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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate

Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside SanjhKender,
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.....Appellant

V/s

Ms HarjotKaur, PCS

Public Information Officer,
cum Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5250 of 2022

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

ORDER

The above said case was heard on 27.9.2023 and the respondent was directed to submit a copy of the challan in lieu of penalty already imposed in the titled case on 5.7.2023 amounting to Rs.10000/- (Rupees ten thousands only) but the said compliance report has not been submitted by the respondent till date.

2. It is also a fact that a notice of hearing was sent to the respondent through registered post even though none is present and also no written response has been received from the said office. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Ms. HarjotKaur, PCS, Secretary Regional Transport Authority-cum- Public Information 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 compliance of the order be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on her.

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

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such penalty on the next date of hearing. She may take a note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

Also a copy of this order is being sent to the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab to ensure the presence of the Secretary, Regional Transport, Authority, Faridkot along with the compliance report.

3. To come up on **15.1.2026 at 12.30 PM** at Chandigarh.

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
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Punjab.

State Transport Commissioner (by name)
Punjab
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh

Village- Ghandouli,
P.O- Rani Majra, Tehsil Kharar,
Distt.- SAS Nagar
M: 8699769199

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development &
Panchayat Officer,
Block Majri, Distt.- SAS Nagar

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary, Block Majri,
Distt.- SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development &
Panchayat Officer,
SAS Nagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2022

Present: Sh. Gurpreet Singh, the appellant.
Sh.Sarabjeet Singh, VDO, BDPO BlockMajri (9872571086) on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.08.2025 and the relevant portion of the same is as follows:-

2. "The brief of the case is that there are illegal possessions on Panchayat Land, Ghandoli, Block Majri, Mohali and Ms. Tanu Keshav, IAS, Joint Development Commissioner (IRD) passed an order regarding the same and remanded back the matter to the Additional Deputy Commissioner. The appellant informed that as per the orders of the Commissioner, he made the written submissions to the BDPO, Majri bearing diary no. 374 dated 18.03.2021 and thereafter filed the RTI application vide which he has sought the information related to the decision given by the then Commissioner and an action taken on the application filed by him on 18.03.2021 which was to take appropriate action to vacate the illegal possession on panchayat land.

3. Keeping in view the exigency of the case and due to non-satisfactory response given by the respondent, a show cause notice was issued to the BDPO, Sh. Ravinder Singh Sidhu and Sh. Bharat Pal, Panchayat Secretary.

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4. 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 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

"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."

In light of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, **one opportunity** is given to Sh. Ravinder Singh Sidhu, BDPO and to submit as to what action has been taken by the said office in respect of order passed by the Commissioner in 2019 and to get the panchayat land vacated. It is also clarified that in case the BDPO, Sh. Ravinder Singh Sidhu will not file reply the written submissions and will not be present, in person, on the next date of hearing, a stringent action will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

5. Today, Sh. Bharat Pal is present and submitted the written reply and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

"1.

ਗਰਾਮਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਘੰਡੋਲੀ ਦਾ ਕੋਰਟ ਕੇਸ ਮਾਨ ਯੋਗ ਮਿਸਤਰ ਨੂ ਕਸ਼ਯਪ ਜੇ. ਡੀ. ਸੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਚਲਦਾ ਸੀ। ਉਹ ਰਿਮਾਂਡ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਮਾਨ ਯੋਗ ਵਧੀਕ **ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਵਿਕਾਸ)** ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਣਵਾਲੀ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ।

2.

ਗਰਾਮਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਘੰਡੋਲੀ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਨਜਾਇਜ਼ ਕਬਜ਼ਿਆ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜੇਜ਼ਾਣ ਕਾਰੀ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਉਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਉਪ ਮੁੱਖ ਕਾਰਜ ਕਾਰੀ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ. 2005 ਮਿਤੀ. 16.04.2025 ਰਾਂਗੀ ਗਰਾਮਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਤਾ ਪਾ ਕੇ ਨਾਇਬ ਟਿਹਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਮਾਜਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਦੇ ਹੀਲ ਈਲਿ ਖਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਦੇ ਹੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਉਸ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਹੀ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਕੌਣ-
ਕੌਣ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨਜਾਇਜ਼ ਕਬਜ਼ ਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਆਉਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਣ ਕਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।"

6. After the perusal of the reply, it is evident that the decision to remand back the case to the ADC (D) was taken in 2019, which is still pending in the office of the ADC (D). So far as the illegal possession of the land is concerned, the Panchayat Secretary categorically submitted that the Naib Tehsildar has already been directed vide No. 2005 dated 16.04.2025 for the 'NISHANDEHI' to ascertain who was having the illegal possession on the panchayat land.

