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Sh. Balram, S/o Sh. Ram Narain,
Village Dharampura, Tehsil Abohar,
District Fazilka (M.9463974663).

.... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Plot No. 1-B, Sector:27/A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chairman,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Plot No. 1-B, Sector:27/A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1394 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Balram, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Arun, Kalyan, XEN-cum-PIO the respondent.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.04.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO, Sh. Arun Kalyan, XEN-cum-PIO, submitted that the complete information available on the official records has already been supplied to the appellant and has also filed an affidavit affirming the same.

3. During the previous hearing, the appellant had requested a short adjournment to examine the contents of the affidavit, which was accordingly granted. At today's hearing, the appellant submitted that he is not satisfied with the information supplied on the ground that the inquiry pertaining to the matter is still under consideration and no final outcome or action taken report has been provided to him.

4. Upon perusal of the RTI application and the replies furnished by the respondent PIO, it is observed that the respondent has duly responded to all the points raised by the appellant on the basis of the information available on record. The grievance of the appellant is essentially with the pendency of the inquiry proceedings and his expectation that the Commission should direct the public authority to conclude the inquiry and furnish the final action taken report.

5. In this regard, it is pertinent to note that the scope of proceedings under the Right to Information Act, 2005 is confined to providing access to information that exists and is available on the records of the public authority. The Commission, while exercising its jurisdiction under the RTI Act, cannot direct a public authority to complete or expedite an inquiry, nor can it compel the creation of information or a final report that is yet to come into existence.

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6. The respondent PIO has supplied the action taken/status of the matter as it existed on the date of the RTI application and has also affirmed the same by way of an affidavit. The appellant's insistence that the Commission should direct the public authority to finalize the inquiry and furnish the final action taken report is beyond the mandate of the RTI Act.

7. In view of the above, no further intervention of the Commission is called for in the instant appeal case and the case is accordingly **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties..

Dated: 15th July, 2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Parwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Baldev Singh,
Village Jakhlan, The Dhuri, District Sangrur,
(M.8699660040) RTI application No.165834.

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1947 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Sonu Kumar, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has remained absent for the second successive hearing before the Commission and has not intimated any reason for his non-appearance.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Sonu Kumar, Senior Assistant, appeared before the Commission and filed a written reply, which was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 21.02.2025. A copy of the same has been taken on record.

4. The Commission observes that despite being afforded sufficient opportunity, the appellant has failed to appear for the second consecutive hearing to pursue the present appeal. The respondent has, however, placed on record the written reply furnished to the appellant. In the absence of the appellant and there being nothing further to adjudicate in the matter, the Commission is of the view that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the present appeal pending. **A copy of the reply dated 21.02.2025 is being sent to the appellant along with the orders of the Commission.**

5. In view of the above, there is no further cause of action is warranted in the instant appeal case. Accordingly, the present appeal is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Enclosed: A reply dated 21.02.2025

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Sh. Sanjay Malik, (M.9316777767)
77, Parwati Enclave, Baltana,
Zirakpur, Mohali. RTI application No.148951.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Dera Bassi, District Mohali.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1952 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Ganesh Singh, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has remained absent for the second successive hearing before the Commission and has not intimated any reason for his non-appearance.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Ganesh Singh, Draftsman, submitted that despite the specific directions issued by the Commission in the previous hearing, nothing has been received from the appellant.

4. The Commission observes that adequate opportunity was granted to the appellant to place on record his submissions and to be more specific. However, the appellant has failed to avail the opportunity afforded by the Commission. In the absence of any response or grievance from the appellant and there being no material on record warranting further intervention, the Commission finds no reason to keep the matter pending.

5. In view of the above, there is no further cause of action is warranted in the instant appeal case. Accordingly, the present appeal is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Sunil Bansal, S/o Sh. Kewal Kumar,
Ward No.8, Tehsil Budhlada, District Mansa.
(M.8427004381) RTI application No.164447.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Sector:35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Budhlada, District Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Sector:35, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2005 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present before the Commission. It is observed that during the previous hearing, the appellant was specifically advised to go through the information supplied by the respondent and point out the deficiencies, if any. However, till date, no communication or representation has been received from the appellant highlighting any deficiency in the information furnished. The conduct of the appellant in neither appearing before the Commission nor submitting any objections despite the opportunity granted indicates that he is satisfied with the information supplied or does not intend to pursue the matter any further.

