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....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Naya Nangal,
Distt. – Roopnagar (Punjab)

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 298 of 2026

Present : Sh. Manikya Malik, Advocate(M.-9888244666) on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Jagdeep Singh Dua(M.-9417220859), Principal-cum-PIO of Shivalik College of Pharmacy, Nangal, for the respondent side.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 20.03.2026 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 22.07.2026 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 07.10.2026.

2. Sh. Manikya Malik, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the complainant (Sh. Mayank, Advocate) in today's hearing, has intimated that no information has been supplied to the complainant by the respondent PIO till date.

3. Sh. Jagdeep Singh Dua, Principal-cum-PIO of Shivalik College of Pharmacy, Nangal, who appeared for the respondent side in today's hearing, has submitted a reply vide letter no. 4266 dated 22.09.2026 signed by the Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Naya Nangal, appended to which is a reply dated 01.10.2026 signed by PIO-cum-Principal himself, intimating that the sought information through RTI request is 'third party' information and exempted from disclosure under clause (j) of Section 8 (1) of the RTI Act, moreover, the complainant has not pursued the remedy provided under Section 19 in accordance with law. He also hands over the same reply to the representative of the complainant during the hearing.

4. After hearing the parties present and examining the documents submitted during the hearing as well as placed in the case-file, it emerges that all the information sought through RTI request is not 'third party' information.

5. As the complainant has approached the Commission under the provisions of Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 and has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act, hence, the Commission could not allow access to the information to the Information seeker in a complaint case as an alternative and efficacious remedy of first appeal is available to the complainant under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, which has not been availed in the instant case.

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5. Accordingly, the matter is remanded back to the **First Appellate Authority, who is Additional Deputy Commissioner(Development), Roopnagar** in connection with point no. 4, 5, 6 and 7 to take appropriate decision in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act within the prescribed timeline, after giving due opportunity of hearing to all the parties concerned, examining the documents placed on record or submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of the order. A copy of this complaint filed by the complainant is also **being sent** to him along with this order with the directions that the same may be treated as first appeal.

6. With these directions the case is **disposed of and closed**. However, the liberty is granted to the complainant to file Second appeal in this case, if he does not receive the decision of the First Appellate Authority within forty five days from the receipt of the order or if the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority.

Dated: 7th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Additional Deputy Commissioner(Development)
Roopnagar (Punjab)

Encl: RTI request

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(M.758912222)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2196 of 2025

Present : Sh. Suket Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Harpreet Singh(M.-9814338832), XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur ;
ii) Sh. Gaurav Shukla, J.A. (M.- 6280535231) for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.07.2026.

2. In compliance to the order dated 07.07.2026, Sh. Harpreet Singh, XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur appeared in today's hearing and orally submitted that he was not PIO when the RTI application dated 11.09.2023 was moved. He has also submitted a reply dated Nil to the show-cause issued vide orders dated 12.05.2026 in his name. Through that submission, it is intimated that additional charge of Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala had been assigned to him and vide orders dated 19.06.2026 the additional charge was withdrawn, hence, the show-cause issued in his name be filed. It is taken on record.

3. Sh. Gaurav Shukla, J. A., who appeared on behalf of the respondent side in today's hearing, has submitted a reply vide letter no. 277 dated 01.10.2026, intimating that in compliance to the order passed by the Commission, inspection of the relevant official record has been done by the appellant and he is satisfied with the same. He also submitted a Note signed by the appellant acknowledging the fact that he has inspected the relevant official record is satisfied with the same.

4. The appellant, Sh. Suket Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has given his consent to close the case.

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Appeal Case No. 2196 of 2025

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5. After going through the reply dated Nil submitted by Sh. Harpreet Singh, XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur, it emerges that the submission made by him is in Appeal Case No. 2198 of 2025 though the show-cause notice issued in all the cases fixed on 12.05.2026 filed against PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala. Accordingly, considering his reply, in all other cases fixed for today i. e. 07.10.2026 and finding the explanation given by him as genuine, the show cause issued to him vide orders dated 12.05.2026 is **dropped**.

6. Moreover, the appellant has also given his consent to close the case, hence, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 7th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Suket Gupta, Advocate
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2195 of 2025

Present : Sh. Suket Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Harpreet Singh(M.-9814338832), XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur ;
ii) Sh. Mandhir Singh, J. E. (M.-9915222526)) for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.07.2026.

