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Sh. Sahib Singh, S/o Sh. Gurdiyal Singh,
R/o Village Jallo Ke , PO Bare Ke Block,
Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur.-152002.
M: 9417626662

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer
Ferozepur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5600 OF 2022

Present :- (i) Sh. Sahib Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the earlier numerous orders passed by the former SIC Sh.Maninder Singh Patti and the last order dated 29.08.2023 vide which an opportunity was given to Sh.Kulwant Singh , Panchayat Secretary to provide the information to the appellant. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 17.06.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 23.08.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today, Sh. Sahib Singh the appellant states that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. This is the first hearing



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before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded **one last opportunity** to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 17.06.2022 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

4. On 29.08.2023, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO before the bench of former SIC Sh.Maninder Singh Patti, but the respondent has failed to file the reply so far. **One last opportunity** is given to the Respondent to file reply of show cause notice issued to him before the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

5. To come up on **06.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Kulbir Pal, S/o Sh. Assa Ram,
R/o Village Kalyanpur,
Jalandhar.
M : 9872089251

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Kalyanpur,
Block Jalandhar (West). District Jalandhar.

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer
Jalandhar .

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer
Jalandhar .

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5609 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Kulbir Pal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the earlier numerous orders passed by the former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon and the last order dated 01.04.2024 vide which DDPO, Jalandhar was impleaded as respondent no. 2. . After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 27.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.



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3. Today, the appellant states that he has not received the information till date.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, an email has been received from the DDPO, Jalandhar, vide which respondent-PIO, o/o DDPO, Jalandhar has given directions to the BDPO, Jalandhar (West) to appear before the Commission.
5. After going through the case file, it is ascertained that during the last hearing PIO, o/o DDPO, Jalandhar was impleaded as respondent no. 2. But today neither the PIO, o/o DDPO, Jalandhar present nor he has provided any information to the appellant. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.

This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence taking a lenient view, one **last opportunity** is given to the Respondent no. 2 i.e. PIO, o/o DDPO, Jalandhar to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which action u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.
6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
7. To come up on 06.05.2024 **at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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R/o Village Kalyanpur,
Jalandhar.
M : 9872089251

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayat ,Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer
Block Jalandhar West, District Jalandhar.

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5608 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Kulbir Pal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sukhdev Kumar, Panchayat Secretary (7986421059)

ORDER

1. In the instant Appeal Case, the appellant filed RTI application on 01.05.2023 with Punjab Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Mohali on five points , the same is as under:-

- (i) Copy of the action taken report of Secretary,Rural Development Panchayat Department on my complaint dated 18.04.2023 forwarded vide email dated 18.04.2023 by chief Minister Punjab email.
- (ii) Copy of action taken report of Finance commissioner Rural Development and Panchayat Department Mohali on my complaint dated 18.04.2023 forwarded vide email dated 18.04.2023 by Chief Minister Punjab



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- (iii) Name of the investigation officer who conducted investigation on my complaint
- (iv) Copies of the investigation report by investigating officer.
- (v) Copies of procedure, government police, of any other law by which the above complaint is resolved.

On receiving no information from the respondent Public Information Officer (hereinafter PIO), the appellant filed first appeal with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal in the Commission on 25.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.12.2023 in the Commission before the bench of former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon.

3. On 27.12.2023, the appellant was absent and the PIO, O/o BDPO Block Jalandhar West, Jalandhar was impleaded as respondent no. 2. Accordingly, the appeal was adjourned on 05.02.2025. On 05.02.2025, appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far. PIO, o/o BDPO, Block West, Jalandhar was not present, hence a show cause notice was issued to him and on the same day an inspection rights were given to the appellant. On the next date of hearing i.e. 21.02.2024, the appellant stated that he had gone to inspect the record but the record was not shown to him. On 20.03.2024, Sh. Sewa Singh, BDPO was appeared and stated that the information is related with the PIO, O/o DDPO, Jalandhar. Hence PIO, o/o DDPO Jalandhar was directed to come present. But Sh. Sewa Singh was failed to file reply of show cause notice issued. On 01.04.2024, again Sh. Sewa Singh, BDPO appeared and stated that the information is related with the DDPO, Jalandhar and DDPO, Jalandhar was again directed to come present.