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7. The respondent informed that NaibTehsildar, Majri has already been approached vide letter dated 16.04.2025 for the 'NISHANDEHI' therefore, in the interest of natural justice, NaibTehsildar, Majri is impleaded as a necessary party in this case to file an action taken on the said letter. As such a copy of this order is **being sent** to the **Financial Commissioner (Revenue)** to ensure the presence of NaibTehsildar, Majri, Ms. RamandeepKaur. Also, the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) is at liberty to instruct the NaibTehsildars/Tehsildars of Punjab that in case of Panchayat Land 'NISHANDEHI', if any cases/recommendations have been received and/or pending from the Rural Development Department, the same be dealt with in a time bound manner.
8. After perusal of the order dated 20.02.2019 passed by the then Commissioner, which may be read as part and parcel of this order, it is ascertained that the case which was remanded back by the Commissioner is still to be decided by the ADC (D) to vacate the illegal possession on the panchayat Land.
9. Since, the matter relates to the illegal possession on the panchayat land is concerned, therefore the matter is brought to the notice of the **Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat** to look into this case and to adopt such a mechanism so that in case there is any illegal possession on the panchayat land in the Punjab, the same be vacated and the said cases be dealt within a time bound manner.”
2. The respondent VDO submitted a copy of the letter written to NaibTehsildar, Majri for demarcation along with the copy of proceeding book to vacate the illegal possession on the panchayat land. Also, a copy of the same is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.
3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Sh. RamandeepKaur, NaibTehsildar-cum- Public Information 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.

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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. To come up on **28.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Sh. AnuragVerma, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,
Chandigarh

Encl.

Sh. AjitBalaji Joshi, IAS
Administrative Secretary,
Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab,
VikasBhawan, Sector 62,
Mohali

Encl.

Ms. Komal Mittal, IAS
Deputy Commissioner,
SAS Nagar

Encl.

Ms. RamandeepKaur,
NaibTehsildar, Majri,
Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali
Encl.

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Sh. Satwant Singh

S/o Sh. Harisingh,
R/o NearMuneem Di Hatti,
Guru kaKhu, Tarn Taran

.....Appellant

V/s

Sh. NarinderGautam,
Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Registrar,
Cooperative Societies,
Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority,
O/oDeputy Registrar,
Cooperative Societies,
Tarn Taran

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6108 of 2023

Present: Sh. Satwant Singh, the appellant.
Sh. Ranbir Kumar, Inspector (7009882764) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2025.

2. The respondent requested for an adjournment as the record related to the sought information is being traced. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Sh. NarinderGautam, Asstt. Registrar-cum- Public Information 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.

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Appeal Case No. 6108 of 2023

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To ensure the presence of the concerned PIO, a copy of this order is being sent to the Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Punjab at this stage.

3. To come up on **21.01.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Registrar,
Cooperative Societies,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

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Sh. Satvinder Singh

S/o Sh. Sulkhansingh,
Village Maniala, Tehsil Khamano,
Distt.Fatehgarh Sahib
M: 9814703522, 9814303522

.....Appellant

V/s

Sh. Dinesh Kumar-

**Public Information Officer-
Cum-Principal,**

O/o Principal, Malwa College,
Bondli, Samrala-141114,
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Public Instructions (Colleges) PB.,
VidyaBhawan, PSEB Complex,
Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3722 of 2024

Present: Sh. Satvinder Singh, the appellant.

Dr. Dinesh Sharma (9592000936) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.11.2025

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply his own complete service book. However, the respondent submits that he has recently joined and requested for an adjournment. Also, he tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him. In the interest of natural justice he is given an opportunity file the written reply with regard to the show cause notice which will be decided on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **18.3.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Punjab.

