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Sh. Mangal Singh, S/o Sh. Gurmeet Singh,
R/o Village Post Office Haripur, Khalsa,
Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar- 144410 (M: 9478734077)

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP),
Rural, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG),
Jalandhar Range, Jalandhar.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1738 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
26.05.2023	----	07.07.2023	----	01.12.2023

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Smt Gurpreet Kaur (M: 9501945843), Computer Operator, RTI Cell

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing despite notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post. Neither any submission has been received from the appellant.
3. The respondent submitted submitted that the reply to the RTI application has already been furnished to the appellant and placed a copy of the same on record vide letter No. 475 dated 23.10.2026. Wherein it is mentioned that the records sought by the appellant are very old and had been damaged due to the deteriorated condition of the Malkhana and leakage from its roof during the rainy season. It was further stated that a report in this regard was registered vide DDR No. 42 dated 06.12.2022. Consequently, the requisite records are no longer available for providing the information sought.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by the respondent and the material placed on record. It is observed that the respondent has furnished a specific explanation regarding the non-availability of the records sought by the appellant. Since the records are stated to have been damaged and rendered unavailable, the PIO cannot be expected to furnish information which is no longer available in the official record. The RTI Act, 2005 does not obligate a public authority to create or reconstruct information which is not available on record.
5. Accordingly, the appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

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

Chandigarh
27.10.2026

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Sh. Milan, S/o Sh. Arnit,
R/o R- 132, Milan Niwas, New Dana Mandi,
Salem Tabri, Near Jalandhar Byepass, Ludhiana (East),
Ludhiana. (M: 9814444018). Pin Code- 141008
RTI Application No 107513

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP),
Vigilance Bureau, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,
Sector- 68, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

…Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1741 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
21.01.2024	22.01.2024	22.01.2024	19.02.2024	19.02.2024

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: ASI Smt. Ranbir Kaur (M; 9779500438)
ASI Sh. Resham Singh (M: 9872094125)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing despite notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post. Neither any submission has been received from the appellant.

3. Respondent, ASI Smt. Ranbir Kaur and ASI Sh. Resham Singh, present and heard. They placed on record the written submissions vide letter No. 2484 dated 19.10.2026. Wherein it is mentioned that the information sought by the appellant pertains to FIR No. 04/2021 registered against Sarabjit Singh, Supervisor, Market Committee, Ludhiana. It was stated that the information was initially denied under Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005, as the matter was under investigation. The respondents further submitted that the challan in the said case has since been presented before the Court of the Hon'ble Special Judge, Ludhiana, on 06.01.2026, and the matter is presently at the evidence stage. It was also clarified that the appellant is neither a complainant nor a witness in the said case but a third party.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by the respondents and the material available on record. In view of the factual position explained by the respondents, the Commission finds it appropriate to take the written submissions on record. A copy of the written submissions furnished vide letter No. 2484 dated 19.10.2026 shall be forwarded to the appellant along with this order for his information and record.
5. Accordingly, the appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

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

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
R/o Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur, Post Office Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Distt Ludhiana (M: 9888296107)

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35A, Chandigarh.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1546 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
14.11.2023	----	14.12.2023	----	02.02.2024

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Rohit Jindal (M: 9815830750), APIO, CVO cell

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal before the Commission, which is taken up for hearing today.

2. Appellant: Absent. However, an email dated 23.10.2026 has been received from the appellant, wherein he has disputed the correctness of the reply furnished by the PIO and cited various judgments of the Hon'ble High Courts and the Central Information Commission in support of his submissions. The same is taken on record.

3. The respondent, Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO, CVO Cell, submitted a reply vide letter bearing Ref. No. 6910 dated 16.10.2026, wherein it has been stated that the appellant had sought information regarding the case file and action taken on the complaint concerning 36 unauthorised colonies in Municipal Council, Morinda. It has further been submitted that the complaint is presently under investigation by the Vigilance Department and that the information has been denied by invoking Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent has requested that the appeal be disposed of. The said reply is taken on record.

3. Keeping in view the above facts Commission observes that mere pendency of an investigation does not, by itself, justify denial of information under Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005, unless disclosure is likely to impede the investigation.Accordingly, the PIO is directed to provide the requisite information to the appellant upon completion of the pending investigation, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. The PIO shall also submit a compliance report to the Commission regarding the action taken in this regard. With the above directions, the appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

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

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27.10.2026

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
R/o Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur, Post Office Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Distt Ludhiana (M: 9888296107)

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35A, Chandigarh.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1552 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
21.11.2023	----	21.12.2023	----	13.02.2024

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Rohit Jindal (M: 9815830750), APIO, CVO cell

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.

2. The appellant, **Sh. Jasbir Singh**, is absent but an e-mail dated 24/10/2026 received in the Commission in which the appellant has requested to withdraw the present case.Copy of same is taken on record.

3. In view of the statement made by the appellant that he does not wish to pursue the matter further, no further proceedings are required in the present case. Accordingly, the instant appeal case is **disposed of**.

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

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27.10.2026

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
R/o Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur, Post Office Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Distt Ludhiana (M: 9888296107)

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35A, Chandigarh.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1551 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
16.11.2023	----	21.12.2023	----	13.02.2024

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Rohit Jindal (M: 9815830750), APIO, CVO cell

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal casebefore the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant, **Sh. Jasbir Singh**, is absentbut an e-mail dated 24/10/2026 received in the Commission in which the appellant has requested to withdraw the present case.Copy of same is taken on record.
3. In view of the statement made by the appellant that he does not wish to pursue the matter further, no further proceedings are required in the present case. Accordingly, the instant appeal case is **disposed of**.

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

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Sh. Pawan Kumar Verma, S/o Sh. Baldev Raj,
 # 347/A, Surya Nagar Enclave, Ekta Nagar Railway Crossing,
Jalandhar- I, Jalandhar. (M: 9888615433)
RTI Application No 96969

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Jalandhar-2, Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1468 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
30.10.2023	02.11.2023	26.11.2023	----	03.02.2024

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absentbut an e-mail dated 15/09/2026 received in the Commission in which the appellant has requested to dispose the present case.Copy of same is taken on record.
3. In view of the statement made by the appellant that he does not wish to pursue the matter further, no further proceedings are required in the present case. Accordingly, the instant appeal case is **disposed of.**

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

Chandigarh
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Sh. Pawan Kumar Verma, S/o Sh. Baldev Raj,
 # 347/A, Surya Nagar Enclave, Ekta Nagar Railway Crossing,
Jalandhar- I, Jalandhar. (M: 9888615433)
RTI Application No 100405

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Jalandhar-2, Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1667 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
26.11.2023	----	27.12.2023	----	15.02.2024

Present:
Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.

2. The appellant is absentbut an e-mail dated 15/09/2026 received in the Commission in which the appellant has requested to dispose the present case.Copy of same is taken on record.

3.In view of the statement made by the appellant that he does not wish to pursue the matter further, no further proceedings are required in the present case. Accordingly, the instant appeal case is **disposed of.**

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

Chandigarh
27.10.2026