



Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma,
R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratap Bazaar, Chheharta,
Distt Amritsar-143105.
M : 9855890233

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD B&R, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
D/o Superintending Engineer,
PWD B&R, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4400 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Suresh Kumar Sharma, Appellant along with ShSatnam Singh
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This case was earlier allotted to the Bench of Former SIC Sh Maninder Singh Patti. After his retirement, this appeal case was reallocated to the Bench of the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 03.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.

4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, an e-mail has been received from the respondent-PIO through which he has sought an exemption from today's hearing.

5. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.



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This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and the respondent is not present. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given to the Respondent-PIO to appear before the Commission and state his case. Respondent PIO is directed to file point-wise specific reply, in accordance with the RTI application of the appellant and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

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

7. To come up on **01.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :09.04.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Munish Saini,
S/o Sh. Yash Saini, H No 186,
Old Shahpur Road, Pathnakot-145001.
M : 7009040017
RTI Application No 49004

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2423 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the Appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh Munish Kumar, Draftsmen (79865-23095)

ORDER

This case may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.01.2025 vide which the appellant was not present and both the PIO's ie. PIO O/o MC Pathankot and PIO O/o DC, Pathankot were directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e today.

2. The appellant is not present today.

3. Sh Munish Kumar, Draftsmen is appearing on behalf of the PIO O/o MC, Pathankot. He states that the information pertaining to point no. 1, as related to them, has already been provided to the appellant. He has also filed his reply regarding the same vide Commission diary no. 1303 dated 23.01.2025.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He is absent continuously second time without intimation. Further, as directed, respondent-PIO O/o MC, Pathankot has provided the information pertaining to point no. 1. Further, no one has appeared on behalf of PIO O/o DC, Pathankot. He has not even filed any reply nor intimated the Commission about his absence.

In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given to PIO O/o DC, Pathankot to appear before the Commission and state their case. Respondent PIO O/o DC, Pathankot is



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directed to file point-wise specific reply pertaining to point no. 2 and 3, in accordance with the RTI application of the appellant and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

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 **23.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 09.04.2025

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THROUGH REGISTERED POST

CC: PIO-DRO O/o DC, Pathankot (Through Registered post)

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg,
C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A,
Shastari Nagar Model Town,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division,
PWD B&R, Amritsar.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2271 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.

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

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent is absent for third consecutive hearing in the Commission. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.



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5. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give another opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on 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 **23.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :09.04.2025

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

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2269 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.01.2025 vide which an inspections rights were given to the appellant.

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

3. Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg the appellant states that as directed, he could not visit the office of the respondent for the inspection of record. However he request that another opportunity may be given to him to inspect the record.

4. On the request of the appellant one more opportunity is given to him to visit the office of the respondent on any working day with prior intimation , inspect the record and obtain the information. The perusal of the file shows that the respondent is absent for second consecutive hearing. He has even not bothered to inform the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders

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issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give another opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on 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 **16.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :09.04.2025

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Ms Deepti Saluja,
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Mohar Singh Nagar, Ludhiana.
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chownki Incharge,
Distt Courts, Ludhiana.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3844 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh Navkiranjit Singh, ASI (81462-78686)

ORDER

This case was earlier allotted to the Bench of Former SIC Sh Maninder Singh Patti. After his retirement, this appeal case was reallocated to the Bench of the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 09.03.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.06.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The appellant is not present today.

4. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

5. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. She has not even bothered to inform the Commission about her absence. Further, the respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. However, he has failed to file any reply today. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and the



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appellant is not present. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given to the Respondent-PIO to appear before the Commission and state his case. Respondent PIO is directed to file ***point-wise specific reply***, in accordance with the RTI application of the appellant and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

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

7. To come up on **23.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :09.04.2025

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Appellant

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PWD B&R, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
D/o Superintending Engineer,
PWD B&R, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4401 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Suresh Kumar Sharma, Appellant along with Sh Satnam Singh
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This case was earlier allotted to the Bench of Former SIC Sh Maninder Singh Patti. After his retirement, this appeal case was reallocated to the Bench of the undersigned. The RTI application is dated 03.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellant Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.04.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.

4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, an e-mail has been received from the respondent-PIO through which he has sought an exemption from today's hearing.

5. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4401 OF 2023

This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and the respondent is not present. In the interest of justice, one more opportunity is given to the Respondent-PIO to appear before the Commission and state his case. Respondent PIO is directed to file point-wise specific reply, in accordance with the RTI application of the appellant and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

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

7. To come up on **01.07.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Paramjit Singh,
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Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Education Punjab,
Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Education Punjab,
Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 188 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Paramjit Singh, Complainant
(ii) For the respondent :Sh Raj Singh, Supdt. (9855450005) and
SmtKiran, SrAsstt. (9888522629)

ORDER

Orders are reserved and will be pronounced in due course of time

Sd/-

Date :09.04.2025

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