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General Power Of Attorney
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M : 8264866993

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer- (By name)
Cum-Tehsildar,
Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Land Records (consolidation Branch),
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/oSub Divisional Magistrate,
Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3665 of 2023

Present: Sh. Daljeet Singh (9814186366) on behalf of the appellant.
Dr. TanveerKaur, Tehsildar (9915079571) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.10.2025.

2. The respondent MsTanveerKaur, Tehsildar submits that she had already transferred and joined as Tehsildar, Industry Department. She also tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to her. The decision on the show cause notice issued to her will be taken on the next date of hearing.

3. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the remaining information qua Point No. 8(iv, v, vi). So far as the other information is concerned, the appellant categorically submits that he is satisfied with the same.

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4. It is also a fact that the Deputy Director, Land Records was impleaded as necessary party who has sent the written specific reply that nothing is available in the said office.

5. Also, the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana office sent the written statement given by the appellant that he will receive the information from TehsildarKhanna. But none is present on behalf of TehsildarKhanna. In the interest of natural justice, the TehsildarKhanna is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the staff whosoever is dealing the RTI application with the specific response that nothing is available on record concerning Point No. 8(iv, v and vi) of the RTI application else file the reply/supply the information before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on **22.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Sh. Himanshu Jain, IPS
Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana

Superintendent,
Record Branch,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana

MsTanveerKaur, Tehsildar,
Industry Department,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

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Ms. Krishna Devi

W/o Sh. Ranbir Singh,
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M: 8427208052

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6267 of 2024

Present: Sh. Balbir Aggarwal (9463666155) on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Tarsem Singh, ASI (9463202689) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.06.2025.

2. The respondent handed over 31 pages of information to the appellant during the course of hearing. After receipt of the same, the appellant submits that he would like to file the deficiencies. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
3. To come up on **14.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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Sh. Major Singh

S/o Sh. Tarlochan Singh,
Kothi No 751, Phase 4,
Sector-59, SAS Nagar
M: 9646771776

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Inspector General of Police,
Roopnagar Range,
Roopnagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6409 of 2023

Present: Sh. Major Singh, the appellant.
Sh. Maninder Singh, Head Constable, Incharge RTI, SSP Office, Mohali
(7837741687) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.10.2025.

2. The appellant submits that a DDR No. 18 dated 1.6.2020 was registered on his complaint and has sought the information related to the said DDR which was registered at Police Station Phase 1, Mohali. He further clarified that the said DDR was regarding physically torture to himself being Press Report by ASI Om Prakash and ASI Amar Nath and any action taken against these officers by the department and/or any closure report has been filed or not. After hearing the submissions made by the appellant, the respondent requested for an adjournment to submit the written response in this regard.

3. To come up on **14.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

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Ms. Ritu Sood

2951, Ground Floor,
Sector 47 C, Chandigarh.
M: 8837833792

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1622 of 2025

Present: Ms. RituSood, the appellant.
Ms. KaramjeetKaur, S/LC, 270/BT (8427807868),
Sh. Arshdeep Singh, 2443/SPSN (7986809462) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.09.2025.

2. After hearing both the parties, the respondent is directed to clarify what action has been taken on the complaint filed by the appellant bearing No. 606/5D/Ph-11 dated 6.5.2022, information related to which has been sought by him. Also, a copy of the complaint of the appellant is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

3. To come up on **14.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Station House Officer (By name),
Phase-11, Mohali

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M: 8837833792

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1618 of 2025

Present: Ms. Ritu Sood, the appellant.

Ms. Karamjeet Kaur, S/LC, 270/BT (8427807868),

Sh. Arshdeep Singh, 2443/SPSN (7986809462) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.09.2025.

2. After hearing both the parties, the respondent is directed to clarify what action has been taken on the complaint filed by the appellant bearing No. 449/SD/PS-11 dated 8.4.2022, information related to which has been sought by him. Also, a copy of the complaint of the appellant is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

3. To come up on **14.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Station House Officer (By name),
Phase-11, Mohali

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Sh. Sanjeev Thakur (Journalist)

S/o Sh. Baldev Singh,
R/o Village GurhaKhurd, PO Madhopur,
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot
M: 9814289764

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DC, Hoshiarpur

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1000 of 2025

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

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.09.2024 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 28.10.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2025 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. 03.12.2025

2. The respondent sent the written request to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
3. To come up on **15.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Sh. Karan Luthra,

S/o Sh. Deepak Luthra,
D 30, Silver Heights, Municipality ,
Jalandhar-144003
M: 9300032600

RTI Application No 153967

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Hoshiarpur

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 829 of 2025

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

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.11.2024 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 13.12.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.01.2025 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. 03.12.2025.

