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R/o Village Nihalpur, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot- 145023
(M: 9417500807); RTI Application No 79681

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.6822 of 2023

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	03.08.2023	28.08.2023	----	18.10.2023

Present :

Appellant : Absent

Respondent: Sh. Rahul, JE, and Sh. SidharthDhiman, JE

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **21.01.2026**, whereby the matter was adjourned in the interest of justice and the appellant was specifically directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the matter was liable to be decided on merits on the basis of the record available.

2. Today, the appellant is **absent without any intimation**, despite clear directions issued by the Commission. The respondent, Sh. Rahul, JE, and Sh. SidharthDhiman, JE, are present and were heard.

3. The respondent submitted that **point-wise reply/information has already been provided to the appellant** vide letter Ref. No. **665 dated 03.07.2025**, and no further information remains to be supplied.

4. The Commission observes that the appellant has **failed to appear for the second consecutive time** without any intimation and has not availed the opportunity granted to pursue the matter. In view of the above, and on the basis of the material available on record as well as the submissions made by the respondent, the Commission is of the considered opinion that **no further intervention is warranted** in the present case.

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

Chandigarh
22.04.2026

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Sh. Manjeet Singh, S/o Sh. Hari Singh,
H.NO 60, Village Upper Manwal,
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6827 of 2023

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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
11.02.2023	---	20.03.2023	----	14.10.2023

Present :

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Baljitsingh (Sr. Assitt.)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **21.01.2026**, whereby the matter was adjourned in view of the request made by the appellant.
2. The case was taken up for hearing today. The appellant is absent; however, **written submissions dated 20.04.2026** have been placed on record and have been perused. The respondent, **Sh. Baljit Singh, Sr. Assistant**, is present and has reiterated the contents of the reply earlier furnished vide **letter Ref. No. 189 dated 20.03.2023** issued by the APIO, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot.
3. As per the record, **point-wise reply has already been furnished** to the appellant. With respect to **Point No. 1, the available information was supplied**, whereas **Points No. 2 to 6 were denied** by invoking provisions relating to **third-party/personal information**.
4. The Commission has carefully considered the **written submissions of the appellant**, wherein extensive information has been sought regarding **service details, assets, financial status, and family properties** of various government officials. The appellant has contended that such disclosure is in **larger public interest**.
5. The Commission observes that the information sought **primarily pertains to personal and financial details of third parties**, including **assets, bank balances, sources of income, and properties held in the names of family members**, which squarely falls within the ambit of "**personal information**" under **Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005**. Disclosure of such information would amount to an **unwarranted invasion of privacy**.

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6. Further, the plea of **larger public interest** raised by the appellant is **general and unsubstantiated**, without any specific material or evidence to justify disclosure of such **sensitive personal information**.
7. The Commission also notes that the information sought is **broad, generalized, and voluminous in nature**, covering multiple officials and extended time periods, and its compilation would **disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority**, thereby also attracting **Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005**.
8. In view of the above, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the **reply furnished by the respondent is in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005**, and **no further intervention is warranted**.
9. Accordingly, the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6828 of 2023

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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
11.02.2023	---	20.04.2023	----	14.09.2023

Present :

Appellant : Absent

Respondent: Sh. Satnamsingh (superintendent -2)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **21.01.2026**.
2. The case was taken up for hearing today. The appellant is absent; however, **written submissions dated 20.04.2026** have been placed on record and have been carefully perused. The respondent, **Sh. Baljit Singh, Sr. Assistant**, is present and has reiterated the contents of the reply earlier furnished vide **letter Ref. No. 417 dated 15.06.2023** issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot.
3. From the record, it is evident that the respondent has already provided **available information**, including the status of certain disciplinary complaints, and has **denied the remaining information** by invoking the provisions of **Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005**, along with relevant governmental instructions.
4. The Commission has duly considered the **written arguments of the appellant**, wherein it has been contended that the information sought pertains to **service history, complaints, departmental inquiries, punishments, and administrative rules**, and that the same should be disclosed in the **larger public interest** to ensure transparency and accountability.
5. Upon careful examination, the Commission observes that the RTI application seeks **detailed and individualized information** relating to multiple government officials, including **complaints, disciplinary proceedings, and service records**.

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To the extent such information relates to **identified or identifiable individuals**, it partakes the character of **personal information**, disclosure of which may lead to **unwarranted invasion of privacy**, unless justified by a demonstrable larger public interest.

