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**Shri Jasbir Singh (98882-96107)**

Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,  
PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana (141123)

**...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. 4098 OF 2022**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh (98882-96107)  
Respondent: Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk (95014-75600)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **13.05.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that he brought a point wise reply to this hearing to be provided to the appellant. A copy of the reply is handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. After examining the reply, appellant states that he is satisfied with the reply provided at point no. 1 only. The appellant states that information sought at point no. 2 to 5 is still pending. The appellant further, states that he desires only information sought at point no. 2 of his RTI application.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that penalty of Rs. 10.000.00 was imposed upon the PIO office of, Secretary, RTA, Faridkot, on 06.06.2023, by the bench of former SIC, Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi. The respondent PIO, has however, now made a submission vide letter no. 8359, contending that the information has supplied to the appellant on 10.07.2023 and no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant. The respondent PIO requested the Commission to waive the penalty of 10.000.00.
5. The Commission notes that this RTI application was submitted on 15.06.2022 to the respondent PIO and a reply was given to the appellant on 10.07.2023, approximately one year after the filing of the RTI application. The information sought by the appellant is still pending. In view of this, the penalty imposed upon the respondent PIO stands (imposed on PIO vide Order dated 06.06.2023).

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6. Accordingly, the respondent PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Fardikot, is directed to submit proof of payment of the penalty in the Commission. The respondent PIO is further directed to provided the appellant specifically information sought at **point no. 2** in accordance with his RTI application dated 15.06.2022. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. **To come up on 25.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 08.10.2025

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## SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Shri Jasbir Singh (98882-96107)**

Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,  
PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana (141123)

...Appellant

Versus

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

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o Secretary,** Regional Transport Authority,  
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3613 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh (98882-96107)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **13.05.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the sought information is still pending as directed at the last hearing.

3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO office of, Secretary, RTA, Jalandhar.

4. The respondent **PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Jalandhar**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **23.01.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.”

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 3613 OF 2023

5. The respondent PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Jalandhar, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. A copy of this order be marked to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport, Punjab Mini Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh, for compliance.

6. The respondent PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Jalandhar, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his/her presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. **To come up on 25.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 08.10.2025

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Cc: Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport,  
Punjab Mini Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh, for compliance.

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**Shri Jasbir Singh (98882-96107)**

Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,  
PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana (141123)

**...Appellant**

**Versus**

**Shri Narinder Kumar (99142-11239)**  
**Public Information Officer-cum-MVI,**  
**O/o Secretary,**  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Hoshiarpur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o Secretary,**  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Hoshiarpur.

**...Respondents**

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 3615 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh (98882-96107)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **13.05.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he visited the respondent's office for inspection, but Shri Tarlok Singh, states that the record is lying with the concerned MVI.
3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. In view of the appellant's statement, the Commission impleads the, PIO-cum-MVI, Shri Narinder Kumar O/o Secretary RTA, Hoshiarpur, as deemed PIO in this appeal case who is custodian of the information.
4. The respondent PIO-cum-MVI, Shri Narinder Kumar, is directed to supply the compelte requisite information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
5. The respondent PIO-cum-MVI, Shri Narinder Kumar, is further directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 25.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 08.10.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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**Shri Gurtej Singh Khattrra, (88724-74230)**

S/o Shri Bakhsish Singh Khattrra,  
R/o Village Rohti Mouran, P.O Village Rohta,  
Tehsil Nabha, Distt Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN, PWD Division, Nabha,  
Distt Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE, Construction Division No. 2, PWD B&R,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 325 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Gurtej Singh Khattrra (88724-74230)  
Respondent: Shri Mahesh Kumar Sharma, SDE (98142-78333)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **03.07.2025**.

2. The appellant states that despite depositing the requisite fees, the sought information is still pending. Further, he requests for penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for delaying the information and also requests compensation for harassment.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant as available in the office records and he also states that the appellant had inspected the official record on 08.09.2025 in the office. Further, he states that he brought all the original record to this hearing for the appellant, if he wants to examine the same.

4. Keeping in view of the above, an opportunity was given to the appellant to examine the original record during the course of hearing. After examining the original record the appellant requested an adjournment.

5. Accordingly, the case is adjourned. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 25.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 08.10.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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**Mrs. Manu Rani, (98886-08167)**

W/o Shri Kishori Lal,  
R/o Village Bhagu, Tehsil Abohar,  
Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

**Shri Anterpreet Singh (83606-64689)**

Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,  
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o ADC (D), Fazilka.**

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 684 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Vikram Kumar, GRS (95699-47179)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **03.07.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to her through registered post but even though she is absent, which seems her absence is intentional and willful.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant. Further, he states that all the record requested by the appellant in his RTI application is online and publicly accessible. He also states that the appellant can visit the office for inspection if she desires.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to visit the respondent's office and inspect the official record pertaining to the RTI application. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present on the mutually fixed date and time of inspection. The respondent is also directed to supply the identified information pertaining to the RTI application within one week after the inspection.

5. The respondent PIO is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 03.07.2025. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 25.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 08.10.2025**

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**Shri Lakhwinder Singh, (91152-04282)**

S/o Shri Darshan Singh,  
House No. 81, Near Flour Mill,  
Village Ganga, Tehsil Bathinda.  
RTI Application No. 59919

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Sector - 17, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o DGR, Punjab, Sector - 74, Mohali.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 4465 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Smt. Raj Kumari, PIO-cum-SA O/o STC, Pb., Chandigarh (98150-45082)

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **03.07.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 07.10.2025 has been received from him mentioning therein that the requested information is still pending. Further, he requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent for delaying the information and also requests compensation for harassment. The said mail is taken on record.

3. The respondent is absent, but an email has been received from him today, i.e. 08.10.2025, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing due to the CM's visit to District Bathinda. Further, he mentioned that the requested information has already been sent to the appellant.

4. Accordingly, the respondent PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Bathinda, is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, as **directed vide this Commission's order dated 06.05.2025**, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him. The respondent PIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, is exempt for the future hearings of this appeal case.

5. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 25.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 08.10.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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## SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

**Shri Jasveer Singh, (94640-66150)**

S/o Shri Kabal Singh,  
Village JhindgarKalan,  
Block Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Shri Gurmeet Singh (78378-51300),**  
**Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,**  
Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o DDPO, Hoshiarpur.**

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1404 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Jasveer Singh, (94640-66150)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **03.07.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he visited the respondent's office for inspection as directed at the last hearing, but even then the respondent did not show them any record.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-BDPO, Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur, Shri Gurmeet Singh.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur, Shri Gurmeet Singh,** is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **03.06.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

"In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 1404 OF 2023

does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Gurmeet Singh, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

6. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Gurmeet Singh, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. **To come up on 25.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

[Note: Shri Gurmail Singh, GRS, (79863-35636), on behalf of the respondent is appeared after the hearing was over. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case.]