2. The respondent sent the written request to adjourn the case. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
3. To come up on **15.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Sh .Bheem Sain

640, First Floor, Sector 7,
Panchkula.
M: 941742227

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Police Academy,
Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADGP-Cum-Director,
Maharaja Ranjit Singh
Punjab Police Academy,
Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4409 of 2025

Present: Adv. J.P Singla (9815482240) on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Lovepreet Singh, Head Constable, P.P Academy, Phillaur (9888625561) on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.04.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 26.05.2025 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.07.2025 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. 03.12.2025.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, the respondent filed the written submissions, which are taken on record and also a copy of the same is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with the directions to the appellant to file the rebuttal/counter submissions, if any, to take the matter to its logical end. He is further directed to send an advance copy of the same, if any, to the respondent.

3. To come up on **05.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan

S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
President of Anti Corruption Council,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot
M: 9814354649

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN, Construction Division No.-3,
PWD, B&R, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle,
PWD, B&R,
Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5909 of 2022

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant.
Sh. Rajanjit Singh, J.E, O/o E.E, Construction DH-3, Ludhiana (9988809055),
Sh. Bachitar Singh, SDE, C-2, Ludhiana (9872652545) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025.

2. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the detailed written submissions. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
3. To come up on **21.01.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
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M: 9814354649

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN, Construction Division No.-3,
PWD, B&R, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle,
PWD, B&R,
Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5915 of 2022

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant.
Sh. Rajanjit Singh, J.E, O/o E.E, Construction DH-3, Ludhiana (9988809055),
Sh. Bachitar Singh, SDE, C-2, Ludhiana (9872652545) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025.

2. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the detailed written submissions. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned. Also, a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Executive Engineer, ConstDivn No. 3 from whom reply has been received and the decision will be taken in this regard on the next date of hearing.
3. To come up on **21.01.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Sh. Rajinder Kumar, EE
Construction Division No.-3
PWD, B&R, Ludhiana

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President of Anti Corruption Council,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
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M: 9814354649

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN (C), Mandi Board,
New AnajMandi, Sirhind Road,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Engineer,
Mandi Board, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6119 of 2023

Present: Sh. YogeshMahajan, the appellant.
Sh. Sundeep Singh, Superintendent (9465384353),
Sh. Harjeet Singh, SDO, Patiala (9986305092),
Sh. Dharminder Singh, XEN, PIO (9872995346) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025.

2. The respondent handed over the complete information during the course of hearing and after receipt of the same, the appellant requested for an adjournment to file the deficiencies. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
3. To come up on **20.01.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC: Sh. Ramvir, IAS
Secretary, Punjab Mandi Board,
Punjab Mandi Board Complex,
Mohali

**Public Information Officer-
Cum-executive Engineer,**
O/o XEN (C), Mandi Board,
Division Fatehgarh Sahib

APIO-Cum-SDO,
Mandi Board, Sub Division,
Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan

S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
President of Anti Corruption Council,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
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.....Appellant

V/s

Sh. Gagandeep Singh,
Public Information Officer,
-cum-Chief Engineer Central,
PWD, B&R, Patiala

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer Central,
PWD, B&R, Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2404 of 2025

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Superintendent (9779699444),
Sh. Pardeep Kumar, XEN (9781439704),
Sh. Ambik Kumar, JE on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025.

2. The respondent handed over the complete information to the appellant during the course of hearing and after going through the same, the appellant requested for an adjournment to file the deficiencies. Also, the Superintendent o/o the Chief Engineer, tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to him and to the Chief Engineer. Since, no reply has been received from the respondent Chief Engineer, in the interest of natural justice one opportunity is granted to file the written reply failing which the decision will be taken ex-parte, on merit.
3. To come up on **20.01. 2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC Sh. Jaswinder Singh,
Superintendent, RTI Branch,
Head Office,
PWD, B&R, Patiala

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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Mandi Board,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer (North),
Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2823 of 2025

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant.
Sh. Amandeep Singh, Clerk (9878723062)
Sh. Dharminder Singh, PIO(W) (9872999534),
Sh. Sundeepsingh, Superintendent (9465384353) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025.

