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Sh. Sarabjit Singh, (9592090681) S/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh, VPO Gumanpura, Tehsil & Distt Amritsar.

Appellant

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

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

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 161 of 2023

Versus

Present:- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.01.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

- 2. The appellant is again absent today. He has sent an email mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing and he has sought another date. He adds that 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. Both the parties are absent today for second consecutive hearing before the undersigned. It is observed that the respondents has not even bothered to file any reply, which shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. 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.

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However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall 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 **14.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Appellant.

Sh. Sawinder Singh, S/o Sh. Bal Singh, VPO Shutrana, Tehsil Patran, Distt Patiala.-147105. M: 9814824772

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Patran Distt Patiala.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2912 OF 2023

Present:-None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.01.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant at diary no.530 dated 11.03.2025 stating that "due to untimely demise of my very close relative early in the morning today. Therefore I am unable to attend the hearing due to the reason as explained above." Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. 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.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2912 OF 2023

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. 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 **14.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Rajinder Kumar, S/o Sh. Dharampal, House No 234/5 B, Park Road, New MandiDhuri, DisttSangrur.

Appellant

Versus Public Information Officer O/o District Manager ,Markfed,

SCO No. 16-20, Ranjit Singh Market, Outside SunamiGate. Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority O/o Managing Director, Markfed, Plot no. 4, Dakhshin Marg, Sector 35B, PB, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.4843 OF 2023

Present:- (i) Sh. Pr

(i) Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: (i) Sh PawanNarang, CIA O/o MD, Chandigarh (98153-28463) Sh BaldevKrishan, Salesman O/o MD, Chandigarh (99152-45207) Sh Danish khan, Sr Asstt. O/o Markfed, Sangrur, Sh Navdeep Singh, Building

Inspector Sangrur and Sh. J.R.Syal, Advocate (9872204497)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2025 vide which the respondent has sought some time.

- 2. Today the Respondent states that he has brought point-wise reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant today in the Commission. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.
- 3. The Appellant Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan has gone through the reply and states that he is not satisfied with it.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant has demanded information on three points from the department. Information pertaining to point no. 1 and 2 of the RTI application relates to the Respondent-PIO O/o DM, MARKFED, Sangrur and point no. 3 relates to PIO O/o MD, MARKFED, Chandigarh.

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APPEAL CASE NO.4843 OF 2023

Respondent has brought point-wise reply today in the Commission as directed during the last hearing. But, the appellant is not satisfied with the same. Hence, both the PIO's i.e. PIO O/o DM, MARKFED, Sangrur and PIO O/o MD, MARKFED, Chandigarh are directed to file their point-wise specific replies on an **affidavit**, on the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant, 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 **14.05.2025 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)
Date: 11.03.2025
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Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, S/o Sh. Om Parkash R/o Street No 2, Near Shani Dev Mandir Patel Nagar, Malout, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib. M: 9646546613

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Managing Director, Markfed, Punjab, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority O/o Managing Director, Markfed, Punjab, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.3135 OF 2023

Present:-

- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh. Pawan Narang, PIO (9815328463), Sh. Baldev

Krishan, Salesman (9913243207) and

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2025 vide which the appellant was absent.

- 2. An email has been received from the appellant at diary no. 529 dated 11.03.2025 that he has not received the information regarding point nos. 1, 4 and 5 till now. Today the respondent has sought some time to provide the information of point nos. 1, 4 and 5.
- 3. On the request of the respondent, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to provide the information pertaining to point nos. 1, 4 and 5. The above said appeal case is adjourned to **14.05.2025** at **11.30** AM for further proceedings in the Commission.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth) **State Information Commissioner** Punjab

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Sh. Gurnam Singh, S/o Sh. Sada Ram, Village Shampura, PO Ropar, Distt Roopnagar-140001 M:-9478894845

Appellant

Public Information Officer O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Roopnagar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Roopnagar(Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3310 OF 2023

Versus

Present:-(i) Sh. Gurnam Singh alongwith Sh. Gagandeep Singh Advocate

(ii) For the respondent: (i) Ashok Kumar, EO-cum-PIO (9780300263)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2025.

