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FINAL ORDER

Shri Gurmail Singh, (95922-52459)

S/o Shri Harbans Singh,
VPO Sohian, District Ludhiana - 142023

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Sohiya,
Block Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7679 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, the appellant is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

3. The appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.02.2026

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Ravideep Singh, (84272-44200)

S/o Shri Jaswinder Lal,
VPO Ghurka, Tehsil Phillaur,
District Jalandhar - 144632
RTI Application No. 92093

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN, Phagwara Drainage Division,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o S.E, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Circle,
PWD RD, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7721 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Sahil Shukla, Clerk (98767-26969)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, the appellant is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

3. The appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.02.2026

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Gurmeet Ram, (62805-68874)

S/o Shri Channa Ram,
R/o Village Gopalpur, Tehsil Patran,
District Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Gopalpur,
Tehsil Patran, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO,
Patiala.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7748 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, the appellant is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

3. The appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.02.2026

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Charan Kanwal Sandhu, (99158-00079)

S/o Shri Jaswinder Singh,
190, Punjabi Bagh, Tehsil & District Patiala - 147001
RTI Application No. 85243

Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7784 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Mohit Kumar, Patwari

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant and the information sought by the appellant is in the question form.

3. The appellant is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant demanded information in question form. The appellant may note that it is settled legal position that information can be provided under the RTI Act is that which is already on record of the Public Authority. The PIO cannot be asked to create any record for answering the RTI questions.

5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action is left, hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.02.2026

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Harvinder Singh, (98776-36791)

S/o Shri Balhar Singh,
R/o Village Achariki, Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Khuian Sarwar,
Abohar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7801 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Dalip Kumar, GRS via mobile (98727-93015)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.10.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Dalip Kumar, GRS, attended the hearing via mobile. He states that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant and no deficiency has been pointed out by him till date.

3. The appellant is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. The appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.02.2026

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Anil Bhatia, (90173-97100)

R/o H 3, Ph 1202, Emaar The Views,
Sector - 105, Mohali - 160055

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Harsuhinderpal Singh Brar (98150-12104),

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab,
Phase - 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab,
Phase - 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5205 OF 2024

PRESENT:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Navdeep Singh, Deputy Director (98150-98969),
Shri Som Nath, Clerk (89689-72102), and
Shri Jatinderpuri, SA (98728-85001)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **18.12.2025**.

2. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 02.01.2026. He further tenders unconditional apology and filed the written submissions of the PIO and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him in this case.

3. However, the appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing. The prima facie appears that the appellant does not intend to pursue the case and he has nothing to say in this regard.

4. Keeping in view the submissions made by the respondent, the show cause notice issued to him is hereby **dropped**.

5. The Commission is of the view that no further action is required to be taken in this case. Hence, this case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.02.2026

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FINAL ORDER

Shri Bhushan Kumar (98729-11937)

S/o Shri Amrit Lal,
Near Bus Stand, Rampura Phul.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampura Phul, District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC(UD), Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3302 OF 2023

Through Cisco Webex

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Bhushan Kumar via Webex (98729-11937)
Respondent: Shri Mandeep Singh, Webex (98789-58893)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.09.2025**.

2. Both parties are present via Cisco Webex. During the hearing, the Cisco Webex link failed.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has provided a reply to the appellant via letter dated 25.10.2024, wherein the sought information was denied as third party information. Further, the appellant was directed to demonstrate a larger public interest (in writing). However, three opportunities were given to the appellant, but he has neither demonstrated nor even made any attempt to demonstrate the larger public interest that disclosure of the information he seeks would possibly serve, as directed at the last hearing.

4. The Commission is of the considered view that the PIO has rightly denied the information treating the same as third party information. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in "*Civil Appeal No.10044 of 2010 titled Central Public Information Officer, Supreme of Court of India Vs. Subhash Chandra Aggarwal*" has held as under:

"...Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, details of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are personal information. Such personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive...."

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3302 OF 2023 Through Cisco Webex

This decision has been circulated by Punjab Government (Department of GR) vide letter no. 4/5/2021-4GR1/1/225467/2021 dated 09.08.2021.

5. In view of the above, no cause for any further intervention by the Commission is left. The appeal is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.02.2026

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