6. The Commission further notes that **generic and policy-related information**, such as **rules governing transfers, promotions, and tenure at a particular station**, does not fall within the ambit of personal information and is ordinarily disclosable. However, the respondent has not clearly segregated such **non-exempt information** from the exempted portion.
7. At the same time, the Commission finds that the appellant has sought **broad, sweeping, and voluminous data** concerning a large number of employees over an extended period, including **complaints and inquiry details**, which may also include **unverified or pending matters**. Disclosure of such information, in a blanket manner, would not only raise **privacy concerns** but may also **impede the efficient functioning of the public authority**, thereby attracting the spirit of **Section 7(9) of the RTI Act, 2005**.
8. As regards the plea of **larger public interest**, the Commission is of the view that the same has been raised in a **generalized manner**, without any **specific instance or material evidence** to justify disclosure of **third-party personal records**. The RTI Act does not envisage disclosure of **all-encompassing personal and service-related details of public servants** in the absence of a **clear and overriding public interest**. Accordingly, the **denial of personal/third-party information** by the respondent is **justified under Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005**.
9. The Commission finds that the **reply furnished by the respondent is substantially in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005**. Therefore, **no further intervention is warranted**, and the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF**.

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Sh. Rajiv Sharma,
292, KotheyBhimSain, Dinanagar,
DisttGurdaspur- 143531 (M: 6239509191)
RTI Application No 90343

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oDistrict Education Officer (Elementary Education),
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6973 of 2023

Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission	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
26.10.2023	18.09.2023	21.09.2023	21.09.2023	16.10.2023

Present :

Appellant :Absent

Respondent: Sh. Rahul (Law officer) on call

ORDER:

1. **This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 21.01.2026**, whereby the appellant was granted **last opportunity** to appear before the Commission, with a clear stipulation that in case of non-appearance, it shall be presumed that the appellant has no objection to the reply furnished by the respondent.
2. **Today, the appellant is absent without any intimation.**
3. The respondent, **Sh. Rahul, Law Officer**, appearing through call, submitted vide letter No. **110037 dated 22.04.2026** that the present case and another appeal involve **the same appellant and Public Information Officer**, and the **information sought is similar in nature**. It has further been submitted that the **requisite information has already been supplied repeatedly** to the appellant and that despite **multiple opportunities**, including the last opportunity, the appellant has failed to appear before the Commission.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions and perused the record. It is observed that **sufficient opportunities have been granted** to the appellant; however, the appellant has **failed to avail the same**.
5. In view of the **continued absence of the appellant** and in terms of the warning contained in the order dated 21.01.2026, the Commission **presumes that the appellant has no objection to the reply/information furnished by the respondent**.
6. **Accordingly, the present appeal is DISPOSED OF.**

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Sh.Harminder Singh Khokhar,
H. No. 306, Lahori Gate, Patiala(Punjab)
(M.-9815779202)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Registrar,
Punjabi University, Patiala

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Dean (Academic Affairs),
Punjabi University, Patiala

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4262 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
08.08.2023	--	09.10.2023	--	27.06.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Harminder Singh Khokhar

Respondent: Sh. Vikrant Sharma

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous orders dated **17.09.2025** and **21.01.2026**, whereby the matter regarding the appellant's RTI seeking information on **action taken on his letter dated 04.04.2022 and the reasons for delay in its consideration** was taken up, and the appellant was directed to file a rejoinder along with relevant documents. The case was subsequently adjourned with the said directions to continue.
2. The case is taken up for hearing today. **Both parties are present.** The appellant, **Sh. Harminder Singh Khokhar**, submitted that there has been a **considerable delay** and no concrete action has been taken against the officials allegedly responsible for his harassment, leading to his removal from service.
3. The respondent, through **Sh. Vikrant Sharma, Advocate**, placed on record **letter Ref. No. 1975 dated 17.04.2026** issued by the Registrar, Punjabi University, along with supporting enclosures. The same has been **taken on record**. It has been submitted therein that the Commission had already been apprised of the matter vide earlier communication dated 19.01.2026, and that certain developments regarding the **committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor** are presently **under process**, including a request for change of a committee member.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions of both parties and perused the record. It is observed that the grievance of the appellant primarily relates to **service matters, alleged harassment, and action against officials**, which fall outside the **limited scope of the Right to Information Act, 2005**. The RTI Act is confined to **providing access to information available on record** and does not extend to **redressal of grievances, adjudication of service disputes, or directing disciplinary action**.
5. In the present case, the respondent has placed on record the **available status and action taken**, and it is evident that the matter regarding the committee is **still under consideration at the competent authority level**.
6. While the Commission cannot issue directions beyond the mandate of the RTI Act, it is **observed that the concerned authority should ensure expeditious processing of**

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the matter in accordance with law, so that the issue is brought to its logical conclusion without undue delay.