2. The appellant submits that he was not blacklisted and has made the submissions in this regard. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent PIO is directed to file an affidavit, duly sworn, that the appellant is blacklisted or not under the RTI Act, 2005. Accordingly, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the same. As such, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **21.01.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan

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President of Anti Corruption Council,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
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M: 9814354649

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN (C), Mandi Board,
Division Moga

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer,
Mandi Board, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2824 of 2025

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant.
Sh. Sundeep Singh, Superintendent (9465384353),
Sh. Harinder Singh, XEN, PIO, Moga (9815802400),
Sh. Dharminder Singh, XEN, PIO (9872995346) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025.

2. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the detailed written submissions. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **21.01.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Punjab Mandi Board,
Division Moga

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Engineer (North),
Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2825 of 2025

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant.
Sh. Sundeep Singh, Superintendent (9465384353),
Sh. Harinder Singh, XEN, PIO, Moga (9815802400),
Sh. Dharminder Singh, XEN, PIO (9872995346) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025.

2. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the detailed written submissions. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **21.01.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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President of Anti Corruption Council,
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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, (C), Mandi Board,
Division Moga

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer (North),
Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2826 of 2025

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant.
Sh. Harinder Singh, XEN, PIO, Moga (9815802400),
Sh. Dharminder Singh, XEN, PIO (9872995346) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025.

2. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the detailed written submissions. Accordingly, the request is accepted and the case is adjourned.
3. To come up on **21.01.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

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Sh. Om Prakash Chitkara

14-A, Rani Ka Bagh,
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M: 9463724637

.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Town Planner,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 256 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Angad Singh, ATP (9878271547),
Sh. Vikas Goel, BI (7508342729) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.7.2025 and the directions were issued to the respondent and thereafter the case was listed for hearing but none was present on behalf of the respondent and the directions were issued to the PIO to file the reply/submissions in accordance with the order dated 23.7.2025, the relevant portion of which is as follows:-

"2. The brief of the case is that there is a large commercial complex i.e. Ganpati Tower-19, Duni Chand Road, Lawrence Road Amritsar, in which it has constructed more than 75 shops having 05 floors. The said complex is situated in the posh area of Amritsar and according to the appellant there is adequate parking facility available to the commuters and has sought the following

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information in this case:

- a) *Subject Matter of Information: complete information regarding Property known as GANPAT1 TOWER, denoted by no.19- Duni Chand Road, Lawrance Road, Amritsar-143001.*
- b) *The period to which the information relates since the date of start of construction of GANPATI TOWER till date.*
- c) *Specific details to which the Information required***: complete detailed information with certifier copies of record relating to property known as GANPATI TOWER, 19- Duni Chand Road, Lawrence Road Amritsar such as :-*
 - i) *Name and address of owner/s.*
 - ii) *Name of the various occupants/tenants in property floor wise.*
 - iii) *Sanctioned map of the property with details of the sanctioning authority.*
 - iv) *Parking area required and constructed in the said Tower building.*
 - v) *Violations from approved plan, if any and action taken thereon.*
 - vi) *Taxes and other fee collected year wise since 2007.*

3. *The primary dispute among the parties is that the appellant is seeking the sanction map of the property along with the details of the sanctioning authority and he intends to see whether any parking area was marked while sanctioning the said plan of the Ganpati Tower. However, the respondent time and again filing the reply that record in the office of the Municipal Corporation related to the sanction plan is maintained date wise, GR number wise, which is general registration number allotted to particular building plan or file number wise and/or as per area of building wise. The respondent further submitted that the record is already being maintained as per norms. The respondent further mentioned in the reply there are lakhs of buildings of various categories within Municipal Corporation of Amritsar and the respondent are requesting the appellant to submit the GR Number/file numbers so that appropriate reply can be given with regard to the Point No. 3 & 4 of the RTI application. With regard to Point No. 5, the appellant has sought the violations from approved plan if any and action taken thereof but the respondent submitted the reply that the record pertaining to the subject matter is not available in the absence of particular as mentioned above i.e. GR Number/File Number reply to the said point has also not being filed by the respondent.*

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4. *It is also a fact that the information sought related to the property tax department pertaining to the said property is being supplied by the said department.*

5. *Since, the mandate of the RTI Act is to promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of every public authority, therefore, a copy of this order was sent to Sh. Gulpreet Singh Aulakh, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to look into the matter. Today i.e. 23.07.2025, the respondent again file the written reply i.e. inline with the earlier reply being filed by the department that in the absence of GR No./File No. the department is unable to supply the information. The relevant portion of the reply filed by the respondent is as follows:*

“In compliance to the orders dated 29/05/2025, issued by the Hon'ble Commission a letter has been sent to third party i.e. that owner of Ganpati Tower, RB Duni Chand Road, Lawrence Road, Amritsar to provide the GR Number/File number of the sanctioned building plan of Ganpati Tower. But no response has been received from the third party till date. As and when the particulars are made available to the undersigned the response shall be provided to the appellant.

It is also worth mentioning here that, there are lakhs of buildings in the city of Amritsar. Thousands of building plans are being sanctioned every year. The records regarding the Building Plans are being kept as per GR/File number wise and not as per the name of the building or the name of the business being run in that particular Building.

To explain the Point in detail following example is submitted as under:-

Let's say a Building Plan of a Particular Building (A) was passed in the year 1980 in the name of owner (B). With the passage of time property was sold to the owner (C). But there is no mechanism to change the ownership of the particular property in our records & thus in our records name of the owner remains the same which was at the time of sanctioning of the Building Plans. After the Building is constructed no relation is left with the building or its owner with the MTP Department unless any changes are made in the structure of the building.

On the other hand Property Department has allotted UID's to the properties and collects Property Tax on annual basis and they remain in touch with the Properties and its owners.

Both the Departments have different style of working although they both belong to the same Municipal Corporation. Therefore GR number or file number is required to cull out the information regarding

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a particular building because we don't know the name of the owner at present.”

6. *In light of submissions made by the respondent, mentioned above, it is assumed that a particular building has violated the building norms then according to the reply being filed by the respondent it is not feasible to penalize the owners of the building who has violated the building norms and/or constructed the building against the approval/sanction given by the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and/or constructed the building without approval of building plan . In such case, either the reply being filed by the respondent is not sustainable as they have mentioned that there are thousands of maps being approved yearly and there are lakhs of building under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar or the respondent knowingly given incorrect, incomplete or misleading information or destroyed information, which was subject matter of the request or obstructed in furnishing the information.*

7. *It is appropriate to mention that Punjab Government enacted the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 and the relevant provisions of the said act for demolition of a building and/or stoppage of a building or works in certain cases, are as follows:*

“269. Order of demolition and stoppage of buildings and works in certain cases and appeal. - (1) Where the erection of any building or execution of any work has been commenced, or is being carried on or has been completed without or contrary to the sanction referred to in section 262 or in contravention of any condition subject to which such sanction has been accorded or in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act or bye-laws made thereunder, the Commissioner may, in addition to any other action that may be taken under this Act, make an order directing that such erection or work shall be demolished by the person at whose instance the erection or work has been commenced or is being carried on or has been completed within such period (not being less than three days from the date on which a copy of the order of demolition with a brief statement of the reasons therefore has been delivered to that person) as may be specified in the order of demolition :

Provided that no order of demolition shall be made unless the person has been given by means of a notice served in such manner as the

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Commissioner may think fit, a reasonable opportunity of showing cause why such order should not be made :

Provided further that where the erection or work has not been completed, the Commissioner may by the same order or by a separate order, whether made at the time of the issue of the notice under the first proviso or at any other time, direct the person to stop the erection of work until the expiry of the period within which an appeal against the order of demolition, if made may be preferred under sub-section (2).

(2) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Commissioner made under sub- section (1) may prefer an appeal against the order to the Court of the District Judge of the City within the period specified in the order for the demolition of the erection or work to which it relates.

