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**Ms. Sharuti Sharma, (99145-12793)**

House No. 133, Satnampura,  
Phagwara, District Roopnagar – 144402

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Tehsildar, Udham Singh Wala, Sunam,  
District Sangrur.

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

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1257 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Sukhwant Singh, Reader (78377-08600)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.06.2025**.

2. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant. Further, he submits a detailed written submission and also tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to the respondent PIO. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to her through registered post but even though she is absent, which seems her absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has she opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent **one last opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 29.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Kuldeep Singh (78372-34430)**

House No. 203, Ward No. 32,  
Bajri Company, Tehsil Pathankot - 145001  
RTI Application No. 48596

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2054 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Kuldeep Singh (78372-34430)  
Respondent: Shri Naresh Kumar, JE (94172-87504) and  
Shri Brahmnaath, Clerk (79731-90491)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.06.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him. He also requests that the respondent be penalized for the delay in providing the information.

3. The respondent PIO states that the information sought by the appellant in his RTI application is not specific and letters were also written to the appellant regarding this. Further, he tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and made oral submissions in this regard. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to the respondent-PIO. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to invite the appellant for an inspection of the record in writing. The appellant is directed to visit the respondent's office and inspect the official record pertaining to the RTI application. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present on the mutually fixed date and time of inspection. The respondent is also directed to supply the identified information pertaining to the RTI application within one week after the inspection.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 29.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

**Sd/-**  
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**Shri Harphool Singh Gill, (98140-69969)**

R/o 1079/1, Sector - 39 B,  
Chandigarh - 160036

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer**

O/o NaibTehsildar, Ramdass,  
District Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o S.D.M, Ajnala,  
District Amritsar.

....Respondent

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 7959 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.06.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent, but submitted a reply along with information sent to the appellant as directed at the last hearing vide Commission's diary no. 12050 dated 01.08.2025, which is taken on record.

3. 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.

4. Keeping in view of the above **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 29.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

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**Shri Mandeep Kumar, (70090-87481)**

S/o Shri Bawa Ram,  
S-20/101, KhanpurChowk,  
Tehsil & District Pathankot - 145001

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer**

O/o DPI (C), Punjab,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o DPI (C), Punjab,  
Mohali.

....Respondent

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 8078 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Mandeep Kumar (70090-87481)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.06.2025**.

- The appellant states that he has received incomplete information from the respondent and the same was not attested.
- The respondent is absent, but submitted a reply along with information sent to the appellant vide Commission's diary no. 13954 dated 27.08.2025, which is taken on record.
- After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the complete information has not supplied to the appellant. The Commission wish to give the respondent PIO **one last and final opportunity** to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- The respondent PIO is further directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically.
- To come up on 29.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

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**Shri Pawan Kumar (99142-11035)**  
S/o Shri Balbir Singh,  
# 26, Partap Colony, Rajpura Town,  
District Patiala - 140401

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Regional Transport Office,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o State Transport Department, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondent

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2236 OF 2024

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Pawan Kumar (99142-11035)  
Respondent: Shri Sher Singh, SA (98707-24728)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.06.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Sher Singh, SA, states that the RTI application of this present appeal case was not received in his office and he requested some time to address this RTI application. Accordingly, a copy of the RTI application was provided to the respondent during the course of hearing.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, within one week of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office. The respondent PIO is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 25.06.2025.
5. The respondent PIO is further directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically.
6. **To come up on 29.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Ravinder Kumar, (78375-17939)**

S/o Shri Shivnath,

Ward No. 1, Basoli Road, Rakkar Colony,

Una, Himachal Pradesh - 174303

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Director, Local Govt. Department, Punjab,  
Sector - 35, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Director, Local Govt. Department, Punjab,  
Sector - 35, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 4833 OF 2024

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Ravinder Kumar via mobile (78375-17939)  
Respondent: Absent

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.06.2025**.

