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Sh. Ashutosh Bansal, S/o
Pritam Chand, SCF 46 A, Mall Road
Hanuman Chowk, Teshil and Distt. Bathinda-151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO Improvement Trust,
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4716 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 10.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.10.2025 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Hence, one last opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case.

3. 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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APPEAL CASE NO. 4716 OF 2023

4. To come up on **06.01.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :08.10.2025

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Ms. Neetu Rani, S/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar,
19059, Street No. 13, Near Dhillon
GYM Bibi Wala Road, GTB Nagar,
Tehsil and Distt. Bathinda- 151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4717 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.10.2025 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. The perusal of the case file shows that the notice of hearing sent to the appellant was received back un-delivered with the remarks of the postal authorities. The appellant was contacted on telephone and Sh. Ashutosh Bansal picked up the call and said that the appellant Ms. Neetu Rani was in Australia and would return on 5th November 2025. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Hence, one **last opportunity** is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4717 OF 2023

3. 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.

4. To come up on **06.01.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :08.10.2025

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Sh. Naresh Kumar, Section Officer
2190, Sector 44C, Chandigarh - 160047

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Sector 36, Punjab Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Sector 36, Punjab Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4727 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, PIO (7700008105)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.09.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. The appellant is absent today. An email has been received from him that no information has been given to him so far.

4. Respondent states that a similar RTI request was filed by the appellant in another case i. e. A. C 2667 of 2023 which was decided before the bench of Sh. Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, SIC on 29.01.2025.

5. After hearing the respondent and going through the contents of the RTI application in both the cases i.e. AC:4727 of 2023(present case) and AC: 2667 of 2023, it is observed that the information sought for by the appellant are not same. Hence, the respondent is



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directed to provide the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

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 **06.01.2026 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
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Dated :08.10.2025

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

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab
Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.4736 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 18.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.09.2014 in the Commission.
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 information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application 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



APPEAL CASE NO.4736 OF 2023

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. 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 **06.01.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :08.10.2025

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Sh. Gurdasrhan Singh, S/o Sh
Jaswant Singh, R/o Village Gobindpura
Presently R/o Village Bakhsiwala, Tehsil Budhlada
Distt. Mansa

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Mansa

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Mansa

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.4788 OF 2023

Present : None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and both the parties are not present. Hence one more opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

4. To come up on **06.01.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :08.10.2025

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Sh. Gurdasrhan Singh, S/o Sh

Jaswant Singh, R/o Village Gobindpura

Presently R/o Village Bakhsiwala, Tehsil Budhlada

Distt. Mansa

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DC, Mansa

First Appellate Authority

O/o DC, Mansa

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.4789 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 29.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and both the parties are not present. Hence one more opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

4. To come up on **06.01.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :08.10.2025

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Sh.Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh
Kuldip Raj Mahajan, President of Anti
Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No 1,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Water Supply and Sanitation, Circle,
Ludhiana.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5018 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.08.2025 vide which the respondent was promised that the information will be provided to the appellant.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has informed on phone that no information has been given to him. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Taking a lenient view **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

3. To come up on **_06.01.2026 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
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Dated :08.10.2025

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, (M : 7814322100)
C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A,
Shastari Nagar Model Town,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer, Construction Division,
PWD B&R, Batala, Distt Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction PWD B&R Circle,
Pathankot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2266 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2025 vide which the appellant was directed to point out deficiencies in the information provided by the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant that he has sent deficiencies to the respondent on 30.07.2025 but no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is also absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

4. Since, both the parties are not present, hence one last opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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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APPEAL CASE NO. 2266 OF 2023

5. To come up on **06.01.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :08.10.2025

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Sh. Bahadur Singh,
S/o Sh. Narata Singh,
VPO Mandoli, Tehsil Rajpura,
Distt Patiala.
M : 9779136929

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ghanour, Tehsil Rajpura, Distt Patiala.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1469 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Bahadur Singh and Sh. Gurbinder Singh (Advocate)
(ii) For the respondent : None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025 vide which the respondent was not present and a compensation amounting to Rs. 3000/- was awarded to the appellant and copy of the order was sent to Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats.