After the retirement of former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon, the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned and fresh notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.



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4. Today, Sh. Sukhdev Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, the respondent present and is totally oblivious of facts of the case and could not help of the Commission. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by the officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person less than PIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of officials, who is not aware about the facts of the case will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the complainant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against PIO under Section 20(2) of RTI Act, 2005.

5. Sh. Kulbir Pal the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. He further states that he has not been provided the information within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. He has, therefore, suffered mental harassment and financial loss in attending the hearings in the Commission. For this the appellant demands that the Respondent be penalized and he be compensated for the detriment suffered.

6. The Commission carefully looked into all the facts and circumstances of the case. This is a fit case, where award of compensation under Section 19 (8) (b) is called for. The Commission has no doubt that this states of affairs has come about on account of the absence of adequate machinery for handling the RTI work in DDPO, Jalandhar. PIO, DDPO, Jalandhar is thus, responsible for the inadequate handling of the RTI requests and in the instant case the Commission, therefore, order that compensation of Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five thousand only) be paid to the Appellant by the office of DDPO, Jalandhar. It is clarified that the amount of compensation is to be paid by the public authority i.e DDPO, Jalandhar and not by the PIO. ***PIO, o/o BDPO, Block Jalandhar West is directed to send his show cause reply before the next date of hearing.***

7. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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8. To come up on **06.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 04.03.2025

Sd/-
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Sh. Jaswant Singh, S/o Sh. Balvir Singh,
R/o Village MeghaPanj, GarahiHithar (GoleKe),
Tehsil Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur-152024.
M: 9465813882

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

2.Public Information Officer, (**registered post**)
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4617 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Jaswant Singh, Appellant.
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the earlier numerous orders passed by the former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon and the order dated 04.04.2024, vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. After his retirement, the said appeal case was reallocated to the bench of the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 06.02.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.



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3. The appellant Sh. Jaswant Singh states that he has not received any information till date.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondents today. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing.
5. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file , it is ascertained that during the first hearing dated 27.09.2023, before the bench of former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon PIO ,o/o DDPO, Ferozepur was impleaded as respondent no.2 and the appeal was adjourned on 20.12.2023. On 20.12.2023, the respondent was not present and an opportunity was given to him to appear before the Commission. On the next date of hearing i.e. 12.02.2024, again the respondent was not present hence a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO, o/o DDPO, Ferozepur. On the next dates i.e. 11.03.2024 and 04.04.2024, neither the respondent and nor the appellant was present.
6. Today again no one has appeared on behalf of the PIO O/o DDPO, Ferozepur. Neither he has informed the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply of show cause notice issued to him before the bench of former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities
7. However, this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence, taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to the PIO O/o DDPO Ferozepur to appear before the Commission along with the complete information and reply to the show-cause, failing which, appropriate action shall be initiated against the erring official/officials.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4617 OF 2023

8. To come up on **02.07.2025 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office for further proceedings. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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Shri Kuljeet Singh, (98185 69452)
S/o Late Shri Mohan Singh,
R/o House No. 177, Sector 23,
Housing Board Colony,
NIT, Faridabad-121005

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Station House Officer (SHO),
Sarabha Nagar, Police Station,
Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4148 OF 2022

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh Umesh Kumar, ASI (7888580492)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.10.2024, vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today the appellant is again absent.
3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant through registered post.
4. The perusal of the file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant on 03.03.2025. Appellant is advised to go through the same and point out deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information within 10 days. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4148 OF 2022

On 11.07.2023, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO before the bench of former SIC Sh.Maninder Singh Patti , but it is observed that the Respondent has failed to file any reply to the show cause notice issued to him. **One last opportunity** is given to the Respondent-PIO is directed to file his reply to the show-cause notice on the next date of hearing. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. *It is made clear that in case the Appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in his absence shall be passed*

5. To come up on **06.05.2024 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date : 04.03.2025

(Dr.Bhupinder S Batth)
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Shri Sawinder Singh, (98143 33864),
S/o Shri Mukhtiar Singh,
R/o Village Chaugawa,
Tehsil & District Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Tarsika, District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4326 OF 2022

