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**Sh. Bachitter Singh**, S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh,  
H.No.1011, Street no.10, Gurbaksh Colony,  
Tehsil and District Patiala. (M.9592050060)  
RTI application No.160191.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Director,  
Animal Husbandary, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director,  
Animal Husbandary, Punjab,  
Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No.1925 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Sh. Suresh Kumar Dubey, Sr. Assistant along with Sh. Sandeep Thamman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 28.10.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.02.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.03.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.01.06.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant remained absent despite due notice and no request for adjournment has been received.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Suresh Kumar Dubey, Sr. Assistant along with Sh. Sandeep Thamman submit that the requisite information has already been furnished to the appellant on two occasions i.e. 07.05.2025 and 24.04.2026. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. However, upon perusal of the record, it is observed that the information supplied includes a contact/mobile number of an individual. The Commission is of the considered view that personal contact details of an individual constitute personal information and their disclosure has to be examined in light of the provisions of Section 8(1)(j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

5. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is advised to exercise due diligence while furnishing information under the RTI Act and to ensure that exempt personal information is not disclosed. Wherever disclosure of records containing both disclosable and exempt information is required, the provisions of Section 10 of the RTI Act relating to severability shall be followed and the exempt portions shall be suitably redacted before disclosure.

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6. In view of the submissions made by the respondent PIO and the absence of the appellant, it is presumed that the information supplied has been received by the appellant and that no further grievance survives for adjudication in the present appeal. Accordingly, the Commission is satisfied that the respondent PIO has complied with the requirements of the RTI Act, 2005 by furnishing the available information.

7. Keeping in view of the above, there is no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2026**

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**Sh. Gagandeep Singh**, S/o Sh. Labh Singh,  
R/o H. No. 27, Village Ugrahan, Tehsil Sunam,  
District Sangrur. (M.9465454754)  
RTI application No.157517.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No.1949 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Ms. Sukhjeet Kaur, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 09.12.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 18.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.03.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.01.06.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation.
3. The respondent PIO represented by Ms. Sukhjeet Kaur, Jr. Assistant submits that the appellant did not deposit the prescribed RTI application fee along with the RTI application. It is further submitted that although the appellant claimed exemption from payment of the application fee on the ground of being a Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holder, no valid BPL certificate/card was enclosed with the application. Instead, a copy of the Aadhaar Card was attached, which does not confer exemption from payment of the prescribed fee under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and the applicable rules.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions of the respondent PIO and perused the record. It is observed that the appellant seeking exemption from payment of the prescribed fee is required to furnish valid proof of BPL status. In the absence of the prescribed application fee or a valid BPL certificate/card, the RTI application cannot be treated as a valid application under the Act.
5. In view of the above, the Commission finds no infirmity in the action of the respondent PIO. However, the appellant is at liberty to submit a fresh RTI application along with the prescribed application fee or, in the alternative, furnish valid proof of BPL status in accordance with the applicable rules.

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**Appeal Case No.1949 of 2025**

6. Keeping in view of the above, there is no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2026**

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**Ms. Madhavi Bedi**, D/o Sh. Nivesh Kumar,  
Gali Baba Bhag Singh, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak,  
District Gurdaspur. (M.9577442222)  
RTI application No.173964.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director,  
Local Govt., Punjab,  
Sector:35, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director,  
Local Govt., Punjab,  
Sector:35, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2038 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Ms.Soma Rani, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 14.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 25.03.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.03.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.01.06.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms.Soma Rani, Sr. Assistant submits that the information sought by the appellant pertains to an ongoing recruitment process and that all relevant information, notifications, updates, and details concerning the recruitment are available in the public domain on the official website of the public authority i.e.<https://pmidc.punjab.gov.in/recruitment>. A reply in this regard has already been furnished to the appellant. Copy of the same is also taken on record.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions of the respondent PIO and perused the record. It is observed that the information sought is stated to be available on the official website of the public authority. The appellant is advised to access the information from the said website. Since the information is already accessible in the public domain, no further direction for furnishing the same is warranted.

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**Appeal Case No.2038 of 2025**

5. In view of the above, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Dated: 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2026**

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**Sh. Ankush Marwaha**, S/o Sh. Narinder,  
# 2182, Bazaar Gujrawala, Chowk Chabutra,  
Amritsar. (M.6284218531) RTI application No.170171.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Chief Agriculture Officer,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director, Agriculture, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2188 of 2025**

**Present:** None for the parties.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 23.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 31.03.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.04.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.01.06.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. However, an email dated 27.05.2026 has been received from the respondent wherein the appellant has withdrawn his appeal case. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. Accordingly, as per the written submission of the appellant for withdrawal of this appeal, the instant Appeal Case is allowed to be withdrawn as per para 7 of Office Order dated 27.03.2018 of the Commission. The instant appeal case is hereby **closed & disposed of**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Punjab

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**Ms. Shalini Sharma**, D/o Sh. Satpal Sharma,  
Ward No.10, Raj Bagh, Near Rakesh Karyana Store,  
Tehsil Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir (M.9797472532)  
RTI application No.166706.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director Agriculture, Punjab,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director Agriculture, Punjab,  
Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2189 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Sh. Baljeet Kumar, Sr. Assitant along with Sh. Barinder Singh, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 05.02.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.03.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.04.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.01.06.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Baljeet Kumar, Sr. Assitant along with Sh. Barinder Singh, Clerk submit that the information available on record pertaining to the post of 'Baildar' has already been furnished to the appellant. It is further stated that no information regarding the post of 'Peon' is available in the records of the public authority.

4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by the respondent PIO. Insofar as the information relating to the post of *Baildar* is concerned, the same stands supplied. With regard to the information relating to the post of *Peon*, the respondent PIO has stated that no such information is available on record. The respondent PIO is directed to furnish a duly sworn affidavit to the appellant within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of this order, affirming that no information pertaining to the post of *Peon* is available in the records of the public authority and that no such information has been withheld.

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**Appeal Case No.2189 of 2025**

5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2026**

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**Sh. Rajesh Kumar Thakral, S/o Sh. Kashmiri Lal,**  
Street No.1, Daan, Tehsil & District Fazilka.  
(M.9855968371) RTI application No.228837.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),  
Fazilka.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No.2011 of 2025**

**Present:** None for the parties.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 26.11.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.12.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.03.2026 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.01.06.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. However, an email dated 15.04.2026 has been received from the appellant vide which the appellant has informed the Commission that he has received the sought for information to his satisfaction and does not intend to pursue the case further.

3. Keeping in view of the above, there is no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner  
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