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Sh. Ashok Kumar, S/o Sh. RoshanLal,
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V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5249 of 2023

Present : Appellant: Sh. Ashok Kumar (webex)
Respondent: Sh. Sukhwinder Singh (Building Inspector)

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's earlier orders dated 28.10.2025 and 29.10.2025, whereby the respondent PIO was directed to ensure strict compliance of the Commission's order dated 20.06.2024, particularly regarding deposit of penalty of ₹25,000/- by the then PIO and payment of compensation of ₹5,000/- to the appellant. Vide last order dated 23.12.2025, the matter was adjourned with directions to ensure actual payment of compensation and compliance of the penalty order.**
2. Today, the appellant, **Sh. Ashok Kumar**, appeared through Webex and expressed his inability to attend the hearing physically. He acknowledged receipt of the compensation amount and submitted that only the information pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application is pending.
3. The respondent, **Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Building Inspector**, appeared in person and submitted that the point-wise reply has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter No. 432 dated 28.10.2025 and letter No. 466 dated 19.12.2025. It has been specifically intimated therein that no information pertaining to Point No. 2 of the RTI application is available in the office of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar (Punjab). It was further clarified that the complete record relating to the matter had already been supplied to the appellant in Appeal Case No. 245 of 2023, which stands disposed of by the Hon'ble State Information Commission.
- 4. The Commission notes that the respondent PIO has placed on record the factual position in clear and unequivocal terms, both through written communications and during the course of hearing, categorically stating that no information pertaining to Point No. 2 exists in the records of the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. In the**

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absence of any material to the contrary, the Commission has no reason to disbelieve the factual submission so made.

5. In view of the above facts and the compliance already effected regarding compensation and penalty, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted in the present matter.
6. Accordingly, the present case is **disposed of**.

Chandigarh
18.02.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Sh. Hem Raj,
H. No. 152/6,
Ganesh Nagar,
Rama Mandi,
Jalandhar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Sec.) Pb.,
VidyaBhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

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Appeal Case No. 1861 of 2024

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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
19.09.2023	--	25.10.2023	31.10.2023	22.02.2024

Present : Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Sr. Assistant

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.10.2025 and subsequent order dated 23.12.2025, whereby the respondent PIO was directed to comply with the earlier directions, failing which show cause action under the RTI Act, 2005 was to be initiated.
2. Today, the appellant, **Sh. Hem Raj**, is absent. It is observed that the appellant has remained absent for the second consecutive hearing before the Commission without any prior intimation.
3. The respondent, **Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Sr. Assistant**, appeared in person and submitted that the information sought pertains to the service and pensionary benefits of a third party, namely Sh. Baljit Singh, Lecturer (Physical Education). He further submitted that Civil Writ Petition No. 2170 of 2023 titled *Baljit Singh vs. State of Punjab & others* is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh and is fixed for hearing on 26.03.2026.
4. It was also placed on record that notice under Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005 was issued to the concerned third party vide letter No. 6190 dated 01.11.2023 seeking consent for disclosure of the information; however, no consent has been received till date.
5. **The Commission has carefully examined the submissions and the record. The information sought admittedly relates to third-party service and pensionary matters. The respondent has followed the mandatory procedure prescribed under Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005. In the absence of consent from the third party and no larger public interest having been demonstrated, the denial of such information is found to be in consonance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

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The pendency of the matter before the Hon'ble High Court further substantiates that the issue is under judicial consideration.

6. The Commission is satisfied that the respondent has complied with the directions of the Commission and has furnished a legally sustainable reply. Accordingly, the show cause proceedings initiated earlier are hereby **dropped**.
7. In view of the above and the continued absence of the appellant without intimation, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted. The present case is **DISPOSED OF.**

Chandigarh
18.02.2026

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Sh.Surinder Singh,
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(M.-9877647687)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Pb. State Transmission Corporation Ltd.
P.S.T.C.L.,
Ludhiana, (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Chief Engineer,
Pb. State Transmission Corporation Ltd.
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...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2346 of 2025

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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
29.11.2024	--	01.01.2025	--	07.04.2025

Present : Appellant: Sh. Surinder Singh
Respondent: Sh. Gurkirpal Singh, Sr. XEN

ORDER:

1. **This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 23.12.2025**, whereby the appellant was granted a final opportunity to point out specific discrepancies in the information already supplied and to appear before the Commission, with a clear stipulation that in case of failure, the matter would be decided on merits ex parte.
2. **Today, both parties are present and have been heard at length.** On behalf of the respondent department, **Sh. Gurkirpal Singh, Sr. XEN**, is present and submits that the requisite information available on the official record has already been supplied to the appellant. He further places on record **Memo No. 494 dated 16.02.2026**, containing a detailed point-wise reply to the RTI application, a copy of which has also been duly endorsed to the appellant.
3. The appellant, however, remains dissatisfied and contends that the reply furnished by the respondent is incorrect. **Upon specific query from the Commission, the appellant could not substantiate his allegations with any concrete material** to demonstrate that the information supplied is incomplete or that any existing record has been withheld.
4. The Commission has carefully examined the submissions made by both parties and perused the material placed on record. **It is observed that the respondent has furnished the information as available in the official record** and has provided a detailed written reply vide Memo No. 494 dated 16.02.2026.

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5. It is pertinent to note that under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, the Commission is empowered only to direct disclosure of information as available on record. The Commission does not adjudicate upon the correctness, authenticity, or veracity of the records maintained by the public authority, nor does it conduct enquiries or investigations beyond the scope of the Act.
6. **No material has been brought on record to establish deliberate suppression or denial of information.** The Commission is satisfied that the information available on record has been adequately addressed in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. **Accordingly, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted and the case is hereby DISPOSED OF.**

Note: *It is further clarified that in the order dated 23.12.2025, the respondent Sh. Gurkirpal Singh, Sr. XEN, was inadvertently marked absent. In fact, the respondent was present on the said date of hearing, whereas the appellant was absent.*

Chandigarh
18.02.2026

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