2. In compliance to the order dated 07.07.2026, Sh. Harpreet Singh, XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur appeared in today's hearing and orally submitted that he was not PIO when the RTI application dated 11.09.2023 was moved. He has also submitted a reply dated Nil to the show-cause issued vide orders dated 12.05.2026 in his name. Through that submission, it is intimated that additional charge of Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala had been assigned to him and vide orders dated 19.06.2026 the additional charge was withdrawn, hence, the show-cause issued in his name be filed. It is taken on record.

3. Sh. Mandhir Singh, J. E., who appeared on behalf of the respondent side in today's hearing, has submitted a reply vide letter no. 1218 dated 23.09.2026, intimating that a reply has been sent to the appellant intimating him that no inspection report is available in the office and whenever it would be available, it would be intimated to the appellant.

4. The appellant, Sh. Suket Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has raised no objection on this commitment made by the respondent.

5. Nevertheless, directions are hereby issued to the respondent PIO to send the reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant as well as a copy to the Commission well in time.

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Appeal Case No. 2195 of 2025

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5. After going through the reply dated Nil submitted by Sh. Harpreet Singh, XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur, it emerges that the submission made by him is in Appeal Case No. 2198 of 2025 though the show-cause notice issued in all the cases fixed on 12.05.2026 filed against PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala. Accordingly, considering his reply, in all other cases fixed for today i. e. 07.10.2026 and finding the explanation given by him as genuine, the show cause issued to him vide orders dated 12.05.2026 is **dropped**.

6. With this, the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 7th October, 2026

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab



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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2426 of 2025

Present : Sh. Suket Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Harpreet Singh(M.-9814338832), XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur ;
ii) Sh. Mandhir Singh, J. E. (M.-9915222526) for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.07.2026.

2. In compliance to the order dated 07.07.2026, Sh. Harpreet Singh, XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur appeared in today's hearing and orally submitted that he was not PIO when the RTI application dated 11.09.2023 was moved. He has also submitted a reply dated Nil to the show-cause issued vide orders dated 12.05.2026 in his name. Through that submission, it is intimated that additional charge of Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala had been assigned to him and vide orders dated 19.06.2026 the additional charge was withdrawn, hence, the show-cause issued in his name be filed. It is taken on record.

3. Sh. Mandhir Singh, J. E., who appeared on behalf of the respondent side in today's hearing, has orally submitted that no inspection report is available in the office and whenever it would be available, it would be intimated to the appellant.

4. The appellant, Sh. Suket Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has raised no objection on this commitment made by the respondent.

5. Nevertheless, directions are hereby issued to the respondent PIO to send the reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant as well as a copy to the Commission well in time.

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Appeal Case No. 2426 of 2025

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5. After going through the reply dated Nil submitted by Sh. Harpreet Singh, XEN presently posted at Hoshiarpur, it emerges that the submission made by him is in Appeal Case No. 2198 of 2025 though the show-cause notice issued in all the cases fixed on 12.05.2026 filed against PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala. Accordingly, considering his reply, in all other cases fixed for today i. e. 07.10.2026 and finding the explanation given by him as genuine, the show cause issued to him vide orders dated 12.05.2026 is **dropped**.

6. With this, the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 7th October, 2026

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Ms. Sunita Rani
D/o Sh. Narata Ram,
Near Aggarwal Grand Colony,
Barnala(Punjab)
(M.8427447549)
RTI application No.175906

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Barnala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (General),
Barnala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3068 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026.

2. None came appeared from the respondent side in today's hearing.

3. After perusal of the case-file, it emerges that in response to the RTI Application, the respondent PIO had already sent reply vide letter no. 973/B dated 03.04.2025 to the appellant. It is placed in the case file.

4. The appellant, Ms. Sunita Rani is not present in today's hearing. She was also absent on the hearing held on 21.07.2026. Moreover, neither she has intimated the Commission about her non-availability for today's hearing nor has sent any submission in response to the reply sent by the respondent despite the fact that an opportunity was given to her vide orders dated 21.07.2026.

5. In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 7th October, 2026

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Sh. Harbans Singh Sains
S/o Sh. Jagir Singh,
Railway Road, Sahnewal,
Tehsil and Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)
(M.9781961023)
RTI application No.172748.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Sahnewal,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3135 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026.