- 2. Today the respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant.
- 3. The appellant Sh. Gurnam Singh states that he has not received any information.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that the appellant has not received any information so far. Taking a lenient view, one last opportunity is given to the respondent to send a copy of the information again to the appellant.

On receipt of the information, the Appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent. Further the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. Respondent – PIO is also directed to file his reply, explaining the reasons for the delay in providing the information to the appellant, beyond the time period, as provided under the RTI Act, 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.

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6. To come up on **14.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Ms. Jatinder Pal Kaur, W/o Late Sh. Gurbhajan Singh Sandhu, # 1036, Sector 71, Mohali. M: 8360363600, 9888420006

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Municipal Corporation Office, Nehru Garden Road, Central Town. Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Director, Local Govt, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3, DakshinMarg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3090 OF 2024

Present:-(i) Adv. Gurfateh Singh Sandhu on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent :Sh Gurdev Singh, DM (9877996048)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.01.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

- 2. Today Sh. Gurfateh Singh Sandhu is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that no information has been provided to the appellant so far.
- 3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is not specific hence, the same has not been provided.
- After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it shows that no 4. information has been provided to the appellant so far. As directed in the previous hearing, the respondent has not brought the original record pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant. Further, Sh Gurdev Singh, DM is appearing on behalf of the respondent today and he is totally oblivious of facts of the case and could not help of the Commission. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the RTI regime.

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It is observed that the respondents are being represented by the officials who are

not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. From the next date of

hearing, no person below the PIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of the officials

who are not aware about the facts of the case will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act

besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to

the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section

20(1) of RTI Act, 2005.

Date: 11.03.2025

Hence, PIO- Sh. Ravinder Kumar, ATP O/o MC, Jalandhar is directed to be present

personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and point-wise

specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant, 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 14.05.2025 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the

Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S Batth)

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, House No 78/8, Park Road, NaviMandi, DhuriSangrur. M: 8509580002

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Managing Director, Markfed Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/ Managing Director, Markfed Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2981 OF 2023

Present:-

- (i) Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan the appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: (i) ShPawanNarang, CIA O/o MD, Chandigarh (98153-28463) ShBaldevKrishan, Salesman O/o MD, Chandigarh (99152-45207), Sh Danish khan, SrAsstt. O/o Markfed, Sangrur, and Sh. J.R.Syal , Advocate (9872204497)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2025 vide which the respondent was directed to file point wise reply.

- 2. Today, the Appellant states that he has not received the information till date.
- 3. Respondent states that the reply is ready with them. He has sought some time to send the same to the appellant.
- 4. In view of the above, the respondent-PIO is given an opportunity to send the information/reply within 2 days from the receipt of this order, to the appellant through registered post, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. Appellant is advised to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent. Further, the Respondent is directed to ensure that the deficiencies in the information are made good before the next date of hearing.

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- 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 14.05.2025 **at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Ankit Sehgal, C/o Bombay Studio Near Main Post office Chowk, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Improvement Trust, Batala DisttGurdaspur

First Appellate Authority, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) Gurdaspur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4851 OF 2023

Present:-

- (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal, Appellant.
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh HarpreetKaur, Accountant (87258-00136)

ORDER

Date: 11.03.2025

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2025.

- 2. The appellant states that he has not received the information, after the removal of deficiencies, as pointed out by him.
- 3. The respondent states that the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant are not specific.
- 4. Today all the points pertaining to the RTI of the appellant, have been discussed between both the parties. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to provide complete information to the appellant 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 **14.05.2025 at 11.30 AM for** further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh Manjit Singh S/o Sh Santa Singh, Narang Colony, Street No.3, House No 10330, Near Gurmukh Dholi, Sri Mukatsar Sahib-152026 (M-99142-00995)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer. O/o Executive Engineer, Construction Division (B&R) SAS Nagar, Mohali

First Appellate Authority O/o Executive Engineer, Construction Division (B&R) SAS Nagar, Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4321 OF 2023

(i) None is present on behalf of the appellant Present:-

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sandeep Grover, (9417306946)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.01.2025 vide which the appellant was not present. As per the respondent the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous, hence he was asked to visit the office of the respondent and inspect the record.

