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**Sh. Mangal Singh**

S/o Sh. Saran Dass,  
Vill. Beh Chuhan, PO Kamahi Devi,  
Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur  
M: 9417946814

V/s

....Complainant

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Hoshiarpur

....Respondents

### **Complaint Case No.438 of 2024**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the complainant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2025

2. A telephonic message has been received from Sh. Sandeep, Clerk (9478875015) who has requested for an adjournment. He also intimated the Commission that the complainant will also not appear today as he has already been apprised with the same.
3. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
4. To come up on **09.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

**CC:**

**Ms. Aashika Jain, IAS**  
Deputy Commissioner,  
Hoshiarpur

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**Sh. Mahesh Inder Singh**

S/o Sh. Sarban Singh

Diyalgarh Jejia,

Tehsil Dirba, Distt Sangrur

M: 8968505893

....Complainant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o** BDPO, Dirba,

Distt Sangrur

....Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 59 of 2024**

**Present:** Sh. Mahesh Inder Singh, the complainant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.04.2025.

2. The respondent is absent. However during the last hearing although the respondent was absent but the written submissions was received from the said office that the complainant is not depositing Rs. 5,000/- as documentation fee so information has not been supplied to the complainant. Also, an opportunity was given to the complainant to make the submissions but no submissions have been received from him. In light of the above, the complainant is directed to file the submission, if any, on/or before the next date of hearing.

3. Also, the respondent-Public Information Officer-cum-Block Development and Panchayats Officer Dirba is directed to remain present, in person. He is also directed to clarify that why a penalty two hundred fifty rupees each day till the information is furnished which shall not exceed twenty-five thousand rupees may not be imposed as the complainant has filed the case under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. Also, a copy of this order is being sent to the **Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab** to ensure the presence of the Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Dirba on the next date of hearing failing **which he may be directed for personal appearance** and/or the presence of the PIO will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS**.

6. To come up on **09.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab.**

CC:

Director,  
Rural Development & Panchayats,  
Punjab, Sector-62, Mohali

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**Sh. Kamal Kumar**

#356, Govind Vihar,  
Baltana, Zirakpur,  
Distt Mohali M:6284340814

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Mohali

**Public Information Officer-**  
**-Cum-Executive Officer,**  
Zirakpur, Distt Mohali

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Mohali

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 4456 of 2025**

**Present:** Sh. Kamal Kumar, the appellant.  
Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (9876468637)  
Sh. Ram Gopal, S.I (9780021299), on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.08.2025

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information.
3. However, the respondent submits that the appellant filed multiple RTI applications on single issue i.e. regarding Pit Bull, owner of whom is his neighbor, Ms. Davinder Kaur. He further submits that the police authorities have also been approached in this regard but no action is being taken by the police authority as well. A number of letters were written to the SHO but no police assistance is being given to the MC official as such no action has been taken in this regard.
4. In light of the above, SHO, Zirakpur is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. A copy of RTI application is **being sent** to him along with this order. Accordingly, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali to deliver a copy of this order to the said SHO and to ensure the presence of the said SHO on the next date of hearing. The SHO, Zirakpur is further directed to file the written submissions/action taken on the letters received from the M.C. Zirakpur regarding the retention of the Pit Bull by Ms Davinder Kaur.
5. To come up on **12.11.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**

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**Punjab**

**CC:**

**Ms. Komal Mittal, IAS**  
Deputy Commissioner,  
Mohali

**Sh. Harman Deep Singh Hans, IPS**  
Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Mohali

**Station House Officer (by name)**  
Zirakpur, Mohali

Encl. RTI application

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**Sh. Simranjit Singh**

Sh. Jagdish Singh  
#93/2, Adarsh Nagar  
Jalandhar  
M: 9876076662

V/s

....Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Police Commissioner,  
Jalandhar

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Police Commissioner,  
Jalandhar

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4458 of 2025**  
**(Heard through Video Conference)**

**Present:** Sh. Simranjit Singh, the appellant.  
ASI, Sh. Mangal Singh and Sh. Balwinder Singh, Sub-Inspector, Police Station,  
Division No. 6 on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.08.2025

2. After hearing both the parties, an order in this case is '**reserved**' and would be pronounced later on.
3. Both the parties are at liberty to submit their final submissions, if any, within thirty days from the issue of this order.

