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Sh. Anubhav Khanna, S/o Sh. Maharaj Saran Khanna,
H.No 653, Sector-5, Urban Estate, Thanesar,
District: Kurukshetra.- 136118 (M: 7404981653)
RTI Application No 152005.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Fazilka.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 733 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Anubhav Khanna, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Ashok Kumar, Inspector along with Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Clerk on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 31.10.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.11.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2026 but due to some administrative reasons the case was postponed and fixed for today's hearing i.e.23.02.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant appeared through cisco webex and submits that after the lapse of more than a year, no reply/information has been provided to him.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Ashok Kumar, Inspector along with Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Clerk, file a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 30.12.2025 mentioning therein that the sought for information has already been provided to him vide letter dated 24.10.2024.

4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies to have received the same. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to send the same by registered post as well as on the appellant's email i.d., within two days, under intimation to the Commission.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 23rd February, 2026

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District: Kurukshetra. - 136118 (M: 7404981653)
RTI Application No 152282

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Fazilka.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 734 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Anubhav Khanna, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Ashok Kumar, Inspector along with Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Clerk on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 02.11.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2026 but due to some administrative reasons the case was postponed and fixed for today's hearing i.e.23.02.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant appeared through cisco webex and submits that after the lapse of more than a year, no satisfactory reply/information has been provided to him.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Ashok Kumar, Inspector along with Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Clerk, file a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 30.12.2025 mentioning therein that the information regarding Attendance Register is about 12-13 years old and is not available in their official records. The respondent PIO has also filed a letter dated 25.08.2024 of the Punjab State Transmission Corporation, Limited along with Punjab Financial Rules (Appendix-5 Referred to in rules 2.48) regarding the destruction and preservation of official records.

4. After having detailed deliberations, at this hearing, it is ascertained that the information as sought by the appellant is not available in the official records of the public authority due to the destruction of old records and a reply in this stance stands supplied by the respondent PIO with which the appellant is not

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Appeal Case No. 734 of 2025

satisfied. The Bench now directs the respondent PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant is being very old and has been destroyed as per the orders of the competent authority. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, within fifteen days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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District: Kurukshetra. - 136118 (M: 7404981653)
RTI Application No 156588

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35/A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35/A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1110 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Anubhav Khanna, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Amit Bansal, Sr. Assistant-cum-APIO (LG-3 Branch) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 03.12.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.02.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2026 but due to some administrative reasons the case was postponed and fixed for today's hearing i.e.23.02.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant appeared through cisco webex and submits that after the lapse of more than a year, no satisfactory reply/information has been provided to him.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Amit Bansal, Sr. Assistant-cum-APIO files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.01.2026 mentioning therein that Sh. Pardeep Kumar, IAS(Retd.,) has been deputed as inquiry officer vide orders dated 21.11.2025 and the inquiry is still under investigation.

4. In view of the above, the information at this stage cannot be disclosed as the inquiry is under process. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant as soon as the inquiry is finalized.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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RTI Application No 155833.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1112 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Anubhav Khanna, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.11.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 10.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.02.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2026 but due to some administrative reasons the case was postponed and fixed for today's hearing i.e.23.02.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant appeared through cisco webex and submits that after the lapse of more than a year, no satisfactory reply/information has been provided to him.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Sr. Assistant files a reply sent to the appellant vide letters dated 10.12.2024 and again on 24.01.2025 mentioning therein that the seniority list of the employees as available in the official records has already been provided to him.

4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant shows his dissatisfaction over the same and pointed out that he requires the latest seniority list. In the context, the respondent PIO submits that after 2023 no such list has been prepared.

5. Keeping in view of the above, there is no further intervention is called for. Hence, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman,
Punjab State Human Rights Commission,
Sector- 34/A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chairman,
Punjab State Human Rights Commission,
Sector- 34/A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1856 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 12.12.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.01.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.03.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2026 but due to some administrative reasons the case was postponed and fixed for today's hearing i.e.23.02.2026.

2. Neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present, at today's hearing. However, an email dated 06.01.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO mentioning therein that the appellant was asked to deposit the requisite fee but till date no response has been received from the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. From the perusal of the reply, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has asked for the documentation fee but the appellant has failed to do so and moreover, he is absent at today's hearing, without intimation, despite of the registered hearing notice issued to him by the Commission for personally hearing. It seems that he is not interested in pursuing the matter. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to deposit the requisite fee and get the requisite information. **A copy of reply is being sent to the appellant along with the orders of the Commission.**

4. With these directions, the instant appeal case is devoid of merits and is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Enclosed: A reply dated 06.01.2026

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35/A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35/A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 843 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.10.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2026 but due to some administrative reasons the case was postponed and fixed for today's hearing i.e.23.02.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO states that he has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. After hearing the averments of the respondent and on perusal of the facts on record, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has addressed all the points of the RTI application adequately. The respondent PIO is directed to send the information to the appellant by registered post, under intimation to the Commission.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35/A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35/A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 865 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.10.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.01.2026 but due to some administrative reasons the case was postponed and fixed for today's hearing i.e.23.02.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO states that he has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. After hearing the averments of the respondent and on perusal of the facts on record, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has addressed all the points of the RTI application adequately. The respondent PIO is directed to send the information to the appellant by registered post, under intimation to the Commission.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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