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Sh. Ajay Kumar, President,
Residents' Welfare Association,
H.No C4, Shalimar Enclave, Dhakoli,
Zirakpur, Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Zirakpur, Distt Mohali.

...Respondents

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Department of Local Government, Punjab, (Local Govt. 4, Branch)
Plot No 3, Sector – 35A, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 6951 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
23.05.2023	-----	16.07.2023	----	15.09.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Pankaj Singla (M; 7009962008), Draftsman

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's earlier orders dated **17.03.2026 and 01.07.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant is absent for the second consecutive hearing and has neither appeared nor made any submission in response to the written submissions filed by the respondent.
3. On behalf of the respondent, Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (Counsel for the PIO), along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, O/o Municipal Council, Zirakpur, appeared and submitted that the appellant has not filed any rejoinder to the respondent's written submissions. The respondent's submissions made through email dated **06.10.2026** are taken on record.
4. It is observed that, vide order dated **01.07.2026**, the appellant was granted one final opportunity to appear and file a rejoinder, if so advised, to the written submissions of the respondent, with a specific direction that, in case of non-appearance, the matter would be decided on the basis of the material available on record. Despite the said opportunity, the appellant has neither appeared today nor filed any response. No further purpose would be served by keeping the matter pending merely to await the appellant's participation.
5. Accordingly, in view of the appellant's continued non-appearance, the absence of any rejoinder and the material available on record, the Commission proceeds to decide the matter on merits. The submissions of the respondent, including the written submissions dated 06.10.2026, have been taken into consideration. Having regard to the record and the circumstances of the case, no further intervention by the Commission is warranted in the present proceedings.
6. In view of the above, the case is **DISPOSED OF**.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
07.10.2026

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. SP Verma,
143, NMS Colony, Tripuri, Patiala.
Pin Code – 147004 (M: 7986728097)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretariat Administration,
Establishment – 1 Branch, Deptt.of General Adminstration, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat- 1, Sector – 1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretariat Administration,
Establishment – 1 Branch, Deptt.of General Adminstration, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat- 1, Sector – 1, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7222 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
09.06.2023	-----	15.07.2023	----	12.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. SP Verma (webex)

Respondent: Ms. NidhiMagotra (M; 8591933780), Senior Assistant

ORDER:

1. This order shall be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **17.03.2026**, whereby the appellant was directed to substantiate the larger public interest involved in seeking the information and the respondent was directed to justify the denial of information.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant appeared through Webex and submitted that the requisite reply/information had not been received by him. On the other hand, the respondent, vide e-mail dated **07.10.2026**, submitted documentary proof regarding dispatch of the reply to the appellant. The said e-mail, along with the supporting documents, is taken on record.
3. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both parties and examined the material available on record. In order to ensure that the appellant has access to the reply submitted by the respondent, the Commission is forwarding a copy of the reply, along with the supporting documents received vide e-mails dated **01.07.2026&07.10.2026**, to the appellant at his address for information and perusal.
4. In view of the submissions made by the respondent and the material available on record, and since the relevant reply and supporting documents are being forwarded to the appellant, the Commission finds no justification for keeping the matter pending any further. Accordingly, no further intervention by the Commission is warranted in the present proceedings.
5. The case is, therefore, **DISPOSED OF.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
07.10.2026

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Sh. RohitSabharwal, S/o Sh. Vijay Sabharwal,
R/o KundanBhawan, # 126, Model Gram,
Ludhiana- 141002 (M: 9417570000)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
LeelaBhawan, Rambagh Colony, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
LeelaBhawan, Rambagh Colony, Patiala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7074 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
27.05.2023	05.06.2023	28.07.2023	----	28.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Baljinder Singh (M: 8054931143), Superintendent

ORDER:

1. This order shall be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated 02.07.2026.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. Appellant is Absent, however, his written submissions dated 21.07.2026, taken on record.
3. The respondent submitted a reply vide letter Ref. No. 924 dated 28.09.2026, in response to the RTI and appellant's submissions dated 21.07.2026. It has been stated that the appellant's case for late entry of birth particulars was forwarded to the concerned SDM office for approval, where an objection was raised which remains uncertified by the applicant. Consequently, the birth certificate cannot be issued until the requisite approval is received. The said reply, along with supporting enclosures, is taken on record.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions and examined the material available on record. It is evident that the matter is pending for want of rectification of the objections raised by the concerned SDM office and the requisite approval. The issue, therefore, pertains to the underlying administrative process rather than non-supply of information under the RTI Act, 2005. No further intervention by the Commission is warranted in the present proceedings.
5. Accordingly, the case is **DISPOSED OF**.

Sd/-

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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07.10.2026

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
R/o Village Jalal Khera, PO Sullar (Sular), Tehsil Sanour,
Distt Patiala. (M: 9815397246)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Divisional Officer (SDO),
PSPCL, Sub Division Sullar Colony, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Executive Engineer (XEN),
PSPCL, East Division, Patiala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7102 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
04.07.2023	----	12.08.2023	----	31.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order shall be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated **16.09.2026**, whereby a final opportunity was granted to both parties to appear and present their respective cases, with a clear stipulation that the matter would be decided on merits on the basis of the material available on record in case of non-appearance.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant has remained absent for the third consecutive hearing and has neither appeared nor filed any written submission. The respondent is also absent.
3. Despite the final opportunity granted by the Commission, the appellant has failed to pursue the matter. No further purpose would be served by keeping the case pending in the absence of any submissions or assistance from the parties. Accordingly, the Commission proceeds to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record.
4. In view of the above, the case is **DISPOSED OF**.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
07.10.2026

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.