSECUTION.**
5. *However, liberty is granted to the appellant to seek reopening of the case within 10 days from the receipt of this order by filing an appropriate application along with valid reasons.*

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**28.04.2026**

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Distt Jalandhar. Pin Code- 144502

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6936 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
22.05.2023	----	26.06.2023	----	22.10.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Gurpreet Singh (Clerk)

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent without any intimation, despite notice having been sent through registered post. The respondent, Sh. Gurpreet Singh (Clerk), is present and heard.
3. The respondent submitted that the requisite reply/information has already been sent to the appellant through registered post on 27.04.2026, and a copy of the same has been placed on record.
4. The Commission observes that the appellant has neither appeared before the Commission nor placed any submission.
5. In view of the above, and as the requisite information has already been furnished by the respondent, the case is hereby DISPOSED OF.

*However, liberty is granted to the appellant to seek reopening of the case within 10 days from the receipt of this order by filing an appropriate application along with valid reasons, if any grievance still survives.*

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**28.04.2026**

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Distt Jalandhar. Pin Code- 144502

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,  
Bathinda.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6938 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
22.05.2023	----	26.06.2023	----	22.10.2023

**Present:**

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: **Sh. Gagandeep Goyal (JA)**

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent without any intimation, despite notice having been sent through registered post. The respondent, Sh. Gurpreet Singh (Clerk), is present and heard.
3. The respondent submitted that a reply to the RTI application had already been sent to the appellant vide letter No. 4557 dated 16.06.2023, whereby documentation fee was demanded from the appellant. However, no response/payment has been received from the appellant till date. A copy of the same has been placed on record.
4. The Commission observes that the appellant has neither appeared before the Commission nor placed any submission on record.
5. In view of the above, and as an appropriate reply had already been furnished by the respondent, the case is hereby **DISPOSED OF.**

*However, liberty is granted to the appellant to seek reopening of the case within 10 days from the receipt of this order by filing an appropriate application along with valid reasons, if any grievance still survives.*

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MsSunita Devi, W/o Sh. Ravinder Singh Chauhan,  
R/o Village Post Office Gho (Ghoh), Tehsil & Distt Pathankot,  
Pin Code- 145023 (M: 7986008476)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM),  
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM),  
Pathankot.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1685 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
24.11.2023	----	08.01.2024	----	16.02.2024

**Present:**

Appellant: MsSunita Devi

Respondent: Sh. Vipan Deep (Superintendent)

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. Both parties are present and heard at length. The respondent, Sh. Vipan Deep (Superintendent), submitted that the information sought is not available in the office of SDM, Pathankot and the same can be obtained from the concerned SUVIDHA Kendra.
3. The appellant, Ms.Sunita Devi, submitted that she is agreeable to the said submission of the respondent. However, she also pointed out that **there has been considerable delay in furnishing this reply.**
4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both parties. The respondent PIO is directed to submit a written reply incorporating the verbal submissions made during today's hearing, with a copy to the appellant, within 7 days from the date of receipt of this order.
5. The Commission further observes that the reply has not been furnished within the prescribed period under the RTI Act, 2005. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is hereby warned to remain careful in future and to ensure timely disposal of RTI applications strictly within the statutory timelines.

With the above observations and directions, the case is hereby DISPOSED OF.

Chandigarh  
28.04.2026

Sd/-  
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab