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Sh. Ajaib Singh, S/o Sh. Darbara Singh,
R/o Village Majha, Tehsil Bhawanigarh,
Distt Sangrur- 148026(M: 9463068472)

….Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Bhawanigarh.

…Respondents

Complaint Case No. 115 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
03.03.2025	--	05.05.2025

Present:
Complainant: Sh. Ajaib Singh (M: 9463068472)
Respondent: Sh. Ekam Singh (M; 8872231733), PO
Sh. Gurdarshan Singh (M; 8198800940), BDPO, Sangrur

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated 09.07.2026, whereby a Show Cause Notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 was issued to the PIO, O/o BDPO, Bhawanigarh, for his absence and non-compliance with the Commission's directions. Further, the DDPO, Sangrur, was directed to submit a compliance report.

2. During the course of hearing, the respondent BDPO, Sangrur, submitted a written reply vide letter No. 3629 dated 02.11.2026, explaining the circumstances leading to non-appearance on the previous date of hearing. It has been stated that the official deputed to attend the hearing was not duly informed about the same and, consequently, could not appear before the Commission. It has further been submitted that the requisite information has already been dispatched to the complainant through registered post vide letter No. 407 dated 14.09.2026. A copy of the said reply along with supporting documents has been placed on record.

3. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both the parties and perused the reply and supporting documents furnished by the respondent. The explanation furnished regarding the previous non-appearance is found satisfactory. Further, the respondent has demonstrated that the information sought under the RTI Act, 2005, has already been supplied to the complainant.

4. In view of the above, no further proceedings are warranted in the matter. The Show Cause Notice issued to the PIO is hereby dropped, and the proceedings initiated pursuant thereto are closed.

5. Accordingly, the present complaint is **DISPOSED OF.**

Sd/-
Chandigarh **(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)**
04.11.2026 State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh.Kulbir Pal, S/o Sh. Assa Ram,(M.-9872089251)
R/o Village Kalyanpur, Tehsil &Distt- Jalandhar – 144026 ….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheBlock DevelopmentandPanchayat Officer,
Jalandhar(West)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oTheDistrict DevelopmentandPanchayat Officer,
Jalandhar …Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4163 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
26.03.2024	--	26.04.2024	--	24.06.2024

Present:
Appellant: Sh. Kulbir Pal (webex)
Respondent: Sh. Shiv Kumar (M: 8908634786), Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **05.08.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today.
3. The appellant joined the proceedings through Webex and has been heard. He submitted that no satisfactory reply has been furnished by the PIO so far. He further pointed out certain discrepancies in the reply/information supplied by the PIO and stated that the same had already been brought to the notice of the Commission through emails.
4. The respondent requested an adjournment to enable him to examine and remove the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant.
5. The Commission has also taken note of the various grievances and objections raised by the appellant regarding the conduct of hearings, both through Webex and by way of personal appearance before the Commission. The appellant has expressed reservations regarding the functioning of this Bench. In order to maintain the appellant's confidence in the adjudicatory process and to ensure fairness, I deem it appropriate to recuse myself from further proceedings in the present case.
6. Accordingly, the case file is directed to be sent to the **Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission, who shall place the matter before the Chief Information Commissioner for consideration and re-allocation to another Bench, as deemed appropriate.**

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

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R/o Village Kalyanpur, Tehsil &Distt- Jalandhar – 144026 ….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheBlock DevelopmentandPanchayat Officer,
Jalandhar(West)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District DevelopmentandPanchayat Officer,
Jalandhar. …Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4164 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
05.03.2024	24.04.2024	11.04.2024	--	24.06.2024

Present:
Appellant: Sh. Kulbir Pal (webex)
Respondent: Sh. Shiv Kumar (M: 8908634786), Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **05.08.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today.
3. The appellant joined the proceedings through Webex and has been heard. He submitted that no satisfactory reply has been furnished by the PIO so far. He further pointed out certain discrepancies in the reply/information supplied by the PIO and stated that the same had already been brought to the notice of the Commission through emails.
4. The respondent requested an adjournment to enable him to examine and remove the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant.
5. The Commission has also taken note of the various grievances and objections raised by the appellant regarding the conduct of hearings, both through Webex and by way of personal appearance before the Commission. The appellant has expressed reservations regarding the functioning of this Bench. In order to maintain the appellant's confidence in the adjudicatory process and to ensure fairness, I deem it appropriate to recuse myself from further proceedings in the present case.
6. Accordingly, the case file is directed to be sent to the **Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission, who shall place the matter before the Chief Information Commissioner for consideration and re-allocation to another Bench, as deemed appropriate.**

