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Sh. Sukhdev Singh Choudhary,
Flat no. 602/B, Green Lotus Avenue,
Singhpura Chowk, Zirakpur (Punjab)
(M.8872277782)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Zirakpur,
District – S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1282 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Adv. Gulshan Mehta, along with Sh. Pankaj Singla Draftsman on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO represented by Adv. Gulshan Mehta, along with Sh. Pankaj Singla Draftsman state that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, neither the appellant visited their office nor intimated regarding his inability for visiting the office of the respondent PIO on the fixed date and time on 16.03.2026.

3. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation. Accordingly, he contacted on phone and on the asking of the Bench, the appellant stated that as directed by the Commission during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent but no record has been shown to him for inspection.

4. In view of the above, the appellant **Sh. Sukhdev Singh Choudhary**, is given one more opportunity to inspect the record and procuring the information, which he requires. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to arrange for inspection of the concerned record pertaining to RTI application Dated 17.10.2024 as mutually fixed today on 11.05.2026 at 12.00 Noon. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 1282 of 2025

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1283 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Adv. Gulshan Mehta, along with Sh. Pankaj Singla Draftsman on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO represented by Adv. Gulshan Mehta, along with Sh. Pankaj Singla Draftsman state that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, neither the appellant visited their office nor intimated regarding his inability for visiting the office of the respondent PIO on the fixed date and time on 16.03.2026.

3. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without intimation. Accordingly, he contacted on phone and on the asking of the Bench, the appellant stated that as directed by the Commission during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent but no record has been shown to him for inspection.

4. In view of the above, the appellant **Sh. Sukhdev Singh Choudhary**, is given one more opportunity to inspect the record and procuring the information, which he requires. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to arrange for inspection of the concerned record pertaining to RTI application Dated 22.10.2024 as mutually fixed today on 11.05.2026 at 12.00 Noon. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

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5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
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Sh. Amarjit Singh S/o Sh. Surjit Singh,
H. No. 276, Western Homes, Sector 125,
Jhungian Road, Kharar, District- Mohali(Punjab).
(M.9855002632) RTI application No.156565.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Kharar, District – S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1305 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Amarjit Singh , the appellant.
(ii) Adv. Gulshan Mehta, Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Draftsman along with Sh. Kuljeet Singh,
Building Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that despite the directions of the Commission, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Adv. Gulshan Mehta, Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Draftsman along with Sh. Kuljeet Singh, Building Clerk state that they are trying their best to locate the record and has requested that some more time be given.

4. On the request of the respondent, **last and final opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to provide the requisite information to the appellant, on or before the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Kharar, District – S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1306 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Amarjit Singh , the appellant.
(ii) Adv. Gulshan Mehta, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that despite the directions of the Commission, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Adv. Gulshan Mehta, Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Draftsman along with Sh. Kuljeet Singh, Building Clerk state that they are trying their best to locate the record and has requested that some more time be given.

4. On the request of the respondent, **last and final opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to provide the requisite information to the appellant, on or before the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer-1
Punjab Mandi Board, Civil Division,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65 A, Mandi Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 506 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, SDO on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the commission

2. At today's hearing, the appellant appeared through cisco webex submits that as directed by the Commission, he has already sent his rebuttal vide letter dated 27.04.2026 diarized in the Commission dated 29.04.2026 mentioning therein that he needs this information in order to check misappropriation of funds and alleged favors shown to particular parties/contractors, thereby promoting corruption was the main motive being exposing the illegal activists underway in the Govt., Department.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Gurpreet Singh, SDO states that they have already denied the information being third party which cannot be disclosed to the appellant.

4. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions made by the respondent PIO and the material available on record. The respondent PIO has denied the information sought by invoking the ground that the same pertains to third-party information and, therefore, cannot be disclosed under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

5. Upon examination, the Commission finds that the Respondent has failed to justify the denial in accordance with the specific exemptions provided under Section 8(i)(j) of the RTI Act. Mere classification of the information as "third-party information" does not automatically attract exemption from disclosure. The respondent PIO has neither demonstrated how disclosure would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy nor established that the information is exempt under any provision of the Act.

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Appeal Case No. 506 of 2025

6. Further, the Commission is satisfied that the information sought relates to matters involving public activity/public interest and disclosure thereof would advance transparency and accountability. Accordingly, the submission of the respondent PIO is overruled. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to provide complete and point-wise information as sought by the appellant in the RTI application within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this Order, free of cost, under intimation to the Commission. In case of non-compliance, appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 shall follow.

7. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 07th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
Opp. Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer-1
Punjab Mandi Board, Civil Division,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65 A, Mandi Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 505 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, SDO on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the commission

2. At today's hearing, the appellant appeared through cisco webex submits that as directed by the Commission, he has already sent his rebuttal vide letter dated 27.04.2026 diarized in the Commission dated 29.04.2026 mentioning therein that he needs this information in order to check misappropriation of funds and alleged favors shown to particular parties/contractors, thereby promoting corruption was the main motive being exposing the illegal activists underway in the Govt., Department.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Gurpreet Singh, SDO states that they have already denied the information being third party which cannot be disclosed to the appellant.

4. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions made by the respondent PIO and the material available on record. The respondent PIO has denied the information sought by invoking the ground that the same pertains to third-party information and, therefore, cannot be disclosed under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

5. Upon examination, the Commission finds that the Respondent has failed to justify the denial in accordance with the specific exemptions provided under Section 8(i)(j) of the RTI Act. Mere classification of the information as "third-party information" does not automatically attract exemption from disclosure. The respondent PIO has neither demonstrated how disclosure would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy nor established that the information is exempt under any provision of the Act.

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Appeal Case No. 505 of 2025

6. Further, the Commission is satisfied that the information sought relates to matters involving public activity/public interest and disclosure thereof would advance transparency and accountability. Accordingly, the submission of the respondent PIO is overruled. The respondent PIO is hereby directed to provide complete and point-wise information as sought by the appellant in the RTI application within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this Order, free of cost, under intimation to the Commission. In case of non-compliance, appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 shall follow.

7. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 07th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
Post Office: Ramgarh, District – Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1496 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the commission

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 29.04.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that despite the directions of the Commission, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested for an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector files a replies sent to the appellant vide letter dated 30.12.2024 and again on 20.04.2026 mentioning therein that the information as sought by the appellant regarding the reply submitted by the E.O, Nagar Council, Morinda in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High against CWP PIO No. 97 of 2024, has still not been filed by the concerned authority and a letter dated 09.07.2024 has already been issued to the concerned authority to file their written reply in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, as soon as possible under intimation to the Head Office.

4. On the request of the appellant, **last opportunity** is awarded to the appellant with the directions to go through the reply and file a rebuttal, if he wishes so, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order to the respondent as well as the Commission and no further adjournment will be given in this appeal case. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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Appeal Case No. 1496 of 2025

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
Post Office Ramgarh, District – Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 561 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO O/o CVO Cell Local Govt., on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 29.04.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that despite the directions of the Commission, no reply/information has been provided to him, so far.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO, has submitted a written reply stating therein that the appellant had sought information regarding the action taken report on his complaint pertaining to 300 unauthorized colonies, which had been forwarded by the Punjab Human Rights Commission to the Director, Local Government, Punjab. The respondent further submitted that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant in earlier RTI applications bearing AC Nos. 1311 and 1312 vide reply dated 19.01.2026.

4. Accordingly, on the request of the appellant, **one more opportunity** is awarded to him to go through the reply of the respondent PIO and file a rebuttal to the respondent PIO within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, with a copy to the Commission. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

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Punjab

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Sh. Arvind Kumar S/o Sh. Banarsi Ram,
H. No. 196-A, Platinum Homes, Tehsil – Derabassi,
Distt. – S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) – 140604 (Punjab)
(M:8467066625) **RTI Application No. 158557.**

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dera Bassi,
District – S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive officer,
Nagar Council, Dera Bassi,
District– S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2039 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Ganesh Singh, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, a letter diarized in the Commission dated 24.03.2026 received from the appellant mentioning therein that the respondent PIO has addressed only one i.e point no. 6 and rest of the information is still pending.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Ganesh Singh, Draftsman states that he is not aware about the facts of this case and requested that some short adjournment may please be given.

4. On the request of the respondent PIO, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to provide a written, point wise reply to the appellant, as per the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested, before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Surjit Singh Saini, S/o Sh.Bishan Singh,
263, Khurla Kingra, Backside Punjab Sweet Shop,
Jalandhar. (M.9815506612)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35/A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35/A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6665 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Surjit Singh Saini, the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 02.08.2025 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 19.09.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.11.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.07.05.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that after the lapse of nine months, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present. They have also not intimated about their non appearances for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Notice of the Commission.

4. Nevertheless, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

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Appeal Case No.6665 of 2025

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th May, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Sh. Ankit Kumar, S/o Sh. Lekh Ram
Village Heeran Wali (242), Post Office: Khui Khara,
Tehsil & District Fazilka. (M.9915815416)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Agricultural Officer,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Department,
Phase-6, Agriculture Bhawan, Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 659 of 2026

Present: (i) Sh. Ankit Kumar, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 29.06.2025 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 27.10.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.01.2026 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.07.05.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that after the lapse of eleven months, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present. However, an email dated 05.05.2026 has been received wherein the respondent PIO has requested for an adjournment.