2. The appellant, Shri Ravinder Kumar, is present and attend the hearing via mobile. He states that he has received a reply from the respondent but expressed dissatisfaction due to the long delay in providing the information and claimed that the sought information is still incomplete.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. However, in the interest of justice, respondent PIO is afforded **one more opportunity** to file reply, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

5. The respondent PIO is further directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically.

6. **To come up on 23.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

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**Shri Chanderdeep Maggu,**  
Advocate, Chamber No. 179, Block C,  
District Court Complex, Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DDPO, Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o ADC (G), Fazilka.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2896 OF 2024

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **23.01.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.02.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.04.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **02.12.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 25.11.2025 has been received from him mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment. Further, he mentioned that the sought information is still pending.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. However, this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence, taking a lenient view, respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to file point wise specific reply, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

5. The respondent PIO is further directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 23.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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**Ms. Manjeet Kaur,**  
Advocate, D/o Shri Balvir Singh,  
R/o Village Prabhat Singh Wala Uttar, Baghe Ke Uttar,  
Tehsil Jalalabad, Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Environmental Engineer, PPCB,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Environmental Engineer, PPCB,  
Faridkot.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2897 OF 2024

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Ravi Pal, PIO-cum-XEN (81466-62540)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **16.01.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.02.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.04.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **02.12.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 26.11.2025 has been received from her mentioning therein that she is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment. Further, she mentioned that the sought information is still pending.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Shri Ravi Pal, states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant. Further, he states that most of the information is available online on the website and publically accessible.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiency in the provided reply / information to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed. However, the respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this appeal case.

5. **To come up on 23.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

**Sd/-**  
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**Shri Jarnail Singh, (98766-32038)**  
S/o Shri Shyam Singh,  
Village Kamma, Post Office – Issru,  
Teshil Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1040 OF 2025

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Jarnail Singh (98766-32038)  
Respondent: Shri Subhash Kumar, SA (99149-81305)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **22.10.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **02.12.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **07.02.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **02.12.2025**.

2. The appellant, Shri Jarnail Singh, is present in person, acknowledged receipt of the information but expressed dissatisfaction due to the delay in providing the information and claimed it is still incomplete.

3. The respondent's representative asserted that the information provided is complete and that no additional information pertaining to this RTI application is pending.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the information to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Today the respondent states that whatever information was available in their official record, has been provided to the appellant. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 23.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

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**Shri Jarnail Singh, (98766-32038)**  
S/o Shri Shyam Singh,  
Village Kamma, Post Office – Issru,  
Teshil Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2392 OF 2025

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Jarnail Singh (98766-32038)  
Respondent: Shri Subhash Kumar, SA (99149-81305)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **22.10.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **04.02.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **16.04.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **02.12.2025**.

2. The appellant, Shri Jarnail Singh, is present in person, acknowledged receipt of the information but expressed dissatisfaction due to the delay in providing the information and claimed it is still incomplete.

3. The respondent's representative asserted that the information provided is complete and that no additional information pertaining to this RTI application is pending.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the information to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Today the respondent states that whatever information was available in their official record, has been provided to the appellant. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 23.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Shri Rajinder Kumar, (98159-22853)**

S/o Shri Faquir Chand,  
# 583, Sector - 123, Block B, New Sunny Enclave,  
Mohali - 140301  
RTI Application No. 156309

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DEO (SE),  
Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1322 OF 2025

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Rajinder Kumar (98159-22853)  
Respondent: Shri Kamaldeep, JA (78892-89966)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **01.12.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.01.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.02.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **02.12.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has received incomplete information from the respondent after a long delay.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant. Further, he requested some time to address this RTI application.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, within one week of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 23.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Shri Rajinder Kumar, (98159-22853)**

S/o Shri Faquir Chand,  
# 583, Sector - 123, Block B, New Sunny Enclave,  
Mohali - 140301  
RTI Application No. 167322

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DEO (SE),  
Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Secretary, (SE), Punjab,  
Sectt. – 2. Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2793 OF 2025**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Rajinder Kumar (98159-22853)  
Respondent: Shri Kamaldeep, JA (78892-89966)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **09.02.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **14.03.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **07.05.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **02.12.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant. Further, he requested some time to address this RTI application.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, within one week of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 23.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 02.12.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3395 OF 2025

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Karan Goyal, Legal Assistant (95305-44824)

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **14.03.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **18.04.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **09.06.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **02.12.2025**.

2. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant and also submitted to the Commission via email dated 24.11.2025, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing 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.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, it is observed that this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence, taking a lenient view, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed. The respondent PIO is exempted for the next hearing of this appeal case.

5. **To come up on 23.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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