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Shri Harwinder Singh, (9592095218)

S/o Shri Gurdeep Singh,
C/o Darshan Singh, S/o Shri Maan Singh Bhinder,
VPO Kutbanpur, Tehsil Samana, District Patiala-147101

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director General of Police,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4162 OF 2025

PRESENT: Shri Harwinder Singh, Appellant.
Shri Narinder Singh, Head Constable (8727800286) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 25.03.2026.

2. That the appellant stated that the information sought regarding the legal opinion of the Law Officer has not been provided. On the other hand, the respondent appeared on behalf of the PIO and submitted a written reply, stating that the legal opinion sought by the appellant is not disclosable in view of the exemption contained under Section 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent further relied upon the judgment dated 30.09.2022 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in W.P.(C) No. 7240 of 2013 and W.P.(C) No. 7979 of 2010, titled *Secretary to Advocate General, Office of the Advocate-General, Kerala, Ernakulam & Others vs. State Information Commission, Kerala & Others*, wherein the issue regarding disclosure of legal opinion and the fiduciary relationship between lawyer and client has been considered. A copy of the reply along with the aforesaid judgment has been handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

3. That upon consideration of the submissions made by the parties and perusal of the record, the Bench finds that the respondent has specifically invoked the exemption under Section 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act, 2005 in respect of the legal opinion sought by the appellant. The legal opinion being claimed to have been obtained in a fiduciary relationship, the exemption claimed by the respondent is found applicable in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

4. In view of the above, no further intervention is warranted by the Bench. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of**.

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Sanjeev Kumar Advocate, (9915971758)

S/o Shri Sarwan Bharadwaj,
H No 8603 New Sant Nagar Haibowal Kalan,
Tehsil & District Ludhiana-141008

RTI Application No. 146108

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6507 OF 2024
CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Shri Tarsem Singh, ASI on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER: This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 25.03.2026.

2. That the appellant has again remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment, despite having been granted a **LAST OPPORTUNITY** vide order dated 25.03.2026. On the other hand, the respondent appeared before the Bench and reiterated that the information sought in the RTI application pertains to a third party. It was further submitted that neither is the appellant the applicant under the RTI application nor does the RTI application contain any reference pertaining to him. The respondent also submitted that the requested information cannot be disclosed under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, and a copy of the communication sent to the appellant in this regard has already been placed on record.

3. That the Bench has carefully considered the submissions made by the respondent and perused the material available on record. Despite being afforded adequate opportunities, including a last opportunity, the appellant has failed to appear and prosecute the present appeal. In the absence of any rebuttal to the respondent's submissions or any material to establish that the appellant is entitled to the information sought, no ground is made out for interference.

4. Accordingly, the present appeal is **disposed of**.

Sd/-

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Shri Sham Sunder, (6239244597)

S/o Shri Nand Lal,

C 85, New Cantt Road, Faridkot-151203

RTI Application No. 140259

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,

Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,

Faridkot Range, Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6473 OF 2024

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT:

Shri Sham Sunder, Appellant.

Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Senior Constable (9463722631) for the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 25.03.2026.

2. That the appellant attended the hearing through Cisco Webex and stated before the Bench that the information sought by him has not been received. On the other hand, the respondent stated that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka.

3. That in view of the submission made by the respondent, the appellant is advised to submit a fresh and specific RTI application to the PIO, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, clearly specifying the information required by him. The concerned PIO shall deal with such RTI application in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. That the PIO, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur is, however, cautioned to deal with RTI applications with due diligence and to ensure that, wherever the information sought pertains to another public authority, the application is transferred to the concerned public authority in accordance with Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, within the prescribed period, so that the applicant is not required to approach the Commission on account of avoidable procedural issues.

5. In view of the above, the present appeal is **disposed of**.

Sd/-

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Shri Nitin Kumar, (7710751275)

S/o Shri Parmod Kumar,

507, Street No 3, Sherpur Khurd,

Focal Point, District Ludhiana-141010

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

SCO 177-178, 3rd Floor,

Sector 17C, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

SCO 177-178, 3rd Floor,

Sector 17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5855 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 07.04.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant stating that the information sought has been received and that he does not wish to pursue the matter further. A copy of the said communication has been taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That in view of the above and there being no grievance surviving for consideration, no further cause of action remains in the present matter. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case stands

disposed of.

04.08.2026

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C/o Bombay Studio,

Near Main Post Office Chowk, Pathankot.

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Engineer,

Provincial Division, PWD (B&R),

SCO 55-56, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Superintending Engineer,

Construction Circle, PWD B&R,

Sector-17, Bays Building, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6280 OF 2023

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT:

Shri Ankit Sehgal, Appellant.

Shri Vijay Bahadur, SDE (7508185522) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 24.03.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that incomplete information has been provided to him. On the other hand, the PIO stated before the Bench that no funds were transferred from the Divisional Office to the Sub-Divisional Office during the period from 01.01.2020 to 01.07.2023. The PIO further tendered a sworn affidavit to the said effect before the Bench. The said affidavit is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That upon consideration of the submissions made by both parties and perusal of the record, the Bench takes the sworn affidavit tendered by the PIO on record. In view of the categorical statement made by the PIO that no such fund transfer took place during the period in question, no further information appears to remain available for furnishing to the appellant.

4. That accordingly, no further cause of action survives in the present matter and the instant Appeal Case stands **disposed of**.

04.08.2026

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Shri Pawan Kumar Verma, (9888615433)

S/o Shri Baldev Raj,

347-A, Surya Enclave, Near Ekta Nagar,

Railway Crossing, Tehsil & District Jalandhar-144009

RTI Application No. 214939

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Welfare Officer,

Department of Social Justice Empowerment & Minorities, Punjab,

SCF 7, Phase-1, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Welfare Officer,

Department of Social Justice Empowerment & Minorities, Punjab,

SCF 7, Phase-1, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6960 OF 2025

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Harpal Singh, Nodal Officer for the Respondents

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 07.04.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent from today's hearing as well as from the last two hearings held on 27.01.2026 and 07.04.2026, without any intimation or request for adjournment. The respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information/reply had already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 30.10.2025.

3. That despite the direction given in the previous order to point out any deficiencies in the information supplied, the appellant has neither pointed out any deficiency nor communicated further with the Commission.

4. That in view of the appellant's continued absence and failure to point out any deficiency in the information supplied, no further grievance survives for consideration by the Bench. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of**.

04.08.2026

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Shri Bunt Ram Mistri, (9914602178)

S/o Shri Ram Pal,
Village Ghanouri Khera, Po Ghanour,
Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala.

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Ghanour, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0845 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Harjinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 24.03.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information had already been provided to the appellant during the previous date of hearing and that no deficiencies in the information so provided have been pointed out by the appellant till date. The respondent also filed a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued vide order dated 15.01.2026 and requested that the same be dropped.

3. That the Bench has duly considered the reply filed by the PIO to the Show Cause Notice. Since the requisite information has already been furnished to the appellant and no deficiency therein has been pointed out by the appellant till date, the Bench is satisfied that no further action is warranted in the matter. Accordingly, the Show Cause Notice issued vide order dated 15.01.2026 is hereby dropped.

4. That in view of the above, no further intervention is required in the matter. Accordingly, the present Appeal Case stands **disposed of**.

04.08.2026

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab