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Sh. Surinder Kumar Viridi, S/o Late Sh. Babu Ram Viridi,
H.No 2385/2A, New Service Station, Mall Road,
Near Amar Hotel, Patiala. (M: 9815291861)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Patiala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6748 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
23.06.2023	26.06.2023	02.08.2023	-----	12.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Surinder Kumar (on webex)

Respondent: Sh. SandeepSaini, Architect (M: 9646300176),

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant appeared through **CISCO Webex** and submitted that no information/reply has been provided to him till date. He has also filed written submissions through email dated **05.05.2026**.
3. The respondent, **Sh. SandeepSaini**, is present and submitted that a point-wise reply pertaining to the RTI application had already been supplied to the appellant vide letter No. **468/BLD dated 25.07.2023**. A copy of the same has also been submitted before the Commission, which is taken on record.
4. In view of the above, both the parties along with the concerned officials from the **Land Branch** and **Architect Branch, Municipal Corporation, Patiala** are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with complete relevant record for proper adjudication of the matter.
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **29.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
05.05.2026

Sd/-
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Sh. Rohit Kumar, S/o Sh. Major Chand,
Village Post Office Karman, Tehsil Guruharsahai,
Distt Ferozepur (M: 9878562777)
RTI Application No 66340

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIGP), Personnel -2, Pb,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7305 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
18.05.2023	----	18.06.2023	19.06.2023	06.11.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Smt. SarabjeetKaur (M: 9592487249), Senior Assistant
Smt. JaspreetKaur (M: 9914581849), Clerk

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. Today, the appellant is absent. Despite service of notice of hearing through registered post, neither has the appellant informed the Commission regarding his absence nor has any written submission been received on his behalf.
3. The respondents, Smt. SarabjeetKaur and Sh. JaspreetKaur, are present and submitted that a reply to the RTI application had already been furnished to the appellant vide letter no. 3542 dated 07.07.2023. A copy of the same has also been submitted before the Commission **vide letter ref no. 969 dated 26.02.2026, wherein it has been stated that the information sought by the appellant is exempted under Sections 8(1)(j) and 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.** The same is taken on record.
4. In view of the absence of the appellant, one final opportunity is granted to him to file a rejoinder, if any, against the reply furnished by the respondents and to remain present before the Commission to pursue the matter, failing which the case shall be decided on merits in his absence.
5. With the above directions, **the case is adjourned to 29.07.2026 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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05.05.2026

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Sh. Harpreet Singh, S/o Sh. DarshanLal,
R/o Aryanagar, PO Dinanagar,
DisttGurdaspur- 143531(M: 7508002016)
RTI Application No 89710

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP),
Amritsar (Rural), Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7307 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
15.09.2023	19.09.2023	19.09.2023	----	04.11.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: ASI Sh. Harjinder Singh (M: 9872952055),
Smt. SarabjeetKaur (M: 9592487249), Senior Assistant- O/o DGP, Pb, Chd

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. Despite service of notice of hearing through registered post, neither has the appellant informed the Commission regarding his absence nor has any written submission been received on his behalf.
3. The respondents, ASI Sh. Harjinder Singh and Smt. SarabjeetKaur, are present. ASI Sh. Harjinder Singh submitted that the information pertaining to the RTI application had already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 81 dated 13.03.2026 through e-mail and WhatsApp. A copy of the same has also been submitted before the Commission through e-mail dated 04.05.2026, which is taken on record.
4. In view of the absence of the appellant, one final opportunity is granted to him to file a rejoinder, if any, against the reply furnished by the respondents and to remain present before the Commission to pursue the matter, failing which the case shall be decided on merits in his absence.
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **29.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Baldev Kumar, S/o Surjit Ram, &
Sh. Gurpreet Singh, S/o Sh. Raghuvir Singh,
H.No 1789, Sector- 11, College Colony,
Near Shiv Mandir, DeraBassi, Distt Mohali. (M: 9417304320)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, DeraBassi.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Government, Patiala (Punjab).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6836 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
14.07.2023	----	28.08.2023	----	20.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Rajesh Kumar (M: 9646002654), Junior Engineer

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. Despite service of notice of hearing through registered post, neither has the appellant informed the Commission regarding his absence nor has any written submission been received on his behalf.
3. The respondent, Sh. Rajesh Kumar, is present and has submitted a written submission vide letter ref. no. 1060 dated 16.04.2026, containing a point-wise reply to the RTI application before the Commission. A copy of the same has also been endorsed to the appellant. The same is taken on record.
4. In view of the absence of the appellant, one final opportunity is granted to him to file a rejoinder, if any, against the reply furnished by the respondent and to remain present before the Commission to pursue the matter, failing which the case shall be decided on merits in his absence.
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **29.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. NitinKhurama, S/o Sh. Ramesh Khurana,
82B, RTM Tary Dream Homes, Behind World One,
Kharar, Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali). (M: 9867610101)
RTI Application No 83250

