



Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, W/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh,
V.P.O. – Ramgarh, Tehsil – Nabha,
Distt. – Patiala – 147201 (Punjab)
(M.-9855489552)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheBlock Development and Panchayat Officer,
Nabha, Distt. - Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 298 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
20.05.2024	--	19.07.2024

Present : NONE

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's last order dated 03.02.2026, whereby **the complainant was directed to examine the information supplied by the respondent and to file written submissions/representation, if any, on the next date of hearing**, failing which the matter was to be decided on the basis of the available record.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. **None is present on behalf of either party**, nor has any written submission/representation been received from the complainant.
3. The Commission observes that **the respondent had already intimated supply of the requisite information comprising 17 pages, and no objection or deficiency has been pointed out by the complainant despite opportunity.**
4. In view of the above, the Commission is satisfied that no further intervention is required in the present matter.
5. **Accordingly, the case is hereby disposed of.**

Chandigarh
30.04.2026

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Village - Jalal Khera, P. O. – Sular,
Distt. -Patiala(Punjab)
(M.-9815397246)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheDeputy Commissioner,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Patiala Division, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.6718of 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
11.07.2024	--	12.08.2024	--	08.11.2024

Present: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Surjit Singh, Secretary

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **03.02.2026**, whereby, in the interest of justice, one last opportunity was granted to both parties to appear and the respondent PIO was specifically directed to place on record a **clear and comprehensive reply along with all relevant documents**, with a clear stipulation that **no further adjournment shall be granted** and the matter shall be decided on merits in case of non-appearance.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. The respondent, Sh. Surjit Singh, Secretary, is present. The appellant has not appeared; however, an email communication has been received from him, wherein he has expressed his grievances, sought action against the PIO, and has also stated that he is **not in a position to pursue the case any further**.
3. The respondent submitted that, in compliance with the Commission's directions, a **reply along with relevant information/documents** has already been furnished to the appellant vide **letter No. 350 dated 28.04.2026**. It has been clarified therein that the information sought by the appellant pertains to an area which **does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation, Patiala**, as confirmed by the Land Branch vide letter No. 141/LB dated 24.08.2024, and relevant copies have also been provided to the appellant.
4. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions made by the respondent and perused the record. It is observed that the respondent has **placed on record a categorical reply** addressing the RTI application and has also substantiated the same with supporting documents indicating **lack of jurisdiction** of the concerned authority.

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5. Further, the appellant, vide his email, has **expressed inability to pursue the matter further**. In such circumstances, and in the absence of any substantive rebuttal to the reply furnished by the respondent, the Commission finds **no reason to interfere with the reply submitted by the respondent PIO**, which is hereby **upheld**.
6. As regards the prayer for imposition of penalty, the Commission observes that the appellant himself has **requested disposal of the matter and has not pressed for further proceedings**. Accordingly, **no grounds are made out for initiation of penalty proceedings under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005** at this stage.
7. In view of the above, the appeal is **disposed of on merits**.
8. The case stands **disposed of accordingly**.

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Sh. SumitGoyalS/o Sh. Ram Saroop,
H. No. B 11 A/2393, Dhillon Nagar,
Gali No. Zero,
Barnala - 148101(Punjab)
(M.-9877373147)
RTI Application No. 100371

....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/o The Director,
Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
AnajBhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh - 160036

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1508of 2024

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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
25.11.2023	--	26.12.2023	--	09.02.2024

Present: Appellant: Sh. SumitGoyal

Respondent: Sh. Manish Kumar (Sr. Asstt.), Ms. Sandhya (Sr. Asstt.)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's last order dated 03.02.2026, whereby **the Respondent PIO was directed to review the RTI reply and provide a clear and complete point-wise response to the appellant after considering his rejoinder.**
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. Both parties are present and heard.
3. The appellant, Sh. SumitGoyal, reiterated his grievance and submitted a detailed written representation. He submitted that the information sought relates to the recruitment of Inspectors in the Food Supply Department and subsequent developments arising out of correction of answer keys and revision of results. He further submitted that **despite having higher merit, he was allegedly treated differently as compared to another candidate, namely Sh. SahilAgarwal**, who was granted appointment along with consequential benefits pursuant to court orders. The appellant contended that **the information sought is necessary to substantiate his claim of discrimination and to pursue appropriate legal remedies**, and therefore requested that complete information, including file notings and correspondence, be supplied.



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4. On behalf of the respondent, Sh. Manish Kumar, Sr. Assistant, appeared and submitted a written reply in compliance with the Commission's directions vide letter dated 01.04.2026, along with relevant supporting documents, **a copy of which has been furnished to the appellant during the hearing.**

It was submitted that **point-wise reply has been provided to the appellant to the extent permissible under the RTI Act, 2005.** The respondent further submitted that:

- **Information relating to the appellant's own representations, court case (CWP No. 14940 of 2014), and relevant departmental records has been supplied;**
 - **Copies of pay fixation orders and general departmental documents, as sought, have also been provided;**
 - **However, information pertaining to third-party individuals, including file notings, correspondence, and service-related details of another employee (Sh. SahilAgarwal), has been denied, as the same constitutes personal information, and the concerned third party has also objected to its disclosure.**
5. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions made by both parties and perused the material placed on record. It is observed that **the respondent has furnished substantial and relevant information to the appellant concerning his own case and general departmental matters.** It is further noted that **the denial of information relating to third-party records has been made on the ground of personal information and third-party objection, which is in consonance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**
 6. The Commission is of the considered view that **the information sought by the appellant, insofar as it relates to third-party service records and file notings, is exempt from disclosure,** and the respondent has rightly invoked the applicable provisions while denying the same.
 7. **Accordingly, the reply furnished by the respondent is found to be satisfactory and in accordance with law. No further intervention of the Commission is warranted in the present case.**
 8. **The case is hereby disposed of.**

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Sh. Sahib Singh
S/o Sh. Raja Ram,
Village – Tandi, P. O. Laroya,
Tehsil & Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)
(M.-9872165685)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Water Supply & sanitation,
Division No. -1, Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & sanitation,
Division No. -1, Jalandhar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.6904 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
14.07.2023	--	17.08.2023	--	23.10.2023

Present :NONE

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **03.02.2026**.
2. The case is fixed for hearing today. **None is present on behalf of either party.** However, an **email communication has been received from the respondent PIO**, wherein it has been submitted that **compliance of the Commission's directions has been duly effected.**
3. The respondent has placed on record that the appellant was **allowed inspection of the relevant record**, and copies of the identified documents have been furnished thereafter. An **acknowledgement letter of the appellant dated 29.04.2026**, confirming receipt of the information after inspection, has also been attached.
4. The Commission has perused the documents placed on record and finds that the **directions contained in the previous order to provide information to the appellant have been complied with.**
5. In view of the above, the appeal is **disposed of accordingly.**

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30.04.2026

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