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Sh.Rajinder Kumar Gupta, S/o Sh. Dev Raj Gupta,  
# 33, New Vikas Nagar, Baltana, Zirakpur,  
Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali). (M; 8288855289)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Chief Engineer,  
Panchayati Raj, Public Works Department,  
VikasBhawan, Sector- 62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chief Engineer,  
Panchayati Raj, Public Works Department,  
VikasBhawan, Sector- 62, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6464 of 2024**  
**Cisco Webex Proceedings**

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
29.07.2024	-----	30.08.2024	-----	21.10.2024

**Present:**

Appellant: Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta  
Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant has submitted that no satisfactory reply has been provided to him despite considerable delay.
3. The respondent is absent at today's hearing. However, a correspondence/reply **vide diary No. 5996 dated 24.03.2026** has been received in the Commission in compliance with the notice issued, which is taken on record along with supporting enclosures. A copy of the same has been forwarded to the appellant.
4. In view of the above, the appellant is granted an opportunity to examine the reply submitted by the respondent and point out discrepancies, if any. Both the appellant and the PIO/APIO are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing. In case any party fails to appear, an appropriate order shall be passed in their absence.
5. **Next hearing on 14.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh  
07.04.2026

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Executive Engineer (XEN),  
Panchayati Raj, Public Works Department,  
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
Panchayati Raj, Public Works Department,  
Jalandhar Circle, Jalandhar.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6466 of 2024**  
**Cisco Webex Proceedings (1/2)**

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
05.08.2024	-----	10.09.2024	-----	25.10.2024

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta

**Respondent:** Sh. Gagandeep Singh, SDO

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The respondent, **Sh. Gagandeep Singh, SDO**, submitted that a reply has already been furnished to the appellant vide **letter No. 2658 dated 04.09.2024**, a copy of which has also been endorsed to the Commission. It is stated that the information sought pertains to **Panchayati Raj clerk records for the period 1985–1994**. The respondent further submitted that upon verification of the available records, including the **personal file of the concerned employee**, no relevant documents pertaining to the cited **1993 correspondence** were found. It is also stated that the **confirmation orders and seniority lists for the period 1985–1994 are not available** in the office record, and the referred **letter dated 19.08.1993 was never received** in this office.
3. The appellant contested the reply and submitted that the information has been **wrongly denied** and the response furnished is **misleading**, particularly with regard to the **non-availability of seniority records and correspondence**.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both parties and perused the record. While the respondent has furnished a **categorical “Nil” reply**, the matter requires further **due diligence** to uphold the spirit of the **RTI Act, 2005**.

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**Cisco Webex Proceedings (2/2)**

5. In view of the above, the respondent (**PIO**) is directed to file a **sworn affidavit/undertaking** before the Commission, affirming that a **diligent and exhaustive search** of the relevant records was conducted and that the information sought, including **seniority lists (1985–1994)** and the **1993 correspondence**, is **not available/traceable** or was **never received** in the office.
6. Further, the respondent is directed to **verify the availability of the requested information from the office of the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department**, being the **likely custodian of records**, and either **procure the same** or provide **complete details of the concerned record-holding authority** to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission.
7. The case is **adjourned**. The **PIO/APIO as well as the appellant are directed to remain present** before the Commission on the next date of hearing. In case of **non-compliance or non-appearance**, appropriate action shall be taken as per RTI Act.
8. **Next hearing on 14.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o District Development and Panchayati Officer,  
Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development),  
Mansa.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 403 of 2025**  
**Cisco Webex Proceedings**

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
04.10.2024	-----	11.11.2024	-----	31.12.2024

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta

**Respondent:** Sh. Gurmeet Singh, District Development Assistant

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The respondent, **Sh. Gurmeet Singh, District Development Assistant**, submitted that a reply has been furnished to the appellant vide **letter No. 1310 dated 30.03.2026**.
3. The appellant contested the same and submitted that the reply is **irrelevant, misleading, and has been provided after considerable delay**.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions of both parties and observed that the reply furnished by the respondent is **not satisfactory** and **does not address the information sought in a clear and point-wise manner**.
5. In view of the above, the **PIO is directed to provide a fresh, complete and point-wise reply** strictly in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**, within the stipulated period, under intimation to the Commission.
6. Both the **PIO/APIO and the appellant are directed to remain present before the Commission on the next date of hearing without fail**, failing which **appropriate action shall be taken as per law**.
7. **Next hearing on 14.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayati Officer,  
Nabha, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development and Panchayati Officer,  
Patiala.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 404 of 2025**

**Cisco Webex Proceedings**

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
04.10.2024	-----	11.11.2024	-----	31.12.2024

