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Sh. Kulwant Singh, S/o Sh. Tara Singh,
H.No 28, Sukhdev Avenue, New Rajguru Nagar,
Threekey Road, Ludhiana (M.-9872584015)

Vs

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana - 1

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3315 of 2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Kulwant Singh (M; 9872584015)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous orders dated **20.01.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant, **Sh. Kulwant Singh**, is present and submits that, owing to the prolonged delay in the matter, he does not wish to pursue the appeal any further. He, however, requests that appropriate compensation be granted for the delay caused in furnishing the information.
3. The Commission observes that the appellant has voluntarily chosen not to pursue the appeal. It is further observed that **compensation of ₹5,000/- has already been awarded and paid to the appellant vide the Commission's earlier order dated 12.11.2025 towards the harassment and inconvenience caused due to the delay in providing the information.** Therefore, no further compensation is called for in the present proceedings. However, considering the grievance expressed by the appellant regarding the inordinate delay and the continued absence of the Respondent, the Commission **issues a strict warning** to the Respondent Public Information Officer to ensure timely disposal of RTI applications and strict compliance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005. Any recurrence of such delay, negligence or non-compliance in future shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate proceedings under the Act.**
4. In view of the above, no further adjudication is called for. Accordingly, the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF**.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
21.07.2026

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Note: In compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in **Contempt Petition (Civil) Diary No. 36812/2024 in W.P. (C) No. 1040 of 2019 (Anuj Nakade v. Dr. Poonam Malakondaiah & Ors.)**, read with **Kishan Chand Jain v. Union of India & Ors.**, the respondent Public Authority shall take necessary measures to ensure due compliance with the provisions of the **Right to Information Act, 2005, particularly the obligations under Section 4 of the Act** and the instructions/guidelines issued by the **Department of Personnel & Training** from time to time.

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Sh. Surjit Singh, S/o Sh. Kulwant Singh,
Village – Chuhri Wala,
Tehsil & Distt. – Ferozepur - 152002(Punjab)
(M.-7740005233)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6673 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
17.07.2023	--	23.08.2023	--	12.10.2023

Present: NONE

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **21.04.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. This is the **5th hearing** in the present matter. However, none has appeared on behalf of either party despite due notice. The appellant has remained absent for the 4th time, and no request for adjournment or any communication has been received.
3. Since the appellant has repeatedly failed to pursue the present appeal, despite being afforded sufficient opportunities, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the matter pending. Accordingly, the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF for non-prosecution.**

*However, in the interest of justice, **liberty is granted to the appellant to seek revival of the present appeal by filing an appropriate application within 10 days** from the date of this order, showing sufficient cause for his repeated non-appearance. Upon receipt of such an application within the stipulated period, the Commission may consider the same.*

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21.07.2026

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Sh. Joga Singh S/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh,
Village – Lehrabet, P. O. – Makhu,
Tehsil– Zira, Distt. – Ferozepur (Punjab)
(M.-9417828777)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oBlock Development and Panchayat Officer,
Makhu, Distt. Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ferozepur

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1919 & 1920 of 2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Joga Singh

Respondent: Sh. Ruldu Singh (M: 7792800096), Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Makhu

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **21.04.2026**, whereby the **District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO), Ferozepur** was directed to ensure compliance with the Commission's directions and submit an action taken report regarding the continued non-compliance by the Respondent PIO. A **common final order** is being passed in both the above-mentioned appeal cases, as the parties and the issues involved are the same.
2. **The matter is taken up for hearing today. Sh. Ruldu Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Makhu**, is present before the Commission and has handed over the requisite **attested copies of the available information** to the appellant during the course of hearing.
3. The appellant, **Sh. Joga Singh**, submits that he is satisfied with the information supplied. He further states that only the information relating to **MGNREGA** has not been supplied. In response, **Sh. Ruldu Singh, Panchayat Secretary**, submitted that the MGNREGA record is available on the official website and can be accessed by the appellant. He, however, voluntarily undertook to provide a **hard copy of the MGNREGA-related record** to the appellant as well.
4. In view of the above submissions no cause of action remains, accordingly **both the above-mentioned appeal cases are hereby DISPOSED OF.**

Chandigarh
21.07.2026

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