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Sh. Ajay Bihari Sahu, S/o Dharam Prakash,
R/o Near Nagda Nohra, Tehsil Girwa, Distt Udaipur (Rajasthan),
Pin Code – 313001 (M: 9950540149)
RTI Application No 72859

....Appellant
V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Director General of Police,
Patiala Range, Patiala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6765 of 2023
(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
23.06.2023	--	20.08.2023	---	12.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Kuldeep Singh, A.S.I. (in person)

ORDER

1. This order may be read in continuation of the previous order dated **10.12.2025**, whereby an opportunity was granted to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the appellant with respect to the reply dated 05.12.2025. The case is taken up today i.e. **09.04.2026**, having been postponed from the earlier date.
2. Today, the case is taken up for hearing; however, the appellant has **again failed to appear without any intimation**. It is pertinent to note that even during the previous hearing, the notice issued to the appellant was received back as *undelivered*, and despite sufficient opportunity granted by the Commission, the appellant has neither appeared nor filed any communication or deficiencies on record.
3. The respondent, **Sh. Kuldeep Singh, A.S.I.**, present in person, reiterated his earlier submission that the **requisite information comprising thirteen pages along with enclosures has already been sent to the appellant on multiple occasions**, including through registered post, and no deficiencies have been received from the appellant till date.
4. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions of the respondent and perused the material available on record. It is observed that the respondent has **made reasonable and repeated efforts to supply the information**, and the same has not been contested by the appellant through any formal submission before this Commission.
5. In view of the above, and considering the **continued non-appearance of the appellant without any intimation**, as well as failure to point out any deficiencies despite adequate opportunity, the Commission finds **no reason to keep the matter pending any further**.
6. Accordingly, the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF**.

Sd/-

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Rajinder Kumar (RTI Activist & Press Reporter),
S/o Sh. HarbansLal,
Village Post Office Raisar, Tehsil & Distt Barnala. (M: 8360589644)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
MahilKalan, Distt Barnala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Barnala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6771 of 2023
(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
15.05.2023	--	14.07.2023	---	12.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the previous order dated **10.12.2025**, whereby the respondent PIO was directed to appear in person and to supply the requisite information to the appellant.
2. Today, neither the appellant nor the respondent has appeared before the Commission.
3. However, an **email dated 09.04.2026** has been received from the appellant, wherein it has been intimated that the **requisite information has now been received from the respondent PIO.**
4. The Commission has taken the said communication on record. In view of the appellant's confirmation regarding receipt of information, **no cause of action survives in the present appeal.**
5. Accordingly, the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

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09.04.2026

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Sh. PavnishTyagi, S/o Sh. Karan Singh,
69C, Harnamdaspura, Landmark: Near Nanak Dhabha,
Jalandhar. Pin Code- 144008 (M: 9417348397)

....Appellant
V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6955 of 2023
(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
20.06.2023	--	03.08.2023	---	23.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Mangat Singh, A.S.I. (in person)

ORDER

1. This order is in continuation of the order dated **10.12.2025**, whereby an opportunity was granted to the appellant to pursue the matter.
2. Today, the respondent reiterated that as per the record, the **complaint dated 11.06.2023 was never received** in the office.
3. The appellant is **absent without any intimation**. It is further observed that **notices/orders issued by the Commission have been received back with the remarks "left without instruction"**, and no submission has been filed.
4. In view of the respondent's categorical reply and the **continued non-prosecution of the case by the appellant**, no ground remains to keep the matter pending.
5. Accordingly, the appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

Chandigarh
09.04.2026

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Sh. Karan Luthra, S/o Sh. Deepak Luthra,
30D, Silver Heights Flats, Near WadalaChowk, Model Town,
Jalandhar-I, Jalandhar-144003 (M: 9300032600)
RTI Application No 79634

....Appellant
V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
GST Bhawan, Jalandhar- I, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6990 of 2023
(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
29.07.2023	--	30.08.2023	---	17.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. AmandeepPuri (EO)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **10.12.2025**. The hearing was fixed for hearing on 04.02.2026 but was postponed and fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. However, an **email dated 09.04.2026** has been received from the appellant, **Sh. Karan Luthra**, stating that the information sought is **no longer relevant due to the lapse of considerable time**, and requesting that the case be closed. The same is taken on record.
3. The Commission observes that the **RTI application pertains to the year 2023**, and the matter has remained pending for a considerable period. The absence of timely response on the part of the respondent PIO reflects **lack of due diligence** in handling RTI matters.
4. While acceding to the appellant's request for closure of the case, the Commission **admonishes the respondent PIO** to ensure that RTI applications are dealt with **promptly and within the stipulated time frame** under the RTI Act, 2005, so as to avoid such situations in future.