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Inspector General of Police,
Rupnagar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6908 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
16.08.2023	14.09.2023	20.09.2023	26.09.2023	22.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh (M: 7837741687), HC & Incharge of RTI Cell

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. Neither any intimation regarding his absence nor any written submission has been received. Sh. Maninder Singh, HC & Incharge, RTI Cell, appeared on behalf of the respondent department and requested for an adjournment to file the reply in the matter.
3. In the interest of justice, adjournment is granted. The respondent is directed to file a point-wise reply along with supporting documents, if any, before the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant. The appellant is also directed to remain present on the next date of hearing, failing which the case shall be decided ex parte on merits.
4. With this case, the case is adjourned to **29.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Jagtar Singh, S/o Sh. Jaswant Singh,
H.No 2634, Sector- 65, Tehsil & Distt SAS Nagar.
Pin Code- 160065. (M: 9878902634)
RTI Application No 55906

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Inspector General of Police,
Rupnagar Range, Rupnagar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7089 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
13.03.2023	30.03.2023	12.04.2023	02.05.2023	01.11.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Jagtar Singh (M: 9878902634)

Respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh (M: 7837741687), HC & Incharge of RTI Cell

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant, Sh. Jagtar Singh, is present and submitted that no information/reply has been received by him till date. Sh. Maninder Singh, HC & Incharge, RTI Cell, appeared on behalf of the respondent department and requested for an adjournment to file the reply in the matter.
3. In the interest of justice, adjournment is granted. The respondent is directed to file a complete point-wise reply along with supporting documents, if any, before the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant.
4. With this case, the case is adjourned to **29.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Hardev Singh, S/o Sh. Sadhu Singh,
Village – Ramuwal, Tehsil – Nakodar,
Distt. - Jalandhar (M.-9915490701)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Mehatpur, Distt. Jalandhar

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4396, 4397, 4398, 4399, 4400, 4401, 4402, 4403, 4404 of 2024

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Present:

Appellant: Sh. Hardev Singh (M; 9915490701)

Respondent: Sh. Lakhpal Singh (M: 9464887982), Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **28.01.2026**.
2. Today, the appellant, **Sh. Hardev Singh**, is present and reiterated that despite repeated directions issued by the Commission, complete and relevant information has still not been furnished to him in all the above-mentioned **09 cases**.
3. On behalf of the respondent department, **Sh. Lakhpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary**, is present along with the original record and submitted an affidavit purportedly signed by the Sarpanch in support of the compliance.
4. The appellant, after perusal of the original record produced before the Commission, submitted that the documents/information furnished are irrelevant to the information actually sought in the RTI applications. The appellant further contended that he has been subjected to unnecessary harassment for a considerable period due to non-supply of proper information. It was also pointed out that the affidavit submitted by the respondent has been signed by the **Sarpanch, who is not the competent authority/Public Information Officer under the RTI Act, 2005**, and therefore the same cannot be treated as valid compliance of the Commission's directions.
5. The Commission has carefully considered the matter and finds that the directions issued vide order dated **28.01.2026** have not been complied with in their true letter and spirit. The respondent has failed to furnish proper certified information and has instead placed reliance upon an affidavit of an authority not competent under the RTI Act, 2005. Such conduct reflects a casual approach towards compliance of the Commission's orders and has caused avoidable inconvenience and harassment to the appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 4396,4397, 4398,4399,4400,4401,4402,4403,4404 of 2024

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6. In view of the above, the earlier directions issued by the Commission are hereby **reiterated and upheld**. The respondent is directed to furnish a **fresh, complete, point-wise and duly certified reply** strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, in all the above-mentioned **09 cases**, within **15 days** from the receipt of this order. The respondent shall also furnish a **proper affidavit sworn by the concerned PanchayatSecretary/BDPO**, being the competent authority, regarding the information supplied to the appellant.
7. The Commission notes with concern that the appellant has undergone significant harassment and inconvenience for no fault on his part due to the continued non-compliance and furnishing of irrelevant information by the respondent authorities. Accordingly, in exercise of powers conferred under **Section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005**, the Commission hereby awards **compensation of ₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** to the appellant, **Sh. Hardev Singh**, in **Appeal Case No. 4396 of 2023**.
8. The said amount shall be paid by way of a crossed cheque or demand draft by the Public Authority, i.e. the office of **BDPO, Mehatpur, Jalandhar**, within **15 days** from the receipt of this order and compliance thereof shall be submitted before the Commission.
9. The respondent shall also file a detailed compliance report regarding supply of complete certified information in all the above-mentioned **09 cases**, failing which appropriate proceedings under **Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005**, shall be initiated against the erring officials.
10. With this case, the case is adjourned to **29.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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