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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M: 9872821947

RTI application no. 110840

Encl.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o Deputy Commissioner,**

**Amritsar**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o Deputy Commissioner,**

**Amritsar**

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 3717 of 2024**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2025.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions to adjourn the case and also requested for the correct information. The respondent is absent but the written response with regard to the RTI application has already been received, a copy of which is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order. It is also appropriate to mention that in accordance with the provision of the RTI Act, public authority is not bound to give the reply of hypothetical questions asked by the appellant. Although the appellant mentioned in his email that the information is not correct but nowhere it has mentioned that how the information is incorrect. It is further clarified that the respondent has to supply the information as is available on record.

3. In light of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to file the submissions, in an annotated form, to ascertain as to what type of ambiguity is there.

4. To come up on **15.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference facility available at the Deputy Commissioner office, Amritsar**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

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M: 9872821947

RTI application No. 115245

Encl.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o Deputy Commissioner,**

**Amritsar**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o Deputy Commissioner,**

**Amritsar**

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 3852 of 2024**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2025.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions to adjourn the case and also requested for the correct information. The respondent is absent but the written response with regard to the RTI application has already been received, a copy of which is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order. It is also appropriate to mention that in accordance with the provision of the RTI Act, is not bound to give the reply of hypothetical questions asked by the appellant. Although the appellant mentioned in his email that the information is not correct but nowhere it has mentioned that how the information is incorrect. It is further clarified that the respondent has to supply the information as is available on record.

3. In light of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to file the submissions, in an annotated form, to ascertain as to what type of ambiguity is there.

4. To come up on **15.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference facility available at the Deputy Commissioner office, Amritsar**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

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....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o** Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o** Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 4653 of 2023**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Surinder Singh, ASI (9780575800) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

*"This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.05.2024, which was heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for today i. e. 02.04.2025.*

2. *The appellant is not present today but he has sent a written request through an e-mail vide which he has requested for the information in accordance with the decision given by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in C.W.P. 17672 of 2023 (order dated 16.08.2023). He further submitted that he is unable to attend the hearing at Chandigarh due to back pain and health problem and also requested that the case be heard through Video Conference. The request of the appellant is received today i. e. 02.04.2025 at 09:58:37 A. M. The request made by the appellant shows carelessness as he was well aware about the hearing of the case and he should have made a request by giving sufficient time which has not been given by the appellant to the respondent as well as to the Commission when he is well conversant with the law and know all intricacy of law so*



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### **Appeal Case No. 4653 of 2023**

*ignorance on his part is not justified specially when the respondent is present all the way from Amritsar alongwith the huge record. The respondent present Sh. Surinder Singh, A.S.I., submits that information sought has already been given to the appellant many times through registered post. Although each and every citizen has a right to act bonafidely to get the information but on the same time it is a duty of the Commission to prevent from the misuse of law.*

3. *It is also a fact that the appellant has sought the similar information in another cases, which are fixed for hearing today i. e Appeal Case No. 6051 of 2023 and Appeal Case No. 6052 of 2023. The relevant portion of the order is as follows :*

*“2. The appellant is absent but has requested to provide the point wise reply/information and also requested to list this case through video conference. However, the respondent is absent but sent the written submission to adjourn the case due to bus strike in the State as the Police Personnel are busy. Also, the respondent sent the written submissions bearing No.7039 dated 26.12.2024 that the appellant has sought the information pertaining to his complaints bearing no. 2398-COP and 2449-COP vide online application no. 73069 in the titled case i.e. AC No. 6052 of 2023.” It is also a fact that the appellant filed another RTI application No. 72578 (6051/2023) which is also listed for hearing today in which the appellant has also sought the action taken on complaint Nos. 2398 dated 28.11.2022 and 2449 dated 06.12.2022. Also, it is a fact that the appellant sought the information regarding his complaints in which the appellant filed the second appeal bearing no. 4653 of 2023 in which he has sought the action taken on application nos. 2398 dated 28.11.2022 and 2449 dated 06.12.2022 which is pending for adjudication before SIC Sh. Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal. Also, it is a fact that while filling the appeal cases the appellant filed an undertaking that the matter under appeal/complaint has not been previously filed or pending or decided by any of the State Information Commission, Punjab.*

*3. Since, the subject matter of the RTI application, appellant and the respondent public authority remained the same, therefore, a copy of this order is being sent to the Registry Branch to transfer the Appeal Case No. 4653 of 2023 to this bench so that the same can be listed along with this case and adjudicated accordingly.*

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### **Appeal Case No. 4653 of 2023**

*4. Keeping in view the above, the presence of the appellant in person, is essential, so he is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, in person, as the act and conduct of the appellant is not sustainable in the eyes of law rather a stringent action has to be taken for filling a misleading facts in the Commission as per the procedure established by the law.”*

- 4. In view of the specific order passed by the Commission, no response has been received from the appellant in this regard. In the interest of natural justice, one opportunity is granted to the appellant to make the submissions, if any, to take the matter to its logical end.*
- 5. Accordingly, last opportunity is given to the appellant to file submissions, if any, to take the matter to its logical end. The respondent PIO is also at liberty to file submissions, if any.*

2. The appellant submits that he is unable to attend the hearing in person and requested for an adjournment and also requested that the case be heard through video conference and also requested for the information, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is unable to make any submissions as was pointed out during the last hearing, order of which is mentioned herein, therefore, **one opportunity** is given to him to file the same before the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case no written response is received from the appellant it will be considered that he has nothing to say in this case and the Commission will proceed.

4. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, the case could not be resolved unless both the parties are personally present. Accordingly, the request of the appellant to hear the case through video conference is not sustainable and is hereby directed to remain present in person at Chandigarh.

5. To come up on **27.11.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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RTI application no. 72578

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 6051 of 2023**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Surinder Singh, ASI (9780575800) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

*"This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.01.2025. The relevant portion of the same is as under :*

*"2. The appellant is absent but has requested to provide the point wise reply/information and also requested to list this case through video conference. However, the respondent is absent but sent the written submission to adjourn the case due to bus strike in the State as the Police Personnel are busy. Also, the respondent sent the written submissions bearing No.7039 dated 26.12.2024 that the appellant has sought the information pertaining to his complaints bearing no. 2398-COP and 2449-COP vide online application no. 73069 in the titled case i.e. AC No. 6052 of 2023." It is also a fact that the appellant filed another RTI application No. 72578 (6051/2023) which is also listed for hearing today in which the appellant has also sought the action taken on complaint Nos. 2398 dated 28.11.2022 and 2449 dated 06.12.2022. Also, it is a fact that the appellant sought the information regarding his complaints in which the appellant filed the second appeal bearing no. 4653 of 2023 in which he has sought the action taken on application nos. 2398 dated 28.11.2022 and 2449 dated 06.12.2022 which is pending for adjudication before SIC Sh. Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal. Also, it is a fact that while filling the appeal cases the appellant filed an undertaking that the matter under appeal/complaint has not been previously filed or pending or decided by any of the State Information Commission, Punjab.*

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### **Appeal Case No. 6051 of 2023**

3. Since, the subject matter of the RTI application, appellant and the respondent public authority remained the same, therefore, a copy of this order is being sent to the Registry Branch to transfer the Appeal Case No. 4653 of 2023 to this bench so that the same can be listed along with this case and adjudicated accordingly.

4. Keeping in view the above, the presence of the appellant in person, is essential, so he is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, in person, as the act and conduct of the appellant is not sustainable in the eyes of law rather a stringent action has to be taken for filling a misleading facts in the Commission as per the procedure established by the law.”

2. The appellant is not present today but he has sent a written request through an e-mail vide which he has requested for the information in accordance with the decision given by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in C.W.P. 17672 of 2023 (order dated 16.08.2023). He further submitted that he is unable to attend the hearing at Chandigarh due to back pain and health problem and also requested that the case be heard through Video Conference. The request of the appellant is received today i. e. 02.04.2025 at 09:58:37 A. M. The request made by the appellant shows carelessness as he was well aware about the hearing of the case and he should have made a request by giving sufficient time which has not been given by the appellant to the respondent as well as to the Commission when he is well conversant with the law and know all intricacy of law so ignorance on his part is not justified specially when the respondent is present all the way from Amritsar alongwith the huge record. The respondent present Sh. Surinder Singh, A.S.I., submits that information sought has already been given to the appellant many times through registered post. Although each and every citizen has a right to act bonafidely to get the information but on the same time it is a duty of the Commission to prevent from the misuse of law.

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### **Appeal Case No. 6051 of 2023**

3. *In view of the specific order passed by the Commission, enumerated above, no response has been received from the appellant in this regard. In the interest of natural justice, one opportunity is granted to the appellant to make the submissions, if any, to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte. The respondent PIO is also at liberty to file additional submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing."*

2. The appellant submits that he is unable to attend the hearing in person and requested for an adjournment and also requested that the case be heard through video conference and also requested for the information, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is unable to make any submissions as was pointed out during the last hearing, order of which is mentioned herein, therefore, **one opportunity** is given to him to file the same before the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case no written response is received from the appellant it will be considered that he has nothing to say in this case and the Commission will proceed.

4. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, the case could not be resolved unless both the parties are personally present. Accordingly, the request of the appellant to hear the case through video conference is not sustainable and is hereby directed to remain present in person at Chandigarh.

