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Sh.RohitSabharwal, President
KundanBhawan, 126, Model Gram
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SMO, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2814 of 2020

Present : (i) None for the appellant

(ii) For the respondent- Dr. Amrit Raj , M.O. (9815956668), Sh.Gurpreet, JA (8146594500),
Sh.Chandan, Clerk (8427878577) and Dr.Aditya, MO (9560912923)

ORDER

The instant appeal was earlier decided by the then State Information Commissioner, Punjab, Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler vide order dated 02.12.2020, whereby the information sought by the appellant was held exempt from disclosure under Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. Aggrieved by the said order, the appellant preferred CWP No. 1664 of 2021 before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court. Vide judgment/order dated 13.10.2025, the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court set aside the impugned order dated 02.12.2020 and remanded the matter to the Commission for fresh adjudication.

3. The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, while examining the RTI application, observed that the appellant had not sought the annual property returns of any officer as such, but had sought information to the extent of disclosure of the names of public servants who had failed to submit their annual property returns. The Hon'ble Punjab Haryana High Court further observed that whether such information was hit by the provisions of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 ought to have been evaluated, and that the earlier order did not contain cogent reasons for invoking the said provision. Consequently, the earlier order was set aside and the matter was remanded for fresh adjudication.



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4. Pursuant to the remand, the matter was taken up before the Commission. The appellant submitted a written submission dated 01.08.2026, referring to the judgment/order dated 13.10.2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court and reiterating his request for supply of the sought information. The appellant also requested exemption from personal appearance.

5. The matter was thereafter adjourned and subsequently preponed for hearing today, i.e. 17.09.2026.

6. Today, the appellant is again absent. However, a further written submission sent by him through e-mail dated 11.09.2026, pertaining to today's hearing, is on record. In the said submission, the appellant has stated that he has not received the information from the concerned PIO and has requested that certified copies of the information be supplied to him without further delay. He has also referred to his earlier written submission dated 01.08.2026 and requested that the same be taken on record and that his personal appearance be exempted.

7. The respondent is present today and has filed his reply before the Commission. The respondent has submitted that the requisite reply/information has already been sent to the appellant. The respondent has also placed on record proof of having sent the same to the appellant through registered post. The reply/material placed on record by the respondent has been perused by the Commission.

8. From the record, it is evident that the appellant has been afforded due opportunity to pursue his case. The appellant has chosen not to appear before the Commission on the present date and has instead submitted his written submissions. The same have duly been taken on record and considered.

9. The Commission has also carefully considered the judgment/order dated 13.10.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP No. 1664 of 2021, the earlier order dated 02.12.2020, the written submissions dated 01.08.2026 and 11.09.2026 submitted by the appellant, as well as the reply and postal proof submitted by the respondent.

10. In view of the material now placed on record, and particularly the fact that the respondent has submitted a reply and has also furnished proof of having sent the same to the appellant through registered post, the Commission finds that no further effective purpose would be served by keeping the present appeal pending.

11. The appellant has not appeared today despite notice and opportunity. His written submissions have, however, been duly considered. The respondent has also adequately addressed the matter in his reply and has placed the relevant postal proof on record.

12. Accordingly, in view of the remand directions of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and the material available on record, the present appeal is disposed of. The reply/information already furnished by the respondent, along with the proof of dispatch, shall form part of the record of the present appeal.

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13. The proceedings initiated pursuant to the remand order of the Hon'ble High Court are accordingly closed. No further directions are called for at this stage. The appeal is **disposed of accordingly**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh.Dharminder Singh S/o
Sh. Gurmeet Singh
Village Rahime Shah Bodla,
Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt. Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO , Block Guruharsahai
Distt.Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4329 OF 2025

Present : (i)None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Sunil Kumar, Panchayat Development Secretary
(8556944300), Ms.Seema Rani, Sarpanch (8699956625)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. The respondent is present and submitted that the requisite information has already been provided to the appellant on three occasions, i.e. on 21.07.2025, on 10.02.2026 and on 27.08.2026. The respondent has also filed his reply and placed on record the proof of dispatch of the said information.

