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V/s

Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 3962 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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First Appellate Authority, **O/o** Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3963 of 2023

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3964 of 2023

V/s

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3965 of 2023

V/s

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3966 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3967 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3968 of 2023

V/s

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3969 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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Appeal Case No. 3969 of 2023

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First Appellate Authority, **O/o** Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 3970 of 2023

....Respondents

....Appellant

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 3970 of 2023

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3971 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 3971 of 2023

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Appeal Case No. 3972 of 2023

....Respondents

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 3972 of 2023

- 5. It is also appropriate to mention that in case the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa remained absent on the next date of hearing, a stringent action will be taken in accordance with the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:
 - "10.Such Officers must be taught a lesson and in my view, they are unfit to hold the post of Public Information Officer or any other post in connection with the discharge of duties under RTI Act and they should be shown the doors, so that it will be a lesson for other Officers to act in accordance with the terms of the Act, failing which they may also face the similar or more consequences."
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 3973 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3974 of 2023

V/s

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 3974 of 2023

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First Appellate Authority, **O/o** Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 3975 of 2023

....Respondents

....Appellant

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 3975 of 2023

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Appeal Case No. 3976 of 2023

....Respondents

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 3976 of 2023

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 3977 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 4039 of 2023

V/s

....Respondents

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 4039 of 2023

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(Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 4335 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 4335 of 2023

- 5. It is also appropriate to mention that in case the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa remained absent on the next date of hearing, a stringentaction will be taken in accordance with the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 4336 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4340 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 4340 of 2023

- 5. It is also appropriate to mention that in case the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa remained absent on the next date of hearing, a stringentaction will be taken in accordance with the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.4341 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.04.2025.

V/s

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 4341 of 2023

- 5. It is also appropriate to mention that in case the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa remained absent on the next date of hearing, a stringentaction will be taken in accordance with the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:
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First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 4342 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 4343 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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First Appellate Authority, **O/o** Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 4344 of 2023

....Respondents

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 4344 of 2023

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4351 of 2023

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 4351 of 2023

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5345 of 2022

V/s

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 5345 of 2022

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First Appellate Authority, **O/o** Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 5362 of 2022

V/s

....Respondents

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 5362 of 2022

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 6237 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 6239 of 2022

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6239 of 2022

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First Appellate Authority, **O/o** Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 6240 of 2022

V/s

....Respondents

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6240 of 2022

- 5. It is also appropriate mention that in case the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa remained absent on the next date of hearing, a stringentaction will be taken in accordance with the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No.6241 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6241 of 2022

- 5. It is also appropriate to mention that in case the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa remained absent on the next date of hearing, a stringentaction will be taken in accordance with the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No.6242 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6242 of 2022

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First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 6247 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharai, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No.6248 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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Appeal Case No. 6248 of 2022

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Nagar Council, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

Appeal Case No. 6249 of 2022

....Respondents

Present:

Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
- After deliberations, the appellant submits that he will send the written deficiencies 3. to the respondent within ten days with a copy to the Commission.
- 4. It is appropriate to mention that an email has been received from the respondent to adjourn the case has been received on 27.08.2025 at 04:35 PM i.e. at the belated stage whereas he has been duty bound by the Sub Divisional Magistrate on 07.08.2025 from which it is evident that the respondents absence is intentional and willful as he can authorized someone else to attend the hearing and/or he can inform the Commission as well as to the appellant before the date of hearing which is a sheer wastage of time and resources of the Commission.

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No.6250 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6250 of 2022

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 6251 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.6252 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6252 of 2022

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V/s

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.6253 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6253 of 2022

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V/s

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.6255 of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 2. The appellant submits that he has inspected the record but he is not satisfied and requested for the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but a written request has been received that due to the fact that the Executive Officer, Jagraon is duty bound to administer/coordination during the function of DhanDhan Baba Nand Singh Ji Maharaj, Nanaksar (Kalera) Jagraon.
- 3. After deliberations, the appellant submits that he will send the written deficiencies to the respondent within ten days with a copy to the Commission.
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Appeal Case No. 6255 of 2022

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- 6. To come up on 14.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.

Dated: 28.08.2025

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....Complainant

Sh. Jasvir Singh

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V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Rampura Phul, Distt Bathinda

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Bathinda

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 558 of 2023

Present: None on Behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Mandeep Singh, Clerk (9878958893) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

- 2. The complainant is absent but while filing the case in the Commission he has requested to hear this case through Video Conference. However, the respondent submits that the complete information has already been supplied to the appellant but means of information sent to the appellant has not submitted by the respondent
- 3. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to the PIO and he was directed to remain present in person but neither he is present nor any written reply with regard to the show cause notice issued to him has been received.
- 4. In the interest of natural justice, **one more opportunity** is given to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte.

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Complaint Case No. 558 of 2023

5. In light of the above, the complainant is directed to remain present, in person, through Cisco Webex (Meeting No. 25117216527, Password: 12345) and the respondent PIO-cum-EO is directed to remain present at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing i.e. 09.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M.