5. To come up on **27.11.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

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....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o** Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o** Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 6052 of 2023**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Surinder Singh, ASI (9780575800) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

*"This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.01.2025. The relevant portion of the same is as under :*

*"2. The appellant is absent but has requested to provide the point wise reply/information and also requested to list this case through video conference. However, the respondent is absent but sent the written submission to adjourn the case due to bus strike in the State as the Police Personnel are busy. Also, the respondent sent the written submissions bearing No.7039 dated 26.12.2024 that the appellant has sought the information pertaining to his complaints bearing no. 2398-COP and 2449-COP vide online application no. 73069 in the titled case i.e. AC No. 6052 of 2023." It is also a fact that the appellant filed another RTI application No. 72578 (6051/2023) which is also listed for hearing today in which the appellant has also sought the action taken on complaint Nos. 2398 dated 28.11.2022 and 2449 dated 06.12.2022.*



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### **Appeal Case No. 6052 of 2023**

*Also, it is a fact that the appellant sought the information regarding his complaints in which the appellant filed the second appeal bearing no. 4653 of 2023 in which he has sought the action taken on application nos. 2398 dated 28.11.2022 and 2449 dated 06.12.2022 which is pending for adjudication before SIC Sh. Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal. Also, it is a fact that while filling the appeal cases the appellant filed an undertaking that the matter under appeal/complaint has not been previously filed or pending or decided by any of the State Information Commission, Punjab.*

- 3. Since, the subject matter of the RTI application, appellant and the respondent public authority remained the same, therefore, a copy of this order is being sent to the Registry Branch to transfer the Appeal Case No. 4653 of 2023 to this bench so that the same can be listed along with this case and adjudicated accordingly.*
- 4. Keeping in view the above, the presence of the appellant in person, is essential, so he is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, in person, as the act and conduct of the appellant is not sustainable in the eyes of law rather a stringent action has to be taken for filling a misleading facts in the Commission as per the procedure established by the law."*
- 2. The appellant is not present today but he has sent a written request through an e-mail vide which he has requested for the information in accordance with the decision given by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in C.W.P. 17672 of 2023 (order dated 16.08.2023). He further submitted that he is unable to attend the hearing at Chandigarh due to back pain and health problem and also requested that the case be heard through Video Conference. The request of the appellant is received today i. e. 02.04.2025 at 09:58:37 A. M. The request made by the appellant shows carelessness as he was well aware about the hearing of the case and he should have made a request by giving sufficient time which has not been given by the appellant to the respondent as well as to the Commission when he is well conversant with the law and know all intricacy of law so ignorance on his part is not justified specially when the respondent is present all the way from Amritsar alongwith the huge record. The respondent present Sh. Surinder Singh, A.S.I., submits that information sought has already been given to the appellant many times through registered post. Although each and every citizen has a right to act bonafidely to get the information but on the same time it is a duty of the Commission to prevent from the misuse of law.*
- 3. In view of the specific order passed by the Commission, enumerated above, no response has been received from the appellant in this regard. In the interest of natural justice, one opportunity is granted to the appellant to make the submissions, if any, to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte. The respondent PIO is also at liberty to file additional submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing."*

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### **Appeal Case No. 6052 of 2023**

2. The appellant submits that he is unable to attend the hearing in person and requested for an adjournment and also requested that the case be heard through video conference and also requested for the information, which is taken on record.
3. The appellant is unable to make any submissions as was pointed out during the last hearing, order of which is mentioned herein, therefore, **one opportunity** is given to him to file the same before the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case no written response is received from the appellant it will be considered that he has nothing to say in this case and the Commission will proceed.
4. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, the case could not be resolved unless both the parties are personally present. Accordingly, the request of the appellant to hear the case through video conference is not sustainable and is hereby directed to remain present in person at Chandigarh.
5. To come up on **27.11.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab**



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**Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh**

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Tehsil & Distt Amritsar  
M: 8360055001

**RTI Application No: 72447**

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer-cum  
-Incharge, HRC Branch**

**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 6069 of 2023**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.04.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

*"2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submission that he is unable to attend the hearing due to health issues. With regard to the sought information, the appellant sent the written submission that he has not received the complete information."*

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to In-charge, HRC branch-cum-PIO but even though he is absent.

3. In the view of above, the Commission must proceed with the procedure as has been laid down under Section 18(3) of RTI Act read with relevant provisions of Civil Procedure Code.

**Accordingly, I here by direct that Bailable Warrant be issued for appearance of concerned respondent In-charge, HRC branch-cum-PIO, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar** to produce the record and give evidences pertaining to the RTI queries dated 20.05.2024. As such a copy of this order is endorsed to the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar for execution of the bailable warrants.