7. In view of the above, **no further intervention is warranted under the RTI Act, 2005,** and the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

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22.04.2026

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Sh. Bhoop Ram, Advocate, S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
V.P.O.-Dodewala, Tehsil – Abohar,
Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)
(M.-9815012402)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oThePanchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat - Dodewala,
Block – Abohar, Distt. - Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o TheDistrict Development andPanchayat Officer,
Fazilka(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7063 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
22.06.2023	--	27.07.2023	--	31.10.2023

Present :NONE

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 21.01.2026, whereby the matter was adjourned with a direction to grant one more opportunity to the Appellant to remain present, with a clear stipulation that in case of continued non-appearance, the matter would be decided on merits based on the material available on record.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. However, both the Appellant as well as the Respondent remained absent and no communication has been received from either side.
3. In view of the continued non-appearance of the Appellant and in light of the clear directions contained in the previous order, the Commission is constrained to dismiss the present appeal for non-prosecution. Further, considering the larger pendency of cases before the Commission, it is not deemed appropriate to keep the matter pending any longer. Accordingly, the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF**
4. However, in the interest of justice, liberty is granted to the Appellant to approach the Commission by way of an appropriate application within 15 days from the date of issuance of this order, if so advised.

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Sh. Gurdeep Singh,
H. No. 253, Partap Singh Wala,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The General Manager,
District Industries Centre,
Industrial Estate, Nirankari Street No. 7,
Miller Ganj, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Industries & Commerce, Pb.,
Room No. 206, 2nd Floor,
17 Bays Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.3151 of 2025

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Present : Adv. PulkitGarg behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Rahul garg , functional manager, sh. Jaswindsingh (sr. asstt.) sh.
Jaswantraï (supintendent)on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **21.01.2026**.
2. Today, both parties are present and heard. The respondent, represented by the concerned officials, relied upon their earlier submissions and the written reply already placed on record, particularly vide letter Ref. No. **5148 dated 23.10.2025**, reiterating that **point-wise information, to the extent available on record, has already been provided**. It is further submitted that certain information was denied under the provisions of **Sections 8(1)(d) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005**, being exempt in nature, and that **no further information is available in the compiled form as sought by the appellant**.
3. The appellant submitted that the discrepancies/objections have already been elaborately mentioned in the **memorandum of second appeal** filed before the Commission and the same may be treated as compliance of the directions issued vide order dated 21.01.2026. The appellant primarily contested the denial of information under **Sections 8(1)(d) and 8(1)(j)**, alleged **misapplication of the DoPT Office Memorandum dated 12.06.2008**, and submitted that the information ought to have been provided by the Respondent-PIO being the custodian of the record.
4. The Commission has carefully perused the case file, the written submissions of both parties, and the material placed on record. It is observed that the Respondent-PIO has provided **available statistical information**, such as the number of sanctioned and rejected cases, and has denied disclosure of specific details like names, addresses, and project reports by invoking exemptions under the RTI Act, 2005.

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5. The Commission further observes that the information denied by the Respondent pertains to **third-party commercial and personal information**, disclosure of which is **prima facie exempt under Sections 8(1)(d) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005**. The appellant has **failed to establish any larger public interest** warranting disclosure of such information.

6. As regards the contention of the appellant concerning non-availability or non-compilation of certain information, it is a **settled position of law** that a public authority is **not required to create or compile information** which is not maintained in the ordinary course of its functioning.

7. In view of the above, the Commission is of the **considered opinion that no further intervention is warranted**, as the Respondent-PIO has **provided the available information** and has **rightly invoked the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005** for denial of exempted information.

8. Accordingly, the present appeal is **hereby DISPOSED OF**.

Chandigarh
22.04.2026

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Sh. Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Kirpal Singh,

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P. O. – Pharala, Tehsil – Banga,
Distt. – Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)
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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Banga, Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2153 of 2024

Present : NONE

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's last order dated 22.01.2026, passed in continuation of the earlier orders dated 29.10.2025 and 26.08.2025, whereby the matter was adjourned with directions that the earlier directions shall remain in force.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. However, once again, both the Appellant as well as the Respondent remained absent and no communication has been received from either side.
3. In view of the repeated non-appearance of the parties, the Commission is constrained to close the present case for non-prosecution. This case is **disposed of** accordingly.
4. However, in the interest of justice, liberty is granted to the Appellant to file an appropriate application for reopening of the case within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, by showing sufficient cause for non-appearance.