(Inderpal Singh) **Chief Information Commissioner,** Dated: 28.08.2025 Punjab

CC:

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg,

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer. Nagar Council, Jaiton, District Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev),

FaridkotRespondents

Appeal Case No.1222 of 2022 (Heard through Video Conference)

Present: None on Behalf of the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Dated: 28.08.2025

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

- "2. The appellant states that the complete information has still not been provided to him by the respondent till date. He further adds that he has already made the submissions on 05.12.2024 to the Commission as well as to the respondent by registered post on 07.12.2024 but still nothing has been received in this regard.
- Accordingly, a copy of the submissions dated 05.12.2024 is being sent to the 3. respondent PIO O/o Municipal Council, Jaiton, District Faridkot with the directions to file point-wise, specific reply to the appellant, with a copy to the Commission, within thirty days from the date of this order.
- Both the parties are also directed to remain present on the fixed date of hearing 4. and venue for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on the merit, ex-parte."
- 2. The appellant through an e-mail has requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
- To come up on 11.12.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference Facility available 3. at office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

(Inderpal Singh) **Chief Information Commissioner,** Puniab

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Faridkot

Public Information Officer,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev),

Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

FaridkotRespondents

> Appeal Case No.1247 of 2022 (Heard through Video Conference)

Present: None on Behalf of the appellant

Sh. Virender Pal Singh, Senior Assistant (8427191372) and Sh. Vikas

Dhawan, Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2025.

and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

- "2. The appellant has made a submission that information on point nos. 1 and 5 has still not been provided to him.
- 3. The respondent PIO O/o ADC (UD), Faridkot stated that information related to their department has been supplied to the appellant and no discrepancies have been received from the appellant. He further adds that information on point no. 5 is related with the O/o Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.
- After hearing both the parties, the appellant is directed to point out specific 4. deficiency in an annotated form within one month from the issue of this order. Also, the respondent PIO O/o ADC (UD), Faridkot is directed to remove the same, if any, deficiency received from the appellant before the next date of hearing. Regarding point no.5, the Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot is directed

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to look after the application submitted by the appellant, a copy of which is attached herewith and direct the concerned PIO to file a specific reply in lieu of the point no. 5, before the next date of hearing and also ensure his presence on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that If, there is no record then the PIO may be directed to file an affidavit mentioning therein that no record pertaining to the RTI application is available in the official record of the O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fardikot.

- 5. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the fixed date of hearing and venue for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on the merit, ex-parte. The final decision on the show cause notice is still pending, which has already been issued to Sh. Vikas Dhawan, Inspector.
- 6. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot, Director, Local Govt., Punjab and Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Faridkot to ensure the presence of Sh. Vikas Dhawan, Inspector, on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANT** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority."
- 2. The appellant is absent and requested for an adjournment in this case. In compliance with the orders of the Commission dated 05.03.2025, the appellant was directed to point out the deficiency, in an annotated form but according to the written submissions received from the ADC (UD) that no specific deficiency in an annotated form has been received from the appellant. Regarding Point No. 5 of the RTI application, the respondent, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot submitted the written reply, the relevant portion of which is as follows:

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਡਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਆਪ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੀ.ਏ. ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਤੋਂ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਦੇ ਤਹਿਤ ਕੁਝ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਪਰੰਤੂ ਇਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਪਾਲ (ਹੁਣ ਰਿਟਾਇਰਡ) ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ ਤੇ, ਇਹ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਂਦਾ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਕਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਨਾ ਤਾਂ ਕੋਈ ਇਹੋ ਜਿਹੀ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਜਾਂ ਇਨਕੁਆਇਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਅਜਿਹੀ ਕੋਈ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਜਾਂ ਇਨਕੁਆਇਰੀ ਦਾ ਹੋਣਾ ਪਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

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Also, a copy of the same is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order.

- 3. In light of the above, <u>last opportunity</u> is granted to the appellant to submit the deficiency, if any, in an annotated form concerning Point No. 1 and 5 as mentioned herein to the respondent concerned. And the respondent is directed to file the counter submissions, if any, on receipt of the same.
- 4. Also, Sh. Vikas Dhawan, Inspector, is present and made the submission that he remained on medical leave and attended the office of the ADC (UD) only for one day and requested that he may be exempted from appearance in this case as he has been transferred at MC, Jagraon. After consideration, he is exempted from further appearance in this case.
- 5. To come up on 11.12.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference Facility available at office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC:

Dated: 28.08.2025

Ms. Poonamdeep Kaur, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot

Sh. Gurpreet Singh Khaira, IASDirector, Department of Local Government, Punjab, Sector 35-A,
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....Appellant

Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg,

S/o Sh. Harbans Lal, Romana Street, Jaiton, District Faridkot. M: 9814230616

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Faridkot

Public Information Officer.

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev), Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

FaridkotRespondents

Appeal Case No.1248 of 2022 (Heard through Video Conference)

Present: None on Behalf of the appellant

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

"This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.11.2024. The relevant portion of the same is as under:-

"2. The appellant was not present but he had sent a written submission that he was unable to attend today's hearing at the eleventh hour i.e. in the afternoon, a day prior to the hearing and this type of conduct of the appellant amounts to hassle in delivery of justice and also harassment and humiliation to the respondent, who were present in person. It was also a fact that the other cases of the appellant were also listed today in which namely Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1247 of 2022), Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1222 of 2022), Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent and Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant (Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2021) and Sh. Amarinder Singh, Executive Officercum-PIO (Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2021) were present.