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

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09.04.2026

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Sh. Karan Luthra, S/o Sh. Deepak Luthra,
30D, Silver Heights Flats, Near WadalaChowk, Model Town,
Jalandhar-I, Jalandhar-144003 (M: 9300032600)
RTI Application No 94524

....Appellant
V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
State Tax, Mobile Wing, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Jalandhar Division,
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7294 of 2023
(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
13.10.2023	--	27.10.2023	---	05.11.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Sukhjot Singh, State Tax Officer-cum-PIO

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the earlier order dated 10.12.2025, whereby an opportunity was granted to both parties to appear and pursue the matter.
2. Today, none appeared on behalf of the appellant for the second consecutive occasion, despite due opportunity.
3. The respondent, Sh. Sukhjot Singh, State Tax Officer-cum-PIO, submitted that the information sought by the appellant pertains to a third party, namely M/s Sakshi Steel Corporation, which has declined consent for disclosure of the information. It was further submitted that a reply to this effect had already been furnished to the appellant vide letter No. 4419 dated 31.10.2023, and a copy of the same has been placed on record.
4. In view of the above submissions and the material available on record, and in the absence of the appellant to contest the matter, the Commission finds the reply furnished by the PIO to be in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. Accordingly, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted, and the present appeal is hereby **disposed of.**

Chandigarh
09.04.2026

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Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Maluk Singh,
292, PanchayatiGali, Tibri Road,
Tehsil &Gurdaspur- 143521(M: 8054211214)
RTI Application No 89136

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
GST Bhawan, Jalandhar- I, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7039 of 2023
(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
12.09.2023	--	14.10.2023	---	30.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **10.12.2025**. The hearing was fixed for hearing on 04.02.2026 but was postponed and fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. However he has sent an e-mail dated 07/04/2026 stating that he doesn't wish to pursue the matter as the information has no longer relevance to him, thus requesting to close the case.
3. Since the appellant has given his consent to close the case, therefore, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **DISPOSED OF AND CLOSED**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Balwant Singh, S/o Sh. Deva Singh,
R/o Ward no 9, MohallaChahBerian, Zira,
DisttFerozepur. (M: 9814651287)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Food and Supply Officer,
Ferozepur.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 250 of 2025
(CISCO Webex Proceedings)

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
23.06.2025	--	08.09.2025

Present:

Complainant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **10.12.2025**. The hearing was fixed for hearing on 04.02.2026 but was postponed and fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. However MrGurneetBudhiraja, Counsel of Complainant has sent an e-mail dated 09/04/2026 i.e. today stating that he doesn't wish to pursue the matter, thus requesting to withdraw the case.
3. The respondent is absent today but an e-mail dated 03/02/2026 has been received in the Commission that the reply pertaining to RTI has already been supplied to complainant.
4. Since the Complainant has given his consent to close the case, therefore, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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09.04.2026

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Sh. Satwant Singh Gill, S/o Sh. Gurbachan Singh,
R/o PandoriJattan, DisttFerozepur. (M: 9814651287)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Food and Supply Officer,
Ferozepur.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 251 of 2025

(CISCO Webex Proceedings)

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
23.06.2025	--	08.09.2025

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **10.12.2025**. The hearing was fixed for hearing on 04.02.2026 but was postponed and fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. However MrGurneetBudhiraja, Council of Complainant has sent an e-mail dated 09/04/2026 i.e. today stating that he doesn't wish to pursue the matter, thus requesting to withdraw the case.
3. The respondent is absent today but an e-mail dated 03/02/2026 has been received in the Commission that the reply pertaining to RTI has already been supplied to complainant.
4. Since the Complainant has given his consent to close the case, therefore, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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09.04.2026