3. In view of the above, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the present appeal pending before the Commission. Accordingly, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Mangal Singh, S/o Sh. Gurmeet Singh,
R/o Haripur, Khalsa, District Phillaur,
District Jalandhar.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Phillaur,
District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2139 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Mangal Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Sh.Jaswant Rai, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submitted that, in compliance with the directions issued by the Commission during the previous hearing, he visited the office of the respondent PIO and inspected the relevant records but copies of the resolutions (Matte) have still not been furnished to him.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Jaswant Rai, Junior Assistant, submitted that the complete information, as inspected by the appellant, has been furnished to him. The respondent has also produced the acknowledgment bearing the appellant's signatures evidencing receipt of the information. The respondent further submitted that no resolutions have been passed by the Punjab Government in the matter and that the grants in question were received directly upon the approval of the Government. A copy of the relevant record/information has been handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. The appellant, upon receipt of the said information, expressed his satisfaction with the information furnished and stated that he has no further grievance in the matter.

5. In view of the submissions made and the appellant having expressed his satisfaction, no further intervention of the Commission is warranted. Accordingly, the present appeal is **disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 15th July, 2026

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Sh. Harish Kumar Gupta,
Shop No.5, Wadhwa Nagar,
Near Sun Park Hotel Backside,
Zirakpur, Mohali. (M.9815444662).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Zirakpur,
Mohali.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.7398 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Advocate Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO represented by Advocate Sh. Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman submitted that in compliance with the directions of the Commission, the requisite information has already been furnished to the father of the deceased appellant, namely Sh. Harish Kumar Gupta. It was further submitted that no communication has been received from him pointing out any deficiency in the information supplied.

3. At today's hearing, the father of the appellant remained absent. It is also observed that a copy of the Commission's order dated 04.05.2026, sent to him, has been received back undelivered with the postal endorsement "Deceased."

4. It is pertinent to note that during the previous hearing, the father of the appellant had been permitted to pursue the present appeal on behalf of the deceased appellant and was specifically advised to examine the information furnished by the respondent PIO and to file the deficiencies, if any, before the respondent authority with a copy thereof to the Commission. However, despite the aforesaid opportunity, neither any deficiency has been pointed out nor has any communication been received from him.

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Appeal Case No.7398 of 2025

5. In view of the submissions made by the respondent PIO and the fact that the information has already been furnished in compliance with the directions of the Commission, coupled with the absence of any grievance or deficiency pointed out by the representative of the deceased appellant despite adequate opportunity, no further intervention of the Commission is called for in the matter.
6. Accordingly, the instant appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 15th July, 2026



Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, (M.8968902044).
Village Nikku Chak, Post office: Hajipur,
Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman,
Punjab Waqf Board,
SCO No.1062-63,Sector:22,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chairman,
Punjab Waqf Board,
SCO No.1062-63,Sector:22,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1914 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, the appellant.
(ii) Mohd. Nasir, E.O-cum-PIO the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submitted that despite the directions of the Commission, the attested copies of the information sought have still not been furnished to him. He further contended that a point-wise reply has not been provided and requested that appropriate penalty proceedings be initiated against the respondent PIO for the delay in supplying the information.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Sh. Mohd. Nasir, submitted that, as per the official records, a complete point-wise written reply has already been furnished to the appellant. He further submitted that he has recently joined the office and is not responsible for the delay, if any, in furnishing the information.

4. During the course of hearing, the RTI application was discussed point-wise in the presence of both the parties. The appellant contended that he is not satisfied with the reply pertaining to point no.6. The respondent PIO has provided the amended copy of the information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

5. Upon perusal of the records and the submissions made, the Commission is satisfied that all the queries raised in the RTI application have been adequately and appropriately addressed by the respondent Public Information Officer. However, it is an admitted position that the information was not furnished to the appellant within the stipulated period prescribed under the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Commission observes that timely dissemination of information is the very essence of the RTI Act, and the Public Information Officer is duty-bound to ensure strict compliance with the statutory timelines.

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6. Since the present respondent PIO has recently assumed charge and has furnished the requisite information available on record, no further directions are required so far as the disclosure of information is concerned. The Commission takes an adverse view of the inaction on the part of the PIO O/o Punjab Waqf Board, Chandigarh who was incumbent at the time of filling the RTI application dated 22.10.2024 in not providing the information sought for within the stipulated time. It is expected that the PIO on receipt of a request, shall as expeditiously as possible provide the information sought for by the appellant. The Commission therefore would like to counsel the PIO to be more careful in future so that such lapses do not recur and that the provisions of the RTI Act are implemented in letter and spirit.

7. Keeping in view of the above, there is no further cause of action is left in the instant appeal case. The appeal case is hereby, **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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