3. In view of the submissions made by the respondent and the documents placed on record, it appears that the information has been provided to the appellant on three occasions. The appellant has neither appeared today nor informed the Commission regarding any non-receipt or deficiency in the information. The respondent tenders oral submissions in regard to the show cause notice. 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. The appeal is **disposed of** accordingly. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :17.09.2026

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Sh.YogeshMahajan, S/o Late Sh
Kuldip Raj Mahajan, President of Anti
Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining and Geology,
WRD, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle,
WRD, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.6671 OF 2024

Present : (i)None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Tejbir Singh, Sr. Assistant

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that he has received the information and is satisfied. Since the appellant is satisfied with the information, no further cause of action is left. Hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :17.09.2026

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ShKunal, (M-90419-76282)
S/o Late ShSurinder Kumar,
30, Deep Nagar, Jalandhar Cantt

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Controller,
Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (West)
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Food Civil supplies & Consumer Affairs,Pb
AnajBhawan, Sector-39,Chandigarh

Respondents

AC.No. 7573 of 2023
alongwith
AC No. 7574 of 2023

Present : (i)None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh.Narinder Singh, APIO(9855615169)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026, whereby the respondent-PIO was directed to file a detailed point-wise reply, explaining the reasons for delay in furnishing the information to the appellant.

2. Today, the appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant requesting adjournment on the ground that he has to appear in connection with some official proceedings at Ludhiana. The request is taken on record.

3. The respondent has filed his written reply/affidavit in compliance with the directions of the Commission. The respondent has explained the circumstances leading to the delay in furnishing the information and has submitted that the information available on record was furnished to the appellant from time to time. The respondent has also tendered an unconditional apology for the delay, if any, and assured the Commission that due care shall be taken for timely compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. The reply filed by the respondent is taken on record. In view of the information stated to have been furnished to the appellant and the explanation furnished by the respondent regarding the delay, no further proceedings are considered necessary in the matter.

5. However, the respondent-PIO is strictly cautioned to remain vigilant in future and to ensure that applications received under the Right to Information Act, 2005 are dealt with and information is furnished within the prescribed period, so as to avoid unnecessary delay and further proceedings before the Commission.

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AC.No. 7573 of 2023

alongwith

AC No. 7574 of 2023

6. In view of the above, the present appeals are **disposed of**. Copy of the order be supplied to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh Nitin kumarGarg, (M-7814322100)
C/o Police Public diary,
15A, Shastri Nagar, Model Town,
Ludhiana

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division,
PWD B&R Batala, DisttGurdaspur

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction PWD B&R Circle,
Pathankot

.....Respondent

AC No.4982 of 2025

Present : (i)None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh. Rajbir Singh, JE (7508449277)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which an inspection rights were given to the appellant.

2. Today the appellant is not present. He has sent a letter that he is unable to attend today's hearing.

3. The respondent submits that, pursuant to the directions of the Commission, the appellant was provided an opportunity to inspect the relevant record. However, the appellant did not avail the said opportunity and did not appear for inspection. The respondent further submits that the appellant may inspect the relevant record at any time and obtain the information as permissible under the RTI Act.

4. In view of the above, the matter is disposed of with the direction that the appellant may, in coordination with the respondent, inspect the relevant record at any mutually convenient time and obtain the requisite information as per the provisions of the RTI Act. No further proceedings are called for in the matter. Accordingly, the appeal is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 17.09.2026

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Sh Parvin Kacharu, (M-9730167241)
S/o Sh kacharu at Post Davalpuri,
Tehsil Parner, DisttAhmednagar,
Maharashtra-414103
(RTI application no. 175316)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Pb
Forest Complex, Sector-68, SAS nagar, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal conservator of Forests, pb
Forest Complex,sector-68, SAS Nagar, Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No.3409 of 2025

Present : (i)None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Suptd (9855172362)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
3. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. He has also brought copy of information today in the Commission. The same is taken on record.
4. Copy of the same be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders. The Commission has examined the reply and is of the considered opinion that the Respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the Appellant. Accordingly the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :17.09.2026

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Ms PawandeepKaurDhillon,
W/o Late ShJagmohan Singh Dhillon,
House no. 384, Dhillon Colony,
GT Road, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Jagraon, distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.2967 of 2025

Present : (i)None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh.Mandeep Singh, Jr. Assistant (8360427855)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today, the appellant is not present. The notice issued to the appellant has been received back undelivered. However, the appellant was informed telephonically by the Commission about the date of hearing fixed for today. Despite having been informed, the appellant has not appeared before the Commission.