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(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
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R/o Village Kalyanpur, Tehsil &Distt- Jalandhar – 144026 ….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheBlock DevelopmentandPanchayat Officer,Jalandhar (West)

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheDistrict DevelopmentandPanchayat Officer,Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/oAddl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Jalandhar …Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6198 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
24.06.2024	--	01.08.2024	--	11.10.2024

Present:
Appellant: Sh. Kulbir Pal (webex)
Respondent: Sh.Shiv Kumar (M: 8908634786), Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **05.08.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today.
3. The appellant joined the proceedings through Webex and has been heard. He submitted that no satisfactory reply has been furnished by the PIO so far. He further pointed out certain discrepancies in the reply/information supplied by the PIO and stated that the same had already been brought to the notice of the Commission through emails.
4. The respondent requested an adjournment to enable him to examine and remove the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant.
5. The Commission has also taken note of the various grievances and objections raised by the appellant regarding the conduct of hearings, both through Webex and by way of personal appearance before the Commission. The appellant has expressed reservations regarding the functioning of this Bench. In order to maintain the appellant's confidence in the adjudicatory process and to ensure fairness, I deem it appropriate to recuse myself from further proceedings in the present case.
6. Accordingly, the case file is directed to be sent to the **Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission, who shall place the matter before the Chief Information Commissioner for consideration and re-allocation to another Bench, as deemed appropriate.**

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

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Sh.Kashmir Singh, S/o Sh. Munish Singh,
Village Lakhmeereana,PO KhunnanKalan,
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib (M. –9781346995)

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oBlock DevelopmentandPanchayat Officer,
Malout, Distt.SriMuktsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority,
O/oAdditional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
SriMuktsar Sahib

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.6195of 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
24.04.2024	05.08.2024	11.06.2024	--	11.10.2024

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **05.08.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. Both parties are absent.
3. However, an email dated 03.11.2026 has been received from the PIO stating that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. A copy of the acknowledgement evidencing receipt of the information by the appellant has also been enclosed with the email.
4. In view of the submissions made by the PIO and the acknowledgement placed on record, no further proceedings are warranted in the matter. Accordingly, the appeal case is **DISPOSED OF.**

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

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Sh.Lacchman Singh, S/o Sh. Kartar Singh,
Village Lakhmeereana, PO KhunnanKalan,
Distt. Sri MuktsarSahib (M.9464105225)

….Appellant
V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oBlock DevelopmentandPanchayat Officer,
Malout, Distt. SriMuktsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority,
O/oAdditional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
SriMuktsar Sahib **…Respondents**

Appeal Case No. 7018 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
30.08.2024	--	11.10.2024	--	25.11.2024

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Raja Singh (M: 7888462015), Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated 06.05.2026 & 05.08.2026 whereby the matter was adjourned in the interest of justice.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant is absent. It is pertinent to mention that during the previous hearing, the respondent had submitted that the requisite information had already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 23.10.2025. The said submission was reiterated by the PIO-cum-BDPO, Malout, vide letter No. 1672 dated 05.08.2026, along with the acknowledgement evidencing receipt of the information by the appellant.
3. Keeping in view the appellant's request for adjournment vide email dated 03.08.2026, the Commission had granted one final opportunity to the appellant to appear in person and point out any deficiency in the information supplied, with a clear stipulation that no further opportunity would be granted.
4. Despite the final opportunity, the appellant has failed to appear or point out any deficiency in the information supplied. The respondent, Sh. Raja Singh, Panchayat Secretary, has reiterated the earlier submissions and placed the relevant records before the Commission for perusal.
5. 5. In view of the above and the material available on record, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted. Accordingly, the appeal case is **DISPOSED OF.**

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

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