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The appellant was advised to inform the Commission as well as to the respondent PIO about his non presence well within time in future, if this practice of the appellant would be repeated, a serious view may be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

- 3. The appellant was directed to point out, specific deficiency in an annotated form within one month from the issue of this order. Also, the respondent PIO was directed to remove the same, if any deficiency received from the appellant before the next date of hearing.
- 4. The respondent also submitted a copy of an order in Appeal Case No. 4007 of 2023 passed by the Commission on 18.10.2023 and reiterated the same during the course of hearing. The relevant portion of the said order was reproduced below:
 - "6. It is observed that Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is an RTI Activist and is habitual of filing RTI applications without realizing the practical difficulties which the Public Authorities have to face. Although it is not incumbent upon the Public authorities to provide voluminous information demanded by him yet they have been cooperating with the appellant and providing information at the cost of other important and date-bound cases in their hands. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.6454 of 2011 titled as Central Board of Secondary Education Vs Adiitya Bandopadhy and ors. has rightly observed that 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants under the RTI Act. It has further been observed by the Apex Court that Act should not lead to employees of public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing' at the cost of their normal and regular duties.
 - 7. It has also been viewed that the appellant is never satisfied with the provided information by the public authorities. His behaviour towards the public authorities and the Bench is not conducive to the working of the Commission. He does not hesitate to cast aspersions on the bench hearing his appeal case (s). It clearly shows that he is a habitual

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offender and deserves to be debarred from filing RTI applications in future. In fact, he is using RTI applications as a tool to create terror amongst the public authorities and to exploit them with some ulterior motives. This behavior of the appellant needs to be curbed with a heavy hand."

- 5. Also, Sh. Vikas Dhawan filed the written submissions and also tendered unconditional apology, and also requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him in this case. The decision regarding the same would be taken on the next date of hearing.
- 6. Both the parties were directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on the merit, ex-parte. It was also clarified that no further adjournment would be given in this case."
- 2. The appellant was directed to file the deficiencies in an annotated form within one month but no such submissions have been received from him. One last opportunity is granted to the appellant to file the deficiencies in an annotated form, duly typed, within thirty days from the issue of this order to the respondent under intimation to the Commission. It is also clarified that in case no deficiencies will be filed by the appellant as per the directions, no further adjournment will be given in this case and the case will be decided on merits."

Today's Proceedings i.e. 28.08.2025:

- The appellant through an e-mail has requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
- 3. To come up on 11.12.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference Facility available at office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

(Inderpal Singh) **Chief Information Commissioner**, Dated: 28.08.2025 **Punjab**

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....Appellant

Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg,

S/o Sh. Harbans Lal, Romana Street, Jaiton, District Faridkot. M: 9814230616

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director. Deptt. Of Local Government, Punjab, (General Branch) Municipal Bhawan, Sector 353-A, Plot No.03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director. Deptt. Of Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A. Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

.Respondents

Appeal Case No.2153 of 2021 (Heard through Video Conference)

None on Behalf of the appellant Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.11.2024 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 12.03.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 28.08.2025.

- 2. The relevant portion of the previous order is reproduced below:
 - "2. The appellant is not present but he has sent a written submission that he is unable to attend today's hearing at the eleventh hour i.e. in the afternoon, a day prior to the hearing and this type of conduct of the appellant amounts to hassle in delivery of justice and also harassment and humiliation to the respondent, who are present in person. It is also a fact that the other cases of the appellant are listed today in which namely Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1248 of 2022), Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1247 of 2022), Sh. Naib Singh Brar, APIO and Sh. Vikas Dhawan (Appeal case No. 1222 of 2022), and Sh. Amarinder Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO (Appeal Case No. 1191 of 2021) are present.

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The appellant is advised to inform the Commission as well as to the respondent PIO about his non presence well within time in future, if this practice of the appellant will be repeated, a serious view may be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

- 3. The appellant is directed to point out, specific deficiency in an annotated form within one month from the issue of this order. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same, if any deficiency received from the appellant before the next date of hearing.
- 4. The respondent made the submissions that the sought information i.e. more than 800 pages as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant and also requested that in case any further information is required by the appellant he may inspect the record. Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent tenders unconditional apology, and also requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him in this case. It is also a fact that penalty has already been imposed upon the PIO amounting to Rs. 10,000/- vide order dated 08.08.2022 but no such compliance report has been received. Accordingly a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Director, Local Govt. to affect the order regarding imposition of penalty and compliance report be sent to the Commission before the next date of hearing. A copy of the order dated 08.08.2022 is attached herewith.
- 5. The decision regarding the show cause issued to Sh. Kuldeep Singh will be taken on the next date of hearing.
- 6. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. It is also clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case."
- 3. The appellant through an e-mail has requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
- 4. To come up on 11.12.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference Facility available at office of Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot.

Dated: 28.08.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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