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### Appeal Case No. 6069 of 2023

4. To come up on **04.12.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

**CC:**

**Smt. Sakshi Sawhney, IAS**  
Deputy Commissioner,  
Amritsar

**District Revenue Officer-**  
**-Cum-Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o Deputy Commissioner,**  
Amritsar

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### **BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION**

**BEFORE, SH.INDERPAL SINGH, CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB at  
CHANDIGARH**

**In Appeal Case 6069 of 2023**

**Sh. Gurinder Pal Singh Vs. PIO-O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar**

**Under Section 18 (3) of RTI Act 2005**

**Next Hearing: 04.12.2025 at 11.30 AM**

**To,**

**The Commissioner of Police,  
Amritsar**

Whereas In-charge, HRC branch-cum-Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar has failed to appear before the undersigned despite of issuance of notice/summon in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this Bailable warrant to In-charge, HRC branch-cum-Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Bhawan, Near Rose Garden, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh, on **04.12.2025 at 11.30 A.M.** to submit his written submissions with regard to the order dated 03.04.2025 (copy enclosed).

**Chandigarh  
Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Sh. Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner  
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### Sh. Manjit Singh, Advocate

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....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana

**Sh. Amritveer Singh,**  
**Public Information Officer,**  
-Cum-Tehsildar (East),  
Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Deputy Commissioner,  
Ludhiana

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.07.2025.

2. The appellant is absent but he has sent the written submissions that the respondent neither paid the compensation amounting to Rs. 20,000/-, which was awarded in this case nor the information. However, the respondent PIO is absent. It is also a fact that during the last hearing, the respondent submitted that for the payment of compensation, a bill has already been submitted to the District Treasury.

So in light of above, the respondent PIO is directed to remain present, in person, and ensure that a compensation amount be paid to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

3. Also, with regard to the information, the respondent handed over the legible information to the appellant during the last hearing and also submitted that nothing more is available on record which could be supplied to the appellant.

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### **Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2023**

4. In view of the submissions made by the respondent during the last hearing, he was directed to file an affidavit that whatever information available in the official record related to the RTI application has already been supplied and nothing more is available on record. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to submit the same before the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.
5. Also, both the parties are directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.
6. To come up on **15.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. through Video Conference facility available at Deputy Commissioner office, Ludhiana.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

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Chief Information Commissioner,  
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### Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan

H. No 78/8, Park Mandi,  
Navi Mandi, Dhuri ,  
Distt Sangrur

....Appellant

V/s

### Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Bhadaur,  
Distt Barnala

### First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
UD), Barnala

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 229 of 2022

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.07.2025.

2. The appellant sent a written request to adjourn the case. The request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned. Accordingly, the respondent has been apprised prior to the hearing.
3. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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**Sh. V.K. Verma**

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V/s

....Appellant

**Public Information officer,**  
**O/o** SHO, Women Cell,  
Patiala (Encl.)

**Public Information officer,**  
**O/o** Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Patiala

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Director General of Police  
Punjab, Chandigarh

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 3132 of 2025**

**Present:** Sh. Vijay Kumar Verma, the appellant.  
Sh. Amrit Singh, Senior Assistant (9877589262)  
Sh. Amarjit Singh, Senior Assistant (9463066588) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 30.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 06.03.2025 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 hearing for today i.e. 03.09.2025.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. The respondent filed the written submissions that the complaint of the appellant is under consideration with SHO, Women cell, Patiala and nothing can be supplied to the appellant under Section 8 (1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. After hearing the submissions made by the respondent, the PIO, O/o SHO, Women Cell, Patiala, is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. A copy of RTI application is **being sent** to him along with this order.

4. To come up on **29.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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**Sh. Bhagwant Rai**

S/o Sh. Lachmi Narain,  
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Dr. Harvinder Homeopathy,  
New Bus Stand Road, Barnala

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o Tehsildar, Barnala**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o SDM, Barnala**

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 2844 of 2023**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2025.

2. The Counsel of third parties requested for an adjournment in this case to file the written submissions through telephonic message.
3. In view of the request of the Counsel of third party, the respondent and the appellant have been apprised prior to the hearing not to appear in this case. Accordingly, the case is adjourned.
4. To come up on **09.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

**Sh. Ankush Aggarwal, Advocate**

H.No. 476, IAS Judges Society,  
New Chandigarh,  
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....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Director SCERT,  
Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8, Mohali

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Director SCERT,  
Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8, Mohali

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 6110 of 2023**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Vikasjeet Singh, Senior Assistant (9501073273) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.04.2025

2. The appellant is absent but requested for an adjournment through email, which is taken on record. However, the respondent is present along with the information pertaining to the deficiencies already pointed out by the appellant. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to send the same to the appellant through registered post.