2. Today again the respondent is not present. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. It shows scant regard for the orders of the Commission, which is a statutory body. Commission takes this lapse as blatant disrespect and uncondonable on the part of the above officers to be very serious and disobedience of its orders. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through SSP, Patiala so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1469 OF 2023

4. To come up on **13.11.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Dated :08.10.2025

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



BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

BEFORE Dr. BHUPINDER SINGH BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

In case of Bahadur Singh v/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Ghanaur, Tehsil
Rajpura, Distt. Patiala

Complaint/Appeal No. : AC : 1469/2023

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 13.11.2025

To

SSP, Patiala

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Ghanaur, Tehsil Rajpura, Distt. Patiala has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Ghanaur, Tehsil Rajpura, Distt. Patiala to appear before Dr. Bhupinder Singh Batth, State Information Commissioner Punjab at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on 13.11.2025 at 11.30 AM and submit his written submissions.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
08.10.2025

(Dr. Bhupinder Singh Batth)
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Sh. Jarnail Singh, S/o Sh. Shyam Singh,
R/o Village Kama, Teshil Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana.
M : 9876632038

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE), Mini Sectt.,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (SE), Mini Sectt.,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 130 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Jarnail Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Amandeep Singh, Dy DEO (98885-41387) Sh Anil
Kamal, JrAsstt. (9876200372) Sh Gurdarshan Singh, Clerk (9501866198)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.08.2025 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to PIO- Smt Dimple Madan, DEO (SE) Ludhiana.

2. Sh Amandeep Singh, Dy DEO , is appearing on behalf of the respondent-PIO today. He has filed his reply.

3. The appellant demands that he be compensated for the detriments suffered.

4. The facts of the case is that the appellant had filed his RTI on 21.07.2023 but the respondent had provided information to the appellant, much beyond the period as determined by the Act. As directed in the previous hearing, PIO- Smt Dimple Madan, DEO(S) Ludhiana is not appearing personally today but she has filed her reply. The reply submitted by the Respondent is not found to be satisfactory. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be



APPEAL CASE NO. 130 OF 2024

met if a sum of **Rs.3000/- (Rupees three thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. I order accordingly. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer . *Further, PIO- Smt Dimple Madan, DEO(S) Ludhiana is again given an opportunity to be present personally on the next date of hearing and submit her explanation for the delay.*

5. To come up on **13.11.2025 at 11:30AM** in the commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :08.10.2025

**Sd/-
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Sh. Jarnail Singh, S/o Sh. Shyam Singh,
R/o Village Kama, TehsilKhanna,
Distt Ludhiana.
M : 9876632038

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE), Mini Sectt.,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (SE), Mini Sectt.,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 128 OF 2024

Present :- (i) ShJarnail Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShAmandeep Singh, Dy DEO (98885-41387) Sh Anil
Kamal, JrAsstt. (9876200372) ShGurdarshan Singh, Clerk (9501866198)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.08.2025 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to PIO- Smt Dimple Madan, DEO (SE) Ludhiana.

2. Sh Amandeep Singh, Dy DEO ,is appearing on behalf of the respondent-PIO today. He has filed his reply today.

3. The appellant demands that he be compensated for the detriments suffered.

4. The facts of the case is that the appellant had filed his RTI on 11.07.2023 but the respondent had provided information to the appellant, much beyond the period as determined by the Act. As directed in the previous hearing, PIO- Smt Dimple Madan, DEO(S) Ludhiana is not appearing personally today but she has filed her reply. The reply submitted by the Respondent is not found to be satisfactory. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, I am of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of



APPEAL CASE NO. 128 OF 2024

Rs.3000/- (Rupees three thousand Only) is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. I order accordingly. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer. Further, *PIO- Smt Dimple Madan, DEO(S) Ludhiana is again given an opportunity to be present personally on the next date of hearing and submit her explanation for the delay.*

5. To come up on **13.11.2025 at 11:30AM** in the commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :08.10.2025

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Sh. Gurbinder Singh,
Village Ballarwal, Tehsil Batala,
Distt Gurdaspur-143515.
M : 9779247558

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Ballarwal,
Tehsil Batala, DisttGurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Gurdaspur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3100F 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Gurbinder Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh Vikas, clerk (9915514443) and ShMandeep Singh,
Panchayat Secy (9915514443)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. However, the deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant are not specific.

3. The appellant states that the copies of bill, as demanded through his RTI application, has not been provided to him. However, rest of the information stands provided.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the complete information has been provided to the appellant except the copies of bill, as demanded through his RTI application. Further, it is also observed that the respondent has failed to file his reply to the show-cause notice. Today the respondent requests that an opportunity be given to them to file their reply. Hence, the respondent is directed to provide the copies of bill as demanded through his RTI application, to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Further, the respondent is also given an opportunity to file his reply to the show-cause notice, on the next date of hearing.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3100F 2024

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 **06.01.2026 at 11:30AM** in the commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Baljeet Aujla, S/o Sh. Satpal,
2, Village Bhangala, Tehsil Phillaur,
Distt Jalandhar-144033
M:8699179195

RTI Application No 129266

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Nurmahal,
Distt Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Jalandhar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5402 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Baljeet Aujla, Appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Amandeep, Panchayat Secy (9646357816)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.08.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The respondent states that information has been sent to the appellant through registered post. He has also filed copy of the point wise reply sent to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that he has not received the same till date.
4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies , if any in the information, on receiving the same, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same 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 **20.11.2025 at 11:30AM** in the commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :08.10.2025