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta

**Respondent:** Absent

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant submitted that **no information has been provided so far and there is a long and unjustified delay** on the part of the respondent.
3. Despite service of notice, the respondent **failed to appear before the Commission without any intimation**, which is viewed seriously by the Commission.
4. The Commission directs the respondent to **file a detailed, complete and point-wise reply** to the RTI application, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and supply the same to the appellant within a stipulated period. The respondent is further directed to **remain present in person on the next date of hearing**, failing which **appropriate action shall be initiated** under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The appellant is also directed to **remain present before the Commission on the next date of hearing** to pursue the matter. The case is adjourned to a later date for further proceedings.
5. **Next hearing on 14.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,  
O/o District Development and Panchayati Officer,  
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),  
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6463 of 2024**  
**Cisco Webex Proceedings**

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
04.07.2024	-----	09.08.2024	-----	21.10.2024

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta (webex)

**Respondent:** Sh. Bipan Kumar (Supt.) and Ms. Ravneet Kaur (Sr. Asstt.) (In person in the commission )

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant submitted that **no information has been provided so far and there is a long and unjustified delay** on the part of the respondent.
3. The respondents, **Sh. Bipan Kumar (Supt.) and Ms. Ravneet Kaur (Sr. Asstt.), appeared in person** before the Commission and submitted a reply from the PIO vide letter No. 708 dated 12.02.2026.
4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to **supply a complete copy of the said reply along with all enclosures/documents to the appellant** forthwith. The respondent/PIO is further directed to **remain present in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing.**
5. The appellant is directed to **file a rejoinder, if any, to the reply submitted by the PIO and point out specific discrepancies/deficiencies, if any, at the time of next hearing.** The appellant shall also **remain present before the Commission** to pursue the matter.
6. **Next hearing on 14.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o District Development and Panchayati Officer,  
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development),  
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 407 of 2025**  
**Cisco Webex Proceedings**

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
24.09.2024	-----	25.10.2024	-----	01.01.2025

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta

**Respondent:** Absent

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant submitted that **no information has been provided so far and there is a long and unjustified delay** on the part of the respondent.
3. Despite service of notice, the respondent **failed to appear before the Commission without any intimation**, which is viewed seriously by the Commission.
4. The Commission directs the respondent to **file a detailed, complete and point-wise reply** to the RTI application, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and supply the same to the appellant within a stipulated period. The respondent is further directed to **remain present in person on the next date of hearing**, failing which **appropriate action shall be initiated** under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The appellant is also directed to **remain present before the Commission on the next date of hearing** to pursue the matter. The case is adjourned to a later date for further proceedings.
5. **Next hearing on 14.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Director,  
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Sector- 62 (Phase- VIII), Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director,  
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Sector- 62 (Phase- VIII), Mohali.... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 6461, 6465 of 2024 & 405/2025**  
**Cisco Webex Proceedings**

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta (webex)

**Respondent:** Sh. Babrik Bharti, Sr. Asstt., O/o DRDP Mohali and Sh. Bipan Kumar,  
Superintendent (in person)

**ORDER (In 3 Connected Cases):**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned three appeal cases before the Commission, which were fixed for hearing today. *Since the parties involved and the subject matter of all the cases are similar, the same are being taken up together.*
2. The appellant submitted that **only partial information has been provided**, and therefore, he has filed similar RTI applications seeking the remaining information.
3. The respondents, **Sh. Babrik Bharti (Sr. Asstt.) and Sh. Bipan Kumar (Supt.)**, submitted that the **requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant multiple times and nothing remains pending**, and that the appellant is repeatedly filing similar RTI applications on the same issue.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions of both parties. In view of the conflicting stands taken, the matter requires further clarification and proper examination on record. Accordingly, both parties are directed to **file detailed rejoinders/clarifications with respect to their submissions made today**, clearly specifying the information already supplied and the alleged deficiencies, if any.
5. Both the appellant and the respondents are further directed to **remain present in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing without fail**, failing which the matter shall be decided on the basis of the available record.
6. The case(s) are adjourned for further proceedings. **Next hearing on 14.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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O/o Director,  
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Sector- 62 (Phase- VIII), Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Director,  
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Sector- 62 (Phase- VIII), Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 406 of 2025**  
**Cisco Webex Proceedings**

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
04.10.2024	-----	11.11.2024	-----	01.01.2025

**Present:**

**Appellant:** Sh. Rajinder Kumar Gupta(through Webex)

**Respondent:**Sh. Satish Kumar (Divisional Deputy Director Panchayat, Jalandhar) (Inperson)

**ORDER:**

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant submitted that the information provided is **inappropriate, partial and misleading**.The respondent, **Sh. Satish Kumar (Divisional Deputy Director Panchayat, Jalandhar)**, submitted that the requisite information has already been provided.
3. The Commission has considered the submissions of both parties. In the interest of justice, an opportunity is granted to both sides to substantiate their respective claims on record.
4. Accordingly, the respondent/PIO is directed to **file detailed written submissions along with an undertaking to the effect that no information remains pending**, if that is the case, clearly indicating the information already supplied. The appellant is also directed to **file a detailed rejoinder, pointing out specific deficiencies**, if any.
5. Both parties are further directed to **remain present before the Commission on the next date of hearing**, failing which the matter shall be **decided on merits on the basis of the available record**.
6. **Next hearing on 14.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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