4. On the request of the respondent PIO, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 659 of 2026

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, S/o Sh. Des Raj Watts,
H.No. B-V-1534, Street No.1, Lajpat Nagar, Abohar,
District Fazilka. (M.9876723012).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6676 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Sourav Makkar, Clerk, Sh. Deepak Kumar, Clerk and Sh. Ramandeep, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 30.06.2025 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 01.08.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.11.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.07.05.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that after the lapse of eleven months, correct information has not been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the correct and complete information.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Sourav Makkar, Clerk, Sh. Deepak Kumar, Clerk and Sh. Ramandeep, Clerk state that they have brought the reply/information to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to go through the information and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 6676 of 2025

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 07th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, S/o Sh. Des Raj Watts,
H.No. B-V-1534, Street No.1, Lajpat Nagar, Abohar,
District Fazilka. (M.9876723012).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6677 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Sourav Makkar, Clerk, Sh. Deepak Kumar, Clerk and Sh. Ramandeep, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 01.08.2025 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 01.09.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.11.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.07.05.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that after the lapse of nine months, correct information has not been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the correct and complete information.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Sourav Makkar, Clerk, Sh. Deepak Kumar, Clerk and Sh. Ramandeep, Clerk state that they have brought the reply/information to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to go through the information and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 6677 of 2025

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 07th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6678 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Mahinder Kumar, Inspector on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 01.08.2025 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 01.09.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.11.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.07.05.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant has authorized Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, (his Father) to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that after the lapse of nine months, correct information has not been provided to the appellant by the respondent PIO and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the correct and complete information.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Mahinder Kumar, Inspector states that he has brought the reply/information to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the representative of the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to go through the information and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 6678 of 2025

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 07th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Jasdev Inder Singh, S/o Sh. Jaswant Singh,
H.No.254, Phase-1, Urban Estate, Patiala.
(M.9717887178)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Regional Transport Officer,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Transport Officer,
Patiala.

.Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3823 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh. Jasdev Inder Singh, the appellant, in person.
(ii) Sh. Sher Singh, Sr. Assistant the respondent PIO.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.01.2025 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 15.05.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.07.05.2026 by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that after the lapse of more than a year, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Sher Singh, Sr. Assistant states that reply/information has already been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 28.04.2026. Copy of the same is also handed over to the appellant for is perusal.

4. After going through the reply, the appellant states that this reply is irrelevant and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the correct information.

5. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the Commission is of the view that the respondent PIO provided a reply with which the appellant is not satisfied, as the same is irrelevant and does not adequately address the information sought under the RTI Act. Accordingly, the respondent PIO sought an adjournment. Considering the request, the matter is adjourned. The respondent PIO is directed to file an appropriate reply and provide the requisite information, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, on or before the next date of hearing.

6. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 3823 of 2025

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 07th May, 2026

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Sh. Bhajan Chand,
H.No.77, Giani Zail Singh, Nagar,
Roopnagar. (M.9417000877)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,
LG-3 Branch, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector:35/A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector:35/A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6133 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh. Bhajan Chand, the appellant, in person.
(ii) Sh. Taranjit Singh, PIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.07.2025 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 18.08.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.07.05.2026 by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that after the lapse of ten months, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far.

3. The respondent PIO Sh. Taranjit Singh, PIO files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 04.05.2026 mentioning therein that the requisite information cannot be furnished to the appellant, as the matter is pending before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court against Civil Writ Petition No. 30637/2025. Further, the respondent PIO denied the requested information on the ground that the same pertains to a third party also.

4. The appellant submitted that he is seeking his own personal information under the RTI Act. The respondent PIO denied the information on the ground that the matter regarding the same is pending before the Hon'ble High Court in a Civil Writ Petition, which is not acceptable at all.

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Appeal Case No. 6133 of 2025

5. The Commission observes that mere pendency of a matter before the Hon'ble High Court does not attract any exemption under the provisions of the RTI Act, unless the information sought is specifically exempted under Section 8 of the Act.

6. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to bring all the record related to the RTI application of the appellant in the Commission, insofar as it pertains to his personal information and is available on record, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act and provide the permissible information to the appellant after severing exempt portions, if any, in terms of Section 10 of the RTI Act. In case any portion of the information is denied, the respondent PIO shall clearly specify the precise exemption clause applicable to each point and record detailed reasons justifying such denial. The exercise shall be completed within the stipulated period under the RTI Act.

7. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 07th May, 2026

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner (General),
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5091 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh. Deepak Kumar , the appellant in person.
(ii) Sh. Paramjeet Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 03.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant submitted that an RTI application was filed on 22.11.2023, however, till date neither any reply has been furnished nor any information has been supplied by the respondent Public Information Officer. It has further been observed by the Commission that despite service of notice, the respondent PIO has failed to appear before the Commission on two consecutive dates of hearing and has also not filed any written submission or explanation in the matter. The appellant prayed that heavy penalty be imposed upon the erring respondent PIO for deliberate negligence and non-compliance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO represented by Sh. Paramjeet Kumar states that the respondent PIO is busy in Census duty and has sought adjournment to file a written reply.

4. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the conduct of the respondent PIO reflects a serious disregard towards the statutory obligations cast upon him under the RTI Act, 2005 as well as towards the proceedings before this Commission. However, in the interest of justice, **a last opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and file a detailed written reply along with complete information, if not already supplied. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear or non-compliance of this order, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed ex-parte and initiate appropriate proceedings under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 without any further opportunity.

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Appeal Case No. 5091 of 2025

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh.
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07th May, 2026

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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