2. None came appeared from the respondent side in today's hearing.
3. After perusal of the case-file, it emerges that in response to the RTI Application, the respondent PIO has already sent a reply vide letter no. 1424 dated 02.07.2026, showing that in response to the RTI Application, a reply vide letter no. 14 dated 22.04.2025 has already been sent to the appellant. It is placed in the case file.
4. The appellant, Sh. Harbans Singh Sains is not present in today's hearing. He was also absent on the hearing held on 21.07.2026. Moreover, neither he has intimated the Commission about his non-availability for today's hearing nor has sent any submission in response to the reply sent by the respondent despite the fact that an opportunity was given to him vide orders dated 21.07.2026.
5. In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 7th October, 2026

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(M.9988293975)
RTI application No.145634

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Managing Director,
Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
S.C.O. 74, Bank Square,
Sector 17-B, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The General Manager,
Punjab State Warehousing Corporation,
S.C.O. 74, Bank Square,
Sector 17-B, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.3385 of 2025

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Taranjit Bajwa (M.-9814708284) PIO, in person.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026.

2. Sh. Taranjit Bajwa PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, has orally submitted a reply vide letter no. 250 dated 17.07.2026 has already been sent to the Commission intimating that in response to the RTI Application, a proper reply along with enclosure has already been sent to the appellant and the appellant has not submitted his submissions as directed vide orders dated 21.07.2026. It, alongwith enclosure, placed in the case-file.

4. The appellant, Sh. Mohit is not present in today's hearing. He was also absent on the hearing held on 21.07.2026. Moreover, neither he has intimated the Commission about his non-availability for today's hearing nor has sent any submission in response to the reply sent by the respondent despite the fact that an opportunity was given to him vide orders dated 21.07.2026.

5. In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 7th October, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Village Jalalkhera, P. O. – Sular,
Tehsil and District - Patiala(Punjab)
(M.9815397246)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Agriculture Officer,
Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Agriculture Officer,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3398 of 2025

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant attended the hearing through CISCO Webex.
i) Sh. Prabhdeep Singh, A.A.E. (Patiala) (M.-8699451084) ;
ii) Sh. Mandeep Singh, A.O.(Bhunerheri)(M.-7009227488) for the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026.

2. Sh. Prabhdeep Singh, A. A. E. O/o Chief Agriculture Officer and Sh. Mandeep Singh, A. O. of Block Bhunerheri, who appeared in today's hearing, have submitted a reply vide letter no. 8167 dated 07.10.2026, intimating that in compliance to the order dated 21.07.2026, inspection of the relevant office record has been done on 22.09.2026 by the appellant and the required information has been provided to the appellant, appended to which a written-note dated 22.09.2026 signed by the appellant as an acknowledgement of having received the information mentioning that he is satisfied with the same and the case be closed. It, alongwith, enclosure is taken record.

3. The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, attended the hearing through CISCO Webex and has intimated that he has received the information from the respondent PIO. He also alleges that the respondent PIO has made inordinate delay in supplying the requisite information to him and action be taken against the concerned PIO as per provisions of the RTI, Act, 2005.

4. Since complete information has been provided by the respondent to the appellant and the appellant has also given acknowledgement of the same and also shown his satisfaction over the same, hence, no further proceeding is required in this case. However, on the submission made by the appellant regarding delay in supplying the information, the respondent PIO is cautioned to be more careful in future in dealing with the RTI applications filed by the applicants and supply the required information to the information-seekers within stipulated time as per provisions of the RTI Act.

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

Dated: 7th October, 2026

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Sh. Ashwani Goyal S/o Sh. Mahinderpal,
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Encl: V/s Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Faridkot(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Faridkot(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3508 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.07.2026.

2. The appellant, Sh. Ashwani Goyal is not present in today's hearing. He has also not intimated the Commission about his non-availability for today's hearing.

3. None came appeared from the respondent side in today's hearing but through an e-mail dated 07.10.2026 has intimated that he is unable to attend today's hearing also sent a reply vide letter no. 4227 dated 07.10.2026 intimating that :

“ there is no such notification in the knowledge, wherein a prohibition has been imposed on letting property in residential areas. Therefore, the information is deemed to be Nil”

4. The same reply has also been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 07.10.2026. It is taken on record.

5. A copy of the reply given vide letter no. 4227 dated 07.10.2026 is **being sent** to the appellant alongwith this order.

6. Since, in response to the RTI application, a proper reply has been provided to the appellant, hence, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 7th October, 2026

Encl: reply 4227/07.10.2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab