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Sh.Kuldip Kumar

R/o No. 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk,
FGC Road, Amritsar
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...Appellant

V/s

Sh. Sukhdev Singh

**Public Information Officer-
Cum-Environment Engineer,
O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Amritsar**

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o Senior Environment Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Amritsar**

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1308 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Er. Ravi Suri, JEE (7888716887) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.08.2026.

2. Er. Ravi Suri, JEE is present and submits that Sh. Sukhdev Singh, JE concerned is not well so he is present but no satisfactory reply has been given in light of the orders dated 13.08.2026 vide which the copy of the written submissions made by the appellant were sent to the respondent PIO to file the counter submissions in an annotated form.

3. Accordingly, **an opportunity** is given to the respondent, **Sh. Amrit Pal Singh Chahal, Executive Engineer and Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, SDO**, to remain present on the next date of hearing along with their final submissions in compliance with order dated 13.08.2026.

4. It is appropriate to mention the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

"10. Such Officers must be taught a lesson and in my view, they are unfit to hold the post of Public Information Officer or any other post in connection with the discharge of duties under RTI Act and they should be shown the doors, so that it will be a lesson for other Officers to act in accordance with the terms of the Act, failing which they may also face the similar or more consequences."

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5. It is further clarified that in case of defiance of this order, their presence will be procured by issuing '**bailable warrants**' and/or '**disciplinary action**' may be recommended in this case.

6. To come up on **29.10.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 24.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC:

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Public Information Officer-
Cum-Environment Engineer,
O/o Public Pollution Control Board,
Jalandhar

Sh. Amrit Pal Singh Chahal,
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