Chandigarh
22.04.2026

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Ludhiana - 142027(Punjab)
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation,
Division No. 2, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Water Supply & Sanitation,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6236 of 2024
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Present :Sh. R. P. Singh appellant.

Sh. RoopLal, Sr. Assistant, **Sr. Asstt.** on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 22.01.2026, passed in continuation of the earlier order dated 29.10.2025, whereby the respondent PIO was directed to submit a reasoned and speaking reply, clearly citing the applicable provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and to address the issue of larger public interest.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. Both parties were present. The Appellant reiterated that complete and satisfactory information has not been provided and placed on record written submissions dated 06.04.2026, alleging delay and non-supply of information.
3. The Respondent PIO was represented by Sh. RoopLal, Sr. Assistant, who submitted that a detailed, point-wise reply has been furnished to the Appellant vide letter dated 06.04.2026 (Ref. No. 1149), along with relevant documents. The submissions of the Respondent are elaborated as under:

i. With regard to the information sought concerning personnel records of officials, including Sh. Sunil Kumar and others, the Respondent submitted that copies of the relevant records have been duly attached with the reply.

ii. Regarding deployment of pump operators in various villages, it has been clarified that one pump operator each is posted at villages LaliKhurd, Pratap Singh Wala, Balloke and Kutbewal, while no pump operator is presently posted at village Jainpur.

iii. With respect to appointment/designation of PIO/APIO, the Respondent stated that the same is not applicable/available in the context of the information sought and has accordingly been marked as "N.A." in the reply.

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- iv. On the issue of attendance and leave records, it has been informed that no leave was availed during the relevant period, and the record reflects the same.
- v. Concerning details of revenue/billing officials, the Respondent submitted that photocopies of the relevant records indicating authorized officials have been annexed with the reply.
- vi. In respect of the water connection pertaining to one Mohammad Javed, it has been clarified that the said connection stands closed, as per the available record.
- vii. Regarding transfers of officials, including Sh. Sunil Kumar and Sh. Jagrup Singh, it has been submitted that the same were effected in public interest vide office order No. 17 dated 11.08.2022, and copies of the relevant record have been provided.
- viii. The Respondent further submitted that all available information, as per record, has been supplied and no information remains pending in respect of the present RTI application.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both parties and perused the record. It is observed that the Respondent has furnished a comprehensive, point-wise reply along with supporting documents addressing the queries raised in the RTI application. The grievance of the Appellant now appears to be with regard to the adequacy or perceived correctness of the information supplied.
5. It is well settled that under the RTI Act, 2005, the PIO is required to provide information as available on record and is not obligated to create, interpret or justify the information beyond the existing record. In the present case, no malafide denial of information is made out so as to warrant action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.
6. In view of the above, the Commission is satisfied that due compliance has been made by the Respondent. Accordingly, the present appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Water Supply & Sanitation,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6237 of 2024

Present :Sh. R. P. Singh appellant.

Sh. RoopLal, Sr. Assistant, **Sr. Asstt.** on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **22.01.2026**, vide which the respondent PIO was directed to submit a **reasoned and speaking reply**, clearly citing the applicable provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**, and specifically addressing the issue of **larger public interest**, and to appear before the Commission.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. **Both parties are present and heard.** The appellant, Sh. R. P. Singh, reiterated that the complete information has not been supplied to him and pressed for disclosure of the same. The respondent, represented by Sh. RoopLal, Sr. Assistant, reiterated the earlier stand and submitted that the information sought largely pertains to **third-party/personal records** and cannot be disclosed.
3. The Commission has carefully perused the record and the **nature of information sought by the appellant.** It is observed that the RTI application seeks extensive and detailed information, inter alia, including:
 - **Contractor enlistment and renewal records**, including application forms, certificates, recommendation letters, fee/payment details, rank and dates of issuance for various classes;
 - **Financial records/bills** pertaining to maintenance and leakage repairs of water supply schemes in various villages/areas for the period **2020 to July 2024**;
 - **Details of petrol/diesel allowances, government vehicle logbooks, and mobile allowances** of specific officials (SDO and JE);
 - **Records of public complaints, field visits, interaction with villagers/Sarpanches, and details of TADA** received by the said officials.
4. Upon consideration, the Commission observes that a **substantial portion of the information sought pertains to third parties and includes personal/service-related details** of individual officials, such as allowances, movement records, and other service particulars. Disclosure of such information, **in the absence of any established larger public interest**, attracts the provisions of **Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.**