3. To come up on **29.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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**Sh. Manpreet Singh**

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M: 9032023008

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Director, State Transport,  
Punjab, State-17, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Director, State Transport,  
Punjab, State-17, Chandigarh

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5772 of 2023

**Present:** Sh. Kamalpreet Singh (9032023008) on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Harmohan, Junior Assistant (9876326706) and Sh. Avtar Singh (9832812588)  
Senior Assistant on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2025.

2. The representative of the appellant requested for an adjournment to point out the deficiency in the information so supplied by the respondent. Accordingly, the request is accepted with the directions to send the deficiency to the respondent PIO within ten days under intimation to the Commission. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the deficiency, if any, pointed out by the appellant within twenty days under intimation to the Commission.

3. Sh. Avtar Singh Sr. Assistant assured that the necessary deficiencies, if so pointed out by the appellant will be removed before the next date of hearing as he is the custodian of the record. Also, the respondent Public Information Officer is directed to submit the day to day correspondence/progress in dealing with the RTI application to take the matter to its logical end. To come up on **29.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

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**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
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M: 9417325533

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

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Sector 17, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Director, Industries & Commerce, Punjab  
Room No 206, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 17 Bays Building,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 2385 of 2023**

**Present:** Ms. Alka, the appellant through Video Conference.  
Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Senior Assistant (7986126404) at PSIC office, on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.05.2025.

2. The appellant reiterated the ambiguities in the information so supplied by the respondent. However, the respondent requested for a copy of the same as the appellant has not sent the same to the respondent. Accordingly, a copy of the same is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing with the directions to file the counter reply, if any, in an annotated form. Also, he is directed to send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission before next date of hearing so that the appellant be able to represent his case accordingly.

3. To come up on **09.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh through Video Conference Facility available at Deputy Commissioner office, Bathinda.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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**Sh. Hargunjeet Singh**

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Urban Estate,  
Durgi, Ludhiana  
M: 9815033790

...Appellant

V/s

**Sh. Gurpreet Singh-**

**Public Information Officer-**

**-cum-Sub Divisional Officer,**

**O/o Chief Administrator,**

Greater Ludhiana Area Development

Authority GLADA, Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o Chief Administrator,**

Greater Ludhiana Area Development

Authority GLADA, Ludhiana

...Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 3765 of 2023**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.05.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

"2. The appellant sought the following information:

- “ੳ. ਉਪ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਮਕਾਨ ਉਸਾਰੀ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਵਿਭਾਗ, (ਮਕਾਨ ਉਸਾਰੀ-2 ਸ਼ਾਖਾ) ਦੇ ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰ: 13/95/2022-3ਮਊ-2/2596 ਮਿਤੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ 12/10/2022 ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੁੱਖ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ, ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਹਰਗੁਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜਾਇਦਾਦਾਂ ਤੇ ਨਜਾਇਜ਼ ਕਬਜ਼ਾ ਖਾਲੀ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਈ ਨੀਲਾਮੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵੇਚਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਉਪ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦੇ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸੁਦਾ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ। (ਕਾਪੀ ਨੱਥੀ)
- ਅ. ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ, ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਬੁੱਕ ਨੰ:30 ਰਸੀਦ ਨੰ: 36 ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਨੰ: 2182 ਮਿਤੀ 8/10/2022 ਨ ਸੂਚਨਾਫੀਸ 10/- ਰੁ: ਦਾ ਪੋਸਟਲ ਆਰਡਰ ਨੰ:57F899457 ਲੜੀ ਨੰ: 3 ਦਾ (ੳ) ਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਹਰਗੁਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇ ਮੰਗ ਪੱਤਰ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਉਪਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸੁਦਾ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

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### **Appeal Case No. 3765 of 2023**

ੲ. ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਹਰਗੁਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ 19 (1) ਤਹਿਤ ਵਧੀਕ ਮੁੱਖ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ, ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਲੜੀ ਨੰ: 3 ਦੇ ਭਾਗ ਅ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਡਾਇਰੀ ਨੰ: 3805 ਮਿਤੀ 02/12/2022 ਆਪ ਦੇ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

ਸ. ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਹਰਗੁਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਲੜੀ ਨੰ: 3 ਦੇ ਭਾਗ ਓ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਮੁੱਖ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ, ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ CA MEMO Nm. 3264 Dated 28/10/2022 ਦੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਤੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ। ”