- 2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has even not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Respondent states that as per directions given by the Commission the appellant has not visit their office to inspect the record. In the interest of justice, one last opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office to inspect the record.
- 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. 4321 OF 2023

4. To come up on **15.04.2025** at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date: 11.03.2025 (Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)

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Sh. Deepak Batish, S/o Sh. Teri Prasad, R/o House No 36, Ward No 4, MohallaDalichi. Sirhind. Tehsil & DisttFatehgarh Sahib. M: 9988325538

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Executive Officer, Construction Division PWD B&R, Sirhind.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Superintending Engineer, PWD B&R, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3863 OF 2023

(i) Sh. Deepak Batish the appellant Present:-

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Anil Tyagi, Clerk (6283696364)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.01.2025 vide which the appellant was directed to point out written deficiencies in the information provided.

- 2. The Appellant Sh. Deepak Batish states that as directed, he has already pointed out deficiencies in the information provided, to the respondent. He has also filed a copy of the same through e-mail, which is taken on record.
- 3. The Respondent states that the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant are not specific. He has also filed his reply regarding the same.
- 4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent. However, the respondent has filed his reply that the deficiencies, pointed out, by the appellant is not specific. Sh. Anil Tyagi is appearing on behalf of the respondent and he is totally oblivious of facts of the case and could not help of the Commission. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the RTI regime.

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5. After going through this case very minutely, the Commission does not agree with the contention of the Respondent and direct them to provide complete information to the appellant, after the removal of the said deficiencies. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by the officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of the officials who are not aware about the facts of the case will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005.

- Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for 5. deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- To come up **on 14.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. 6. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan, President Anti Corruption Council, Opp Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot(Punjab) M:- 9814354649

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Moga(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, PWD B&R Faridkot(Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2467 OF 2023

Present :- (i)Sh Yogesh Mahajan, Appellant

(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.01.2025.

- 2. The appellant states that, as directed in the previous hearing, the respondent has not provided him the information, after the removal of deficiencies.
- 3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
- 4. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The respondent-PIO has not even informed the Commission about his absence. Further, as directed in the previous hearing, the respondent has not even provided the information to the appellant, after the removal of deficiencies. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders 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 the respondent to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing failing which action u/s 20(1) of the RTI act will be

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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

5. To come up on **14.05.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Baldev Singh, S/o Sh. Baaj Singh, ViallageSathiali, PO Nainkot, Distt Gurdaspur-143528. M; 9872124103

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (D),

Appellant

Versus Public Information Officer,

Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Commissioner. Gurdaspur.

2. Public Information Officer, O/o DDPO, Gurdaspur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2619 OF 2023

Present:-(i)Sh Baldev Singh, Appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Harjinder Singh, Panchayat Secy (98777-27469)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.01.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and PIO, o/o DDPO, Gurdaspur was impleaded as respondent no. 2 and he was directed to file reply.

- 2. The Appellant Sh. Baldev Singh states that he has not received the information till date.
- 3. Respondent Sh. Harjinder Singh, Panchayat Secy is appearing on behalf of the respondent today in the Commission.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that the information has not been provided to the appellant. As directed in the previous hearing, PIO O/o DDPO, Gurdaspur has failed to file his reply. Sh Harjinder Singh, Pvt Secy is appearing on behalf of the respondent no. 2 today and he is totally oblivious of facts of the case and could not help of the Commission. This shows that the respondent has no regard

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for the orders issued by the commission. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to

issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO O/o DDPO,

Gurdaspur as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in

providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause

notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under

Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty

on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and

does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

Date: 11.03.2025

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 14.05.2025 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the

Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Tehsildar, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pathankot.

Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 4110 OF 2023

None for the parties. Present :-

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2025 vide which the respondent was directed to fie point wise reply.

- 2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. An email has been received from the appellant at diary no. 527 dated 10.03.2025 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing and request to kindly decide the case on merits.
- 3. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. During the last hearing respondent was directed to file pointwise reply. Today, it is observed that neither the respondent has sent any reply nor he has bothered to attend the hearing. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. 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.

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However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. 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 **14.05.2025** at **11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr.Bhupinder S. Batth)

Date: 11.03.2025

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