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5. Further, the appellant, despite being present, **has failed to substantiate any specific or overriding larger public interest** that would warrant disclosure of such personal information. **Mere assertion of public interest is not sufficient** to override the statutory exemptions.
6. At the same time, the Commission is of the view that **information of a general and non-personal nature**, particularly relating to **public works and expenditure**, may be disclosed subject to availability and in accordance with the **RTI Act, 2005**.
7. In view of the above, the case is disposed of with the following directions:
 - The respondent PIO shall provide to the appellant, within **15 days** of receipt of this order, such information as pertains to **public records**, including **general details of works executed and expenditure incurred**, (*particular to the point no. 2 of the RTI application*) which do not attract exemption under the RTI Act, 2005;
 - **Personal information of officials**, including **allowances, logbooks, and service-related particulars**, is **exempt under Section 8(1)(j)** and is accordingly **denied**;
 - In case any part of the requested information involves **third-party records but is otherwise disclosable**, the respondent shall follow the procedure under **Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005**.
8. The appeal is **disposed of accordingly**.

Chandigarh
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VERKA, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Appellant
V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
State Transport Department, Punjab,
Sector 17- A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
State Transport Department, Punjab,
Sector 17- A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5498 of 2021

Present :Sh. Sarabjit Singh Minhas the appellant.

Ms.RajniDhiman, Sr. Assistant, and Sh. Arshdeep Singh, Stenoon behalf of
the respondent.

ORDER

1. **This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 21.01.2026.**
2. **Today, both parties are present.**
3. The respondent, **Ms.RajniDhiman, Sr. Assistant, and Sh. Arshdeep Singh, Steno**, have handed over the information to the appellant during the hearing and **affirmed that the information supplied is complete and true as per the official record and that nothing has been concealed or withheld.**
4. The appellant, **Sh. Sarabjit Singh Minhas**, after perusing the information, has **expressed satisfaction** and stated that he **does not wish to pursue the case further and has requested that the matter be closed.**
5. In view of the above, as the **information stands supplied to the satisfaction of the appellant**, no further action is required in the matter.
6. **Accordingly, the present appeal is DISPOSED OF.**

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
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First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1425 of 2025

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Present : Sh. Parkash Singh appellant,.
Sh. Vishal Sharma (Panchayat Secty.) of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous orders dated **12.11.2025** and **21.04.2026**, whereby the appellant was specifically directed to **revise and precisely define the RTI request**, including the **specific time period and nature of information sought**, and to **undertake inspection of the record** in coordination with the respondent PIO. It was also clearly observed that **failure to do so would result in the matter being decided on merits**.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. **Both parties are present and heard**. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Vishal Sharma, Panchayat Secretary, submitted that despite clear directions of the Commission, the appellant has **not revised or specified the RTI request**, nor has he conducted the **inspection of the record** as directed.
3. The appellant, when confronted, failed to provide any satisfactory explanation for **non-compliance of the Commission's explicit directions**, and also failed to clearly identify the **specific records or time period** for which information is actually required.
4. The Commission has carefully considered the matter. It is observed that the **original RTI application pertains to extremely voluminous records spanning approximately 25 years (1999–2024)** of Gram Panchayat Nimbuan. The Commission had, therefore, granted a fair and reasonable opportunity to the appellant to **narrow down the request and identify relevant records through inspection**, which is a well-established mechanism under the **RTI Act, 2005** to deal with such voluminous information.
5. However, despite being granted **sufficient opportunities**, including a **clear warning of "last opportunity"**, the appellant has **failed to comply with the directions** of the Commission. In the absence of any precise or revised request, it is **not feasible for the respondent PIO to compile and furnish such vague, extensive, and unspecified information**, as the same would disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority.

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6. In view of the above facts and circumstances, the Commission is of the considered opinion that **no useful purpose would be served by keeping the matter pending any further**, particularly in light of the appellant's continued non-compliance.
7. Accordingly, the appeal is **DISPOSED OF.**

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