3. *The respondent already filed the written response that the said letters/complaints are not available on record but no satisfactory response has been given by the respondent as to why the information which has been diarized in the GLADA office is not available.*
4. *The reply filed by the respondent is as follows :*

“ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਤੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਆਪ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ. ਐਕਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਮੁੱਖਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ, ਗਲਾਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਡਾਇਰੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ 2986 ਮਿਤੀ 27-02-2023 ਵਿਖੇ ਦਰਜ ਉਪ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਮਕਾਨ ਉਸਾਰੀ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਦੇ ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰ: 13/95/2022-3ਮਊ-2/2596, ਵਧੀਕ ਮੁੱਖਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ, ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੇ ਡਾਇਰੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ 3805 ਮਿਤੀ 02-12-2022 ਅਤੇ CA Memo No. 3264 dated 28/10/2022 ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਦਫਤਰੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿਚ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਆਪਨੂੰ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਉਸ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ।”
5. *Keeping in view the above, the respondent PIO is directed to trace the said record, which is related to the illegal possession on Government land and in case, the said record has been misplaced then an appropriate action be taken to lodge a FIR/DDR etc. and fix the responsibility and action taken in this regard be placed on the next date of hearing. He is further directed to file the reply by way of an affidavit duly sworn that the information has been misplaced and is not available on record. He is also at liberty to file the reply in case the said record has been destructed but in case of destruction then a notification alongwith the proof of destruction be submitted on the next date of hearing.*
6. *Since the record appears to be misplaced, therefore, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Chief Administrator, G. L. A. D. A., Ludhiana to take appropriate action as per the procedure established by the law. A reply received from GLADA is **being sent** to him alongwith this order.”*

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### **Appeal Case No. 3765 of 2023**

2. The appellant is absent but has requested for an adjournment in this case. However, the respondent PIO Sh. Gurpeert Singh-cum-SDO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that a copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Public Information Officer-cum-Sub Divisional Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. Since, the file/documents are said to be have been misplaced, therefore, the Estate Officer, GLADA is also impleaded as a necessary party in this case to file the necessary reply in this case as to what action has been taken by the said office related to misplacement of the documents as mentioned herein. A copy of the written submissions already received from the respondent is **being sent** to him along with this order.

5. To come up on **15.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

**CC:**

Estate Officer,  
GLADA, Ludhiana

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### Sh. Suneet Kumar

S/o Sh. Satish Chander,  
Dayal Colony,  
Village Harikrishna Nagar,  
P.O.-Bajwara,  
Distt Hoshiarpur  
M: 9915677786

....Appellant

V/s

### Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman-cum-C.E.O.,  
Citrus Estate Bhunga (Haryana),  
Govt. Garden and Nursery,  
V.P.O.-Bhunga, Distt Hoshiarpur

### First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Deptt of Horticulture, Punjab,  
Kheti Bhawan, Phase-VI,  
Near Dara Studio Cowk,  
SAS Nagar

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3698 of 2023

**Present:** Sh. Suneet Kumar the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.05.2025.

- The written submissions have been received from Director, Department of Horticulture, Punjab vide which the Public Information Officer and First Appellate Authority has been appointed but no one is present from the respondent PIO.
- In the interest of natural justice, **one opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing, failing which, stringent action like disciplinary action may be recommended against him and/or penalty may be imposed upon the said PIO.
- Also, a copy of the said order is being sent to the Director, Horticulture, Punjab to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO on the next date of hearing.
- To come up on **08.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

**CC:**

**Director,**  
Deptt. of Horticulture, Punjab,  
Kheti Bhawan, Phase-VI,  
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### Sh. Gurpreet Guri Singh

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VPO Sheron, Tehsil Sunam,  
Distt Sangrur  
M: 9501557415

**RTI Application No: 94050**

.....Appellant

V/s

### Public Information Officer,

O/o Chairman,  
Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab  
Forest Complex, Sector-68,  
Mohali

### First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chairman  
Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab  
Forest Complex, Sector-68,  
Mohali

....Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 344 of 2024

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Amanpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9780240261)

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, APIO (8054940526) on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2025.

