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Road, Simlapuri, Ludhiana- 141003

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 497 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. Respondent has even not filed reply of show cause notice issued to him before the bench of former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon.

However, taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Also, copy of this order be sent to **Dr. Vipul Malhotra, Nodal Officer, MC, Ludhiana (9780011515)** with these directions that to ensure compliance of the orders passed by the Commission, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

3. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.



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4. To come up on **10.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :30.10.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

1. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana : *It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. 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 WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.*

2. Dr. Vipul Malhotra, Nodal Officer, MC, Ludhiana (9780011515)

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Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 483 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent :ShAmandeep Singh, SI (9873700013)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 vide which a last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant is not present today.
3. Sh Amandeep Singh, SI is appearing on behalf of the respondent today.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is absent today, without intimation. It has also been observed that the appellant has not attended any hearings dated 13.12.2023, 09.02.2024, 04.03.2024, 22.03.2024, 16.09.2025, before the Commission. The appellant, despite service of repeated notices and grant of sufficient opportunities, has failed to appear personally in any of the said hearings. The appellant's continued silence and failure to participate indicates a lack of interest in prosecuting this case. Hence, this bench is of the view that no useful purpose would be served in keeping this appeal case pending for an indefinite period.



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5. The respondent Sh Amandeep Singh tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to the respondent-PIO. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is hereby dropped.

6. In wake of aforementioned, this Appeal case is hereby devoid of merit and hence **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

Dated :30.10.2025

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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