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

Brief facts of the case is that the former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti heard the above appeal case four times i.e. on 13.02.2023, 25.04.2023, 19.06.2023 and 11.07.2023. On 25.04.2023, respondent stated that the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official record as the previous Panchayat Secretary/Sarpanch has not provided the record till date. Hence, the respondent was directed to file an Undertaking in this regard. On 19.06.2023, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO, o/o BDPO, Block Tarsika, Distt. Amritsar. On the next date i.e. 11.07.2023- DDPO was directed to constitute a committee to look into the matter and after a proper inquiry, FIR would be lodged against the erring official and submit its report to the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Both the parties were not present even on the last date of hearing before the undersigned. The perusal of the file shows that neither the respondent is present today nor he has sent report to the Commission as directed by the former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti on 11.07.2023. This

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shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. It is felt that conduct of Respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give another opportunity to the respondent -PIO to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. DDPO, Amritsar is again directed to compliance the order of former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti dated 11.07.2023 and send the report to the Commission.

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

5. To come up on **08.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 04.03.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

CC: DDPO, Amritsar

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Sh. Gurtej Singh Khattrra,
S/o Sh. Bakhsish Singh Khattrra,
R/o Village RohtiMouran ,
PO Village Rohta, Tehsil Nabha,
Distt Patiala.-147201.
M : 8872474230

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Public Works Department (B&R),
Tehsil Complex, Nabha, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer, Circle Division No2,
LokNirman Department (B &M),
Public Works Department (B&R),
Mini Secretariat, Block-C, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2900 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(i) For the respondent : Sh. Mahesh Kumar, SDE (9814278333)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.10.2024 vide which an inspection rights were given to the appellant.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has sent an email at diary no. 488 dated 04.03.2025 stating that he has received the information and that whatever has been received has not been duly authenticated. He further adds that he has not been provided the information within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. He has, therefore, suffered mental harassment. For this the Appellant demands that the Respondent be penalized and he be compensated for the detriment suffered.

3. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant filed RTI application with the department on 01.05.2023 and as per reply sent by the appellant, he has received information after lapse of more than one and a half year. Respondent is directed to file written reply regarding delay in providing the information on the next date of hearing with

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a copy to the appellant. He is also directed to send attested copy of information to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **20.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 04.03.2025

Sd/-
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M : 9041004313

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 212 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 10.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Tejidner Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific reply, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 10.09.2023 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

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APPEAL CASE NO. 212 OF 2024

4. To come up on **16.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate,
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M: 9041004313

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 215 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 10.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific reply, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 10.09.2023 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 215 OF 2024

Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

4. To come up on **16.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S. Batth)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Date: 04.03.2025

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 216 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 25.09.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific reply, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 01.08.2023 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.
Respondents to

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note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

4. To come up on **16.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 04.03.2025

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Appellant

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Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 217 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 14.10.2023 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific reply, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 07.09.2023 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided,

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before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

4. To come up on **16.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 218 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific reply, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 01.08.2023 and present a

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photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

4. To come up on **16.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Distt Ludhiana-141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways,
Bus Stand, Batala, Distt Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, State Transport Department, PB,
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 224 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harsh Luthra, Clerk (9876294196)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 12.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. He further states that he has also brought copy of information today in the Commission, which is handed over to the appellant.

5. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is satisfied with the point no.1. But he is not satisfied with the point no.2.



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5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant demanded information on two points. Regarding point no. 1, the appellant is satisfied. Regarding point no.2, the respondent states that the information demanded is third party information, hence cannot be provided. In so far as information demanded by the Appellant on point no. 2, the Commission see no reason why it should be denied. As it does not constitute personal or confidential information of any third party but is, in fact, a matter of public record. The law is meant to be accessible to all citizens, as it directly impacts their rights and responsibilities concerning government- operated bus services.

6. In light of the above, the respondent's argument is overruled. The requested information does not fall within the ambit of Section 8(1)(j) or any other exemption under the RTI Act. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to provide the information to the applicant within the stipulated time frame as per the provisions of the Act.

7. Adjourned to **06.05.2025 (11.30AM)** for further proceedings. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)
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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Distt Ludhiana-141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways,
Bus Stand, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, State Transport Department, PB,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 226 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Jasbir Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.03.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Sh. Jasbir Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific reply, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 04.09.2023 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information

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provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

4. To come up on **16.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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