2. At the outset the respondent requested for an adjournment. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned. Also, the respondent PIO is directed to go through the previous order of the Commission and file the submissions in accordance with the same. It is also clarified that in case no response will be received from him then the case will be decided as per the procedure established by law as the reasonable opportunities have been given to the respondent in this case seeking clarification/specific reply to take the matter to its logical end. But it appears that the respondent PIO is willfully and intentionally not filing the response in this case. There are appropriate provisions in the RTI Act, 2005 to deal with this situation i.e. Section 20, which provides:-

**20. (1)** Where the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, has, without any reasonable cause, refused to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under sub-section (1) of section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information, it shall impose a penalty of two hundred and fifty rupees each day till application is received or information is furnished, so however, the total amount of such penalty shall not exceed twenty-five thousand rupees:



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*Provided that the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before any penalty is imposed on him:*

*Provided further that the burden of proving that he acted reasonably and diligently shall be on the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be.*

*(2) Where the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission as the case may be, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, has, without any reasonable cause and persistently, failed to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under sub-section (1) of section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information, it shall recommend for disciplinary action against the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, under the service rules applicable to him.*

3. It is also appropriate to mention the decision passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010, the relevant portion of which is as follows:

*"10. ....Such Officers must be taught a lesson and in my view, they are unfit to hold the post of Public Information Officer or any other post in connection with the discharge of duties under RTI Act and they should be shown the doors, so that it will be a lesson for other Officers to act in accordance with the terms of the Act, failing which they may also face the similar or more consequences."*

4. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Chairman/Secretary, SSSB regularly in this case. They are also directed to monitor this case personally and ensure the presence of the PIO –cum-Superintendent/ dealing Senior Assistant along with the necessary response as has been directed vide order dated 7.8.2025, a copy of which is attached herewith.

5. Keeping in view the above, **last opportunity** is granted to the respondent to file the specific reply/response as per the directions of the Commission failing which it will be presumed that the respondent has nothing to say in this case. It is further clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.

6. To come up on **08.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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Chandigarh **(Encl.)**

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Chairman,  
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Forest Complex, Sector-68,  
Mohali **(Encl.)**

**Ms. Gauri Prashar Joshi, IAS**  
Administrative Secretary,  
General Administration,  
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S/o Sh. Mewa Singh,  
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M: 9501557415  
RTI Application No: 98929

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Chairman,  
Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab  
Forest Complex, Sector-68,  
Mohali

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Chairman,  
Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab  
First Complex, Sector-68,  
Mohali

.....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 1300 of 2024**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Amanpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9780240261)  
Ms. Amandee Kaur, APIO (8054940526) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2025.

2. In the interest of natural justice, both the parties are directed to file their final submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing. It is further clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.
3. To come up on **08.10.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

**Dated: 03.09.2025**

**(Inderpal Singh)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner,**  
**Punjab**

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Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,  
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**Sh. Kuldeep Singh**

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Kot Shamir, Tehsil &  
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**RTI Application No: 105792**

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** AIGP, Vigilance Bureau,  
SAS Nagar

**Public Information officer,**  
**O/o** Subordinate Service Selection Board, Punjab,  
Forest Complex, Sector -68,  
Mohali

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Director, Vigilance Bureau,  
SAS Nagar

....Respondent

### **Appeal Case No. 2112 of 2024**

**Present:** None on Behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Amanpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9780240261)

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, APIO (8054940526) on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.08.2025

2. At the outset the respondent requested for an adjournment. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned. It is also a fact that a reasonable opportunity has already been to the respondent PIO to file the reply in an annotated form, of the order dated 15.5.2025 which may be read as part and parcel of this order, but no response has been received from the PIO. But it appears that the respondent PIO is willfully and intentionally not filing the response in this case. There are appropriate provisions in the RTI Act, 2005 to deal with this situation i.e. Section 20, which provides:-

**20. (1)** Where the Central Information Commission or the State Information Commission, as the case may be, at the time of deciding any complaint or appeal is of the opinion that the Central Public Information Officer or the State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, has, without any reasonable cause, refused to receive an application for information or has not furnished information within the time specified under sub-section (1) of section 7 or malafidely denied the request for information or knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information which was the subject of the request or obstructed in any manner in furnishing the information, it shall impose a penalty of two hundred and fifty rupees each day till application is received or information is furnished, so however, the total amount of such penalty shall not exceed twenty-five thousand rupees:

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3. It is also appropriate to mention the decision passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010, the relevant portion of which is as follows:

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4. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Chairman/Secretary, SSSB regularly in this case. They are also directed to monitor this case personally and ensure the presence of the PIO—cum-Superintendent/ dealing Senior Assistant along with the necessary response as has been directed vide order dated 15.5.2025, a copy of which is attached herewith.

5. Keeping in view the above, **last opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file the specific reply/response as per the directions of the Commission failing which it will be presumed that the respondent has nothing to say in this case. It is further clarified that no further adjournment will be given in this case.

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