(3) Where an appeal is preferred under sub-section (2) against an order of demolition, the Court of the District Judge may stay the enforcement of that order on such terms, if any, and for such period, as it may think fit :

Provided that where the erection of any building or execution of any work has not been completed at the time of the making of the order of demolition, no order staying the enforcement of the order of demolition shall be made by the Court of the District Judge unless security, sufficient in the opinion of the Court, has been given by the appellant for not proceeding with such erection or work pending the disposal of the appeal.

(4) Save as provided in this section no court shall entertain any suit, application or other proceeding for injunction or other relief against the Commissioner to restrain him from taking any action or making any order in pursuance of the provisions of this section.

(5) Every order made by the Court of the District Judge on appeal and subject only to such order, the order of demolition made by the Commissioner shall be final and conclusive.

(6) Where no appeal has been preferred against an order of demolition made by the Commissioner under sub-section (1) or where an order of demolition made by the Commissioner under that sub-section has been confirmed on appeal, whether with or without variation, the person against whom the order has been made shall comply with the order within the period specified therein, or as the

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case may be, within the period, if any fixed by the Court of the District Judge on appeal, and on the failure of the person to comply with the order within such period, the Commissioner may himself cause the erection of the work to which the order relates to be demolished and the expenses of such demolition shall be recoverable from such person as an arrear of tax under this Act.

270. Order of stoppage of building or works in certain cases. -

(1) Where the erection of any building or execution of any work has been commenced or is being carried on (but has not been completed) without or contrary to the sanction referred to in section 262 or in contravention of any condition subject to which such sanction has been accorded or in contravention of any provisions of this Act or bye-laws made there under, the Commissioner may in addition to any other action that may be taken under this Act, by order require the person at whose instance the building or the work has been commenced or is being carried on, to stop the same forthwith.

(2) If an order made by the Commissioner under section 269 or under sub-section (1) of this section directing any person to stop the erection of any building or execution of any work is not complied with the Commissioner may require any police officer to remove such person and all his assistants and workmen from the premises within such time as may be specified in the requisition and such police officer shall comply with the requisition accordingly.

(3) After the requisition under sub-section (2) has been complied with, the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, depute by a written order a police officer or a Corporation officer or other Corporation employee to watch the premises in order to ensure that the erection of the building or the execution of the work is not continued.

(4) Where a police officer or a Corporation officer or other Corporation employee has been deputed under sub-section (3) to watch the premises, the cost of such deputation shall be paid by the person at whose instance such erection or execution is being continued or to whom notice under sub-section (1) was given and shall be recoverable from such person as an arrear of tax under this Act.”

8. There are also Punjab Building Bye-Laws 2018 issued by the Government of Punjab, which deals with the mechanism to compound the fee in case the building

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map/plan has been approved and in case there is non-approval of the map/sanction then it is non-compoundable. Every map under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has to be approved/sanctioned by the authority under the applicable Bye-Laws.

9. *According to the Building byelaws compound means an act to settle amicably or adjust by agreement or to agree for consideration, but not to prosecute for an offence of violations of building constructions or building byelaws or to construct without permission of the competent authority or changing the prescribed use of the land.*

10. *Now, if it is assumed that "A" has constructed a building and there are violations in the said buildings, map of which has already been approved by the competent authority then according to the Byelaws there are provisions that in such case, it is a compoundable offence, which cannot be prosecuted for offence of violation and has to settle amicably or adjust by agreement or to agree for consideration. The second instance in this case is that in case "B" has constructed the building which is non-compoundable according to the Byelaws and no map/plan has been approved by the competent authority.*

11. *Keeping in view the above the respondent PIO is directed to file the reply by way of an affidavit, duly sworn that how it will be traced whether there are any compoundable and/or non-compoundable offence when the Municipal Corporation is unable to trace in their own record. Whether, the person/owner who has committed the offence will provide the GR Number/File Number at the first instance on his own to take action against him whether the office issued any instructions or adopt any mechanism to deal with such cases especially when there is Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 and made the Building Byelaws which amended time to time to deal with such cases. According to submissions made by the Municipal Corporation no action appears to be taken by them till the owner provides GR No./File No. and/or there are large number of illegal construction compoundable/non-compoundable may exist throughout Punjab including the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar in such cases.*

12. *In case, any person who has committed the non-compoundable offence whether will provide his GR Number/File Number to the competent authority in case the building has to be demolished and which had constructed against the Byelaws. The respondent PIO is directed to clarify whether the department has made any rules and/or issued any*

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instructions contrarily and/or the building byelaws can be violated as since the competent authority i.e. Municipal Corporation, Amritsar is unable to trace the GR Number /File Number.

