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ShPankaj, (M-9876386329)
S/o ShSatpal, village Bareka,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka-152128
(RTI Application no.214819)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, KhuianSarwar,
DisttFazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayats, Pb
SAS Nagar

.....Respondent

AC No.7187 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Pankaj the appellant (through CISCO webex)
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.09.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.12.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.06.2026 in the Commission. However, the case could not be heard on 17.06.2026 and hence was postponed to be heard on 30.07.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant Sh. Pankaj states that he has received the information and is satisfied. Respondent is absent today. He has sent a letter that the information has been sent to the appellant. He has also been sent the acknowledgment given by the appellant in token of having received the information.

3. In view of the above, 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,
Sd/-

Date :30.07.2026

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Sh. Gurwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Jagtar
Singh, R/o Village RukanpuraKhuiKhera,
Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram PanchayatRukanpuraKhui
Block Abohar, Distt.Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO,Fazilka

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2938 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Both the parties are again absent today without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing and the last order dated 07.07.2026 was sent to them through registered post but even though they are absent and no submissions have been received from the appellant, which appears that he has nothing to say in this regard in this case and/or he does not intend to pursue the case.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. Hence, the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :30.07.2026

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Sh.Gagandeep Singh Threke,
House no 208, Aryan Enclave,
Main Sua Road, NargeetaMandirChowk,
VPO Threke, Ludhiana-141012

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 590 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.06.2026, 17.03.2026 and 10.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The record reveals that despite repeated opportunities, the appellant neither appeared before the Commission nor informed any valid reason for his absence. Although written submissions have been received from the appellant, he has consistently failed to prosecute the appeal by remaining absent during the subsequent hearings. The respondent has also failed to appear despite due notice. The Commission is of considered view that an appellant who invokes the appellate jurisdiction of the Commission is expected to diligently pursue the matter by participating in the proceedings. Mere filing of written submissions, without attending the hearing despite repeated opportunities, does not justify keeping the appeal pending indefinitely. In the absence of the parties and as no useful purpose would be served by granting further adjournments, no further intervention of the Commission is called for. Hence the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is disposed of and closed. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :30.07.2026

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Sh. Dinesh Kumar Sharma,
S/o Sh. Baldev Krishan, # 4468, StNo. 10, Shimlapuri
Opp Post Office Gali, Tehsil and Distt. Ludhiana - 141003

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DFSC Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o DFSC Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2945 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Both the parties are again absent today without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing and the last order dated 07.07.2026 was sent to them through registered post but even though they are absent and no submissions have been received from the appellant, which appears that he has nothing to say in this regard in this case and/or he does not intend to pursue the case.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. 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 : 30.07.2026

Sd/-
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Sh. Jagdev Singh, S/o Sh. Bikkar
Singh, Ghudda Near Shaheed Bhagat Singh
Library, Village Ghudda, Tehsil and Distt. Bathinda-
151401

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (D), Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2941 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Both the parties are again absent today without intimation. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing and the last order dated 07.07.2026 was sent to them through registered post but even though they are absent and no submissions have been received from the appellant, which appears that he has nothing to say in this regard in this case and/or he does not intend to pursue the case.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the Commission is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by prolonging this matter any further. Hence, the above said appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 30.07.2026

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Ms. Harvinder Kaur, W/o Sh.
Balwinder Singh, R/o # 62, Ward No. 4
Near Cooperative Society, Banur

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Banur,
Distt. Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD), Mohali

..... Respondent

AC No. 306 of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Raghunandan Singh, Accountant (7009168591) (through CISCO webex)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.06.2026 vide which the respondent had brought the information, which was handed over to the appellant. Further the appellant sought time to peruse the information and the Commission directed the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any.

2. Today the appellant is not present. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. As directed in the previous hearing, the appellant has not even pointed out any deficiencies in the information provided. Even the last orders dated 04.06.2026 sent to him has not been returned undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. As the Appellant is absent today before the undersigned and nothing has been heard from him regarding the receipt of information. Hence, it is presumed that he is satisfied with the information provided. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left. Hence, the appeal case filed by the appellant is **disposed of and closed**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date : 30.07.2026

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Ms Ishu Chopra, (m-99147-14195)
d/o ShPardeep Kumar Chopra,
Near New Bus Stand Kukki Chopra Street,
Tehsil Kotkapura, Distt Faridkot-151204
(RTI Application no.140797)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Faridkot

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DIGP, Faridkot Range, Faridkot

.....Respondent

AC No.7127 of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh.Lakhwinder Singh , (9463722631)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 27.08.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.06.2026 in the Commission. However, the case could not be heard on 17.06.2026 and hence was postponed to be heard on 30.07.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant is not present today. The Respondent states that the required information has already been given to the Appellant and has shown the acknowledgment given by the Appellant in token of having received the information. The same is taken on record.

3. In view of the above, 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.

Sd/-

Date :30.07.2026

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ShParamjit Singh,
#475, Street No. 1, Kartar Nagar,
Khanna, DisttLudhiana

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

.Vs

O/o Punjab State Cooperative Bank Ltd,
Sector 34A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab State Cooperative Bank Ltd,
Sector 34A, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.6718 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Paramjit Singh alongwith Sh. Gurpreet singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.08.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.11.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.06.2026 in the Commission. However, the case could not be heard on 17.06.2026 and hence was postponed to be heard on 30.07.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent is absent today.

3. A careful perusal of the case file reveals that the appellant demanded information from Punjab State Cooperative Bank and the Respondent has already sent his reply on 18.10.2025 that they are not covered under the RTI Act 2005. The appellant may take note that the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana High Court vide judgment dated 09.01.2025 in CM-19892-CWP-2024 in CWP-13580-2015 dated 09.01.2025 in the matter of The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative House Building Societies Limited vs The State Information Commission, Punjab and another and in CM-50-CWP-2025 in CWP-20904-2015 in the matter of The Punjab State Cooperative Bank Limited vs State Information Commission, Punjab and others held that :-

“keeping in view the judgment in General Manager, The Kisan Sahkari Chini Mills (supra), qua the petitioner- HOUSEFED, the State has only 21% share and qua petitioner-Cooperative Bank, state has not more than 1% of share, which is not good enough to treat the petitioners as Public Authority so as to be amenable to the RTI Act 2005. Once, the Cooperative Societies have been kept apart from the definition of Public Authority and law has already been settled on the said issue by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, ignorance of said settled principle of law by the State Information Commission, Punjab in the impugned orders cannot be upheld.



AC No.6718 of 2025

Once , the writ petition is not maintainable against the Cooperative Societies, making the petitioners amenable to the right to Information Act, 2005 will be contrary to the settled principle of law by treating it as a Public Authority.

The State has a power to pass appropriate amendment so as to include the Cooperative Societies under the jurisdiction of RTI Act.

At this stage, learned counsel for the State has submitted that to her knowledge, no such amendment has been undertaken so far by the State so as to bring the petitioners under the jurisdiction of Right to Information Act, 2005.

Till the date any such amendment is made by the State, keeping in view the settled principle of law and the facts qua the petitioners notice hereinbefore, orders dated 20.05.2015 and 27.08.2015 passed by the State Information Commission, Punjab are contrary to settled principle of law and cannot be sustained and are set aside”.

4. In view of the above circumstances, 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 orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :30.07.2026

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ShRajinder Singh, (M-9417950004)
S/o ShKhajana Singh,
R/o Ward no. 6, Bhullar Road,
Punder, Batala-143505

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, PWD, Batala,
DisttGurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o XEN, PWD, Batala,
DisttGurdaspur

.....Respondent

AC No.3530 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Rajinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Satnam Singh, JE (9888157669) and sh. Manuail, Sr. Assistant (9988580221_)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.05.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 17.06.2026 in the Commission. However, the case could not be heard on 17.06.2026 and hence was postponed to be heard on 30.07.2026 i.e today.

2. Respondent states that he has brought copy of the information today in the Commission, which is handed over to the appellant. The appellant has gone through the same and states he is satisfied with the same.

3. Since the appellant is satisfied with the information, 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.

Sd/-

Date :30.07.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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