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Sh. Rajinder Pal Vij, S/o Sh. Balvir Singh,
Jhatra Road, Zira,
DisttFerozepur. (M: 9814651287)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Food and Supply Officer,
Ferozepur.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 252 of 2025
(CISCO Webex Proceedings)

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
23.06.2025	--	08.09.2025

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **10.12.2025**. The hearing was fixed for hearing on 04.02.2026 but was postponed and fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. However Mr.GurneetBudhiraja, Counsel of Complainant has sent an e-mail dated 09/04/2026 i.e. today stating that he doesn't wish to pursue the matter, thus requesting to withdraw the case.
3. The respondent is absent today but an e-mail dated 03/02/2026 has been received in the Commission that the reply pertaining to RTI has already been supplied to complainant.
4. Since the Complainant has given his consent to close the case, therefore, no further proceeding is required in this case and the instant appeal-case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Amarjit Singh, S/o Sh. Lal Singh,
R/o Village Post Office Gehal, Tehsil Tappa,
DisttBarnala- 148100 (M: 9872582902)

V/s

....Complainant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
MehalKalan, DisttBarnala.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 422 of 2024
(CISCO Webex Proceedings)

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
06.04.2023	--	14.11.2024

Present:

NONE

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the last hearing dated **11.12.2025**.
2. The case is taken up for hearing today. However, **neither the complainant nor the respondent PIO is present**, and no intimation regarding their absence has been received by the Commission. It is further observed that the copy of the last order issued by the Commission has been received back undelivered.
3. In view of the continued non-appearance of the complainant and the circumstances noted above, the Commission is constrained to **presume that the complainant is no longer interested in pursuing the present complaint**.
4. Accordingly, the present complaint is **DISPOSED OF for non-prosecution**.
5. *However, liberty is granted to the complainant to **move an appropriate application within 15 days** from the date of receipt of this order, seeking revival of the complaint, by **furnishing valid reasons for non-appearance**, if so advised.*

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09.04.2026

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Nadala (Advocate),
Chamber No 129, Block, District Courts,
Gurdaspur. (M: 9478656000)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Dinanagar, DisttGurdaspur.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 430 of 2024
(CISCO Webex Proceedings)

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
18.10.2024	--	27.11.2024

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the earlier order dated **11.12.2025**.
2. The case was taken up for hearing today. However, **both the complainant and the respondent PIO are absent**, despite the opportunity granted by the Commission. No intimation regarding their absence has been received.
3. It is evident that neither party has shown due diligence in pursuing the matter. In particular, the complainant has failed to appear and prosecute the present complaint.
4. In view of the above, the Commission is constrained to **DISPOSE OFthe present complaint for non-prosecution**.
5. *However, liberty is granted to the complainant to **file an appropriate application within 15 days** from the date of receipt of this order, seeking revival of the complaint by furnishing **valid and sufficient reasons** for non-appearance, if so advised.*

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09.04.2026

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Sh. Harbhajan Singh, S/o Sh. Kishan Singh,
R/o Village Sangatpur, Tehsil Shahkot,
Distt Jalandhar. (M: 9872814815)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat Sangatpur, Block Shahkot,
Distt Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 436 of 2024

(CISCO Webex Proceedings)

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaint received in the Commission
20.08.2024	--	25.11.2024

Present: NONE

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the earlier order dated **11.12.2025**, whereby, on the request of the complainant, an adjournment was granted and an opportunity was also given to the respondent PIO to submit a reply in response to the Notice of Hearing.
2. The case is taken up for hearing today. However, **both the complainant and the respondent PIO are absent.**
3. It is pertinent to note that a letter from the complainant has been received in the Commission vide **diary no. 5052 dated 09.03.2026**, wherein the complainant has categorically requested to **withdraw the present complaint.**
4. In view of the request made by the complainant for withdrawal of the case, the Commission finds no reason to proceed further in the matter.
5. Accordingly, the present complaint is **DISPOSED OF as withdrawn.**

Chandigarh
09.04.2026

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