13. *He is further directed to submit whether any survey of large buildings have ever been conducted in the department, if so, then submit the last survey report for the perusal of the Commission.*

14. *During the hearing also, it has transpired that the plan/map is being approved by the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar through a web based technology and the data/details can be retrieved immediately. Accordingly, the respondent is also directed whether any action has been taken by the department to computerize the legacy data if so then submit the details thereafter.*

15. *It is also a fact that a copy of the last order was sent to Sh. Gulpreet Singh Aulakh, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to look into the matter but no satisfactory reply has been received from the said office.*

16. *It is also a fact that as per Section 4 every public authority shall have to maintain all its records duly catalogue and index in a manner and the form which facilitates the said act and ensure that all records that appropriate to be computerized within reasonable time and subject to availability of resources, computerized and connected to a network all of the country on different systems so that accessed to such a record is facilitated. Also, every public authority has to publish the same within 120 days from the enactment of this act.*

17. *Keeping in view the above, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Director, Local Government and the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, Sh. Gulpreet Singh Aulakh, IAS to look into the matter personally as according to the above, the reply of the respondent appears to be not sustainable in the eyes of Law. They are further directed to send the competent officer who is well conversant to deal with such cases on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end.”*

2. The respondent PIO submitted the reply by way of an affidavit, a copy of which is taken on record. The respondent also submits that in the absence of GR number, the Town Planning Wing of the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar is unable to trace the record of the prominent

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Commercial Complex in the name of Ganpati Tower at Lawrence Road, Amritsar although the information related to the property tax department has been retrieved and supplied by the respondent.

3. The respondent as per an affidavit has made the submissions that no construction activity of any type has taken place in the last years, even the number of years before filing of this appeal and has also submitted an affidavit that no onsite survey has been conducted as no complaint for want of such action has been received in the department, action regarding the composition of violations in the building, if any, cannot be undertaken as per the RTI Act, 2005 application received under this act cannot be treated as a complaint **but the department is silent on the issue that it is a large commercial complex i.e. Ganpati Tower -19, Duni Chand Road, Lawrence Road, Amritsar and has constructed more than 75 shops having 05 floors. The said complex is situated in the posh area of Amritsar and according to the appellant there is no adequate parking facility available to the commuters and has sought the information related to the said building.** As such, the Commission still not satisfied with the statement/plea taken by the Municipal Corporation's Town Planning Wing that the information pertaining to map cannot be retrieved from the official record. It is also a fact that the department of Local Government has its own Chief Vigilance Officer and deals with most of the complaint cases in the State.

4. Keeping in view the above, under Section 25(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, a copy of this order is being sent to the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government to enquire the matter and a specific report on the following, including, the queries already raised vide order dated 23.7.2025, mentioned above, be submitted to the Commission on/or before the next date of hearing

- a. Whether the submissions of the respondent to get the GR number from the owner is justified to see whether the plan is approved or not especially when the complete details/address of the building has been disclosed;
- b. Whether any action has been taken by the department till date to retrieve the building plan details on its own;
- c. Whether the building plan information can be retrieved by the Municipal corporations in the State on its own or not;

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d. Whether any commercial building can be constructed having no adequate parking facility;

A copy of an affidavit filed by the respondent PIO along with the RTI application is attached with this order. He is further directed to send the fact knowing officer/official on the next date of hearing and/or whosoever conducted the enquiry

5. To come up on **14.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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....Respondents

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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 03.09.2025.

2. The case could not be heard as the video conference room is occupied due to meeting of elections in the state. So far as the information is concerned, the respondent during the last hearing made the submissions that the complete information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant and the PIO was directed to file an affidavit that whatever information available in the official record related to the RTI application has been supplied and nothing more is available on record but no such affidavit has been placed on record.
3. Since, the case could not be heard, the respondent-Public Information Officer is given an opportunity to file an affidavit on/or before the next date of hearing.
4. To come up on **15.1.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 03.12.2025

(Inderpal Singh)
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