3. The respondent is present today and states that the reply in the matter has already been submitted before the Commission. In view of the repeated absence of the appellant, despite having been informed telephonically about today's hearing, and the reply having already been submitted by the respondent, no further proceedings are called for in the matter. Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

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Sh Ajay Kumar, (M-9915581018)
S/o ShPrem Chand,
House no. 5025, Phase-1,
Urban Estate, Patiala

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO Civil Hospital, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

AC No.2963 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Both the parties are absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing and the last order dated 28.07.2026 was sent to them through registered post but even though they are absent and no submissions have been received from the appellant, which appears that he has nothing to say in this regard in this case and/or he does not intend to pursue the case. The Commission is of considered view that an appellant who invokes the appellate jurisdiction of the Commission is expected to diligently pursue the matter by participating in the proceedings. In the absence of the parties and as no useful purpose would be served by granting further adjournments, no further intervention of the Commission is called for. Accordingly the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Punjab

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Sh Rishi Saroay, (M-81980-88789)
B-600/10, AhataSher Jung,
Near Division no. 3, Ludhiana

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, Zone- B,
MC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.3137 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Both the parties are absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing and the last order dated 28.07.2026 was sent to them through registered post but even though they are absent and no submissions have been received from the appellant, which appears that he has nothing to say in this regard in this case and/or he does not intend to pursue the case. The Commission is of considered view that an appellant who invokes the appellate jurisdiction of the Commission is expected to diligently pursue the matter by participating in the proceedings. In the absence of the parties and as no useful purpose would be served by granting further adjournments, no further intervention of the Commission is called for. Accordingly the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

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ShPardeep Kumar, (M-7490015303)
S/o ShBabu Ram,
Ward no. 5, JogianMohalla,
Tehsil- Naraingarh, Distt Ambala-134203
(RTI application no. 116631)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o AIGP, complaint Branch,
Bureau of Investigation, Pb,
Sector-9, PP Hqrs, chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o DIGP, Bureau of Investigation, Pb,
Sector-9, PP Hqrs, chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.3202 of 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant

(ii) For the respondent- Sh.Hakam Singh, ASI (9464392733), o/o SSP Patiala and Sh.Amrit Singh, Sr Assistant (9478920421), o/o BOI, Punjab

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the appellant was absent whereas the respondent was present and produced his reply before the Commission. Accordingly, a copy of the reply was sent to the appellant alongwith the orders.

2. Today, again the appellant is not present. However, the appellant has submitted a letter dated 11.09.2026 stating that he is presently posted at Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur and, therefore, is unable to attend the hearing in person. He has requested that the case may kindly be decided on merits on the basis of the material available on record. He has also requested that the respondents be directed to furnish the complete status of Complaint No. 595/2023, including any action taken by the DGP office or any other concerned authority.

3. The respondent has submitted a reply before the Commission regarding the information sought by the appellant. The respondent has also furnished the status of Complaint No. 595/2023 and the action taken thereon, as available on the record. The said report has been taken on record. Copy of the same be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.

4. In view of the above, and keeping in view the material available on record as well as the written submission made by the appellant, no further proceedings are called for in the matter. Accordingly, the appeal is **disposed of**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

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Sh. Navneet Kumar Garg, Advocate
#427, Lawyers Chambers Complex,
District Courts, Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Bathinda Development Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Administrator, Bathinda Development Authority,
Bathinda.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5708 OF 2024
(Heard through VC facility in the O/o DC, Bathinda)

Present : (i) Sh. Navneet Kumar Garg, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Shaminder Singh, Sr. Asstt (98555-08208)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026 vide which the respondent was directed to file his reply pertaining to point no. 06.

2. The respondent states that he has provided his reply to the appellant pertaining to point no. 06 (six)

3. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply of the respondent.

4. Today the information pertaining to point no. 06 has been discussed between both the parties. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to provide his proper reply pertaining to point 06 to the appellant, within seven days of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office. The respondent has assured the Bench that the orders of the Commission will positively be complied, within a week. The respondent also 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**. In view of the foregoing, no further intervention of the Commission is required in the matter. Accordingly, the Appeal stands **disposed of and closed**. *However, liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within one month, in case these orders are not complied with.* Copy of the order be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date : 17.09.2026

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab