

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION  
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Shri Bharat Goyal Advocate,  
S/o Shri Raj Kumar, R/o Tappa Mandi,  
Distt:Barnala.

Versus

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Director  
Local Govt., Pb, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director  
Local Govt., Pb, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No. 624 of 2023**

**Present:** i) **Appellant - Absent**  
ii) **Shri Kuldeep Singh, Suptd., along with Smt. Sarbajit Kaur, Sr. Assistant (General Branch) O/o Director, Local Govt., the respondent in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.05.2023 passed by this Bench during the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant is absent. However, a letter dated 10.07.2023 has been received from the appellant in the Commission requesting for exemption from personal hearing due to illness of his mother. He has also sent a copy of observations in the information provided to the Bench.
3. The respondents state that information as existing in the official records has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 02.06.2023 by registered post. They further state that no observations have been received from the appellant yet by them.
4. Post deliberations, the copy of the short comings which have been sent by the appellant in the Commission is handed over to the respondent with the directions to remove the same before the next hearing, failing which action under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.
5. With the above said directions, the case is adjourned. Since I am demitting the office on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and I am left with little time to hear the case further, this case file is sent to the Deputy Registrar to place this case file before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner for re-allocation of the instant appeal case.

**Chandigarh  
12.07.2023**

**Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))  
State Information Commissioner**