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Nanha Complex, Kapurthala.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2200 of 2025

Present: (i) Advocate Suket Gupta, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent PIO thrice but no record has been shown to him.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer states that he does not aware about the facts of this case and requested that additional time is required to facilitate inspection of the relevant records by the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to allow inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a mutually convenient date and time, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. Thereafter, copies of the documents identified by the appellant during inspection shall also be provided as per the RTI Rules and within the stipulated time period. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

5. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that neither the respondent PIO nor the First Appellate Authority has addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

6. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under

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Appeal Case No.2200 of 2025

Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **11.09.2023**. He/she should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him for not getting the information. **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*.”

7. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

8. The appellant further submitted that no display board containing the names and details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has been exhibited in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala.

9. In view of the provisions of the RTI Act relating to transparency and facilitation of access to information, the respondent authority is directed to ensure that proper display boards containing the names, designations, and contact details of the concerned PIO and FAA are prominently displayed in the office premises for the convenience of the general public.

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Appeal Case No.2200 of 2025

10. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 12th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2199 of 2025

Present: (i) Advocate Suket Gupta, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent PIO thrice but no record has been shown to him.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer states that he does not aware about the facts of this case and requested that additional time is required to facilitate inspection of the relevant records by the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to allow inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a mutually convenient date and time, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. Thereafter, copies of the documents identified by the appellant during inspection shall also be provided as per the RTI Rules and within the stipulated time period. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

5. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that neither the respondent PIO nor the First Appellate Authority has addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

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8. The appellant further submitted that no display board containing the names and details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has been exhibited in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala.

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Appeal Case No.2199 of 2025

10. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 12th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Kapurthala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2198 of 2025

Present: (i) Advocate Suket Gupta, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent PIO thrice but no record has been shown to him.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer states that he does not aware about the facts of this case and requested that additional time is required to facilitate inspection of the relevant records by the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to allow inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a mutually convenient date and time, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. Thereafter, copies of the documents identified by the appellant during inspection shall also be provided as per the RTI Rules and within the stipulated time period. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

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Appeal Case No.2198 of 2025

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8. The appellant further submitted that no display board containing the names and details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has been exhibited in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala.

9. In view of the provisions of the RTI Act relating to transparency and facilitation of access to information, the respondent authority is directed to ensure that proper display boards containing the names, designations, and contact details of the concerned PIO and FAA are prominently displayed in the office premises for the convenience of the general public.

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Appeal Case No.2198 of 2025

10. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 12th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
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Kapurthala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2196 of 2025

Present: (i) Advocate Suket Gupta, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent PIO thrice but no record has been shown to him.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer states that he does not aware about the facts of this case and requested that additional time is required to facilitate inspection of the relevant records by the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to allow inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a mutually convenient date and time, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. Thereafter, copies of the documents identified by the appellant during inspection shall also be provided as per the RTI Rules and within the stipulated time period. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

5. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that neither the respondent PIO nor the First Appellate Authority has addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

6. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala**, 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

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Appeal Case No.2196 of 2025

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7. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

8. The appellant further submitted that no display board containing the names and details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has been exhibited in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala.

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Appeal Case No.2196 of 2025

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Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 12th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
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...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2195 of 2025

Present: (i) Advocate Suket Gupta, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

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3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer states that he does not aware about the facts of this case and requested that additional time is required to facilitate inspection of the relevant records by the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to allow inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a mutually convenient date and time, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. Thereafter, copies of the documents identified by the appellant during inspection shall also be provided as per the RTI Rules and within the stipulated time period. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

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...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2427 of 2025

Present: (i) Advocate Suket Gupta, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

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3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer states that he does not aware about the facts of this case and requested that additional time is required to facilitate inspection of the relevant records by the appellant.

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“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*.”

7. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

8. The appellant further submitted that no display board containing the names and details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has been exhibited in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala.

9. In view of the provisions of the RTI Act relating to transparency and facilitation of access to information, the respondent authority is directed to ensure that proper display boards containing the names, designations, and contact details of the concerned PIO and FAA are prominently displayed in the office premises for the convenience of the general public.

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10. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 12th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Cc:

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O/o Municipal Corporation, Shalimar Bagh,
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Advocate Suket Gupta, (M.758912222).
President Human Rights Press Club, Punjab,
C/o Gupta and Associates, Shop No.7,
Nanha Complex, Kapurthala.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2426 of 2025

Present: (i) Advocate Suket Gupta, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent PIO thrice but no record has been shown to him.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer states that he does not aware about the facts of this case and requested that additional time is required to facilitate inspection of the relevant records by the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to allow inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a mutually convenient date and time, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. Thereafter, copies of the documents identified by the appellant during inspection shall also be provided as per the RTI Rules and within the stipulated time period. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

5. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that neither the respondent PIO nor the First Appellate Authority has addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

6. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala**, 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

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7. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

8. The appellant further submitted that no display board containing the names and details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has been exhibited in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala.

9. In view of the provisions of the RTI Act relating to transparency and facilitation of access to information, the respondent authority is directed to ensure that proper display boards containing the names, designations, and contact details of the concerned PIO and FAA are prominently displayed in the office premises for the convenience of the general public.

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Dated: 12th May, 2026

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2196 of 2025

Present: (i) Advocate Suket Gupta, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent PIO thrice but no record has been shown to him.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Pankaj, Junior Engineer states that he does not aware about the facts of this case and requested that additional time is required to facilitate inspection of the relevant records by the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to allow inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a mutually convenient date and time, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. Thereafter, copies of the documents identified by the appellant during inspection shall also be provided as per the RTI Rules and within the stipulated time period. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

5. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that neither the respondent PIO nor the First Appellate Authority has addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

6. The **respondent PIO-cum-XEN, Sh. Harpreet Singh O/o Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala**, 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

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7. The appellant further submitted that no display board containing the names and details of the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the First Appellate Authority (FAA) has been exhibited in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala.

8. In view of the provisions of the RTI Act relating to transparency and facilitation of access to information, the respondent authority is directed to ensure that proper display boards containing the names, designations, and contact details of the concerned PIO and FAA are prominently displayed in the office premises for the convenience of the general public.

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9. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd//-

Dated: 12th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar, S/o Sh.Mohan Lal,
109, Chhabra Street, Tehsil Jalalabad,
District Fazilka. (M.9872850654).
RTI application No.159543.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
Senior Town Planner,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2171 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the orders of the Commission.

3. Nevertheless, **last opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
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Sh. Rakesh Kumar, S/o Sh.Mohan Lal,
109, Chhabra Street, Tehsil Jalalabad,
District Fazilka. (M.9872850654).
RTI application No.159528.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
Senior Town Planner,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2167 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2025 passed by the Commission.

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Dated: 12th May, 2026

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109, Chhabra Street, Tehsil Jalalabad,
District Fazilka. (M.9872850654).
RTI application No.159517.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
Senior Town Planner,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2168 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the orders of the Commission.

3. Nevertheless, **last opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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District Fazilka. (M.9872850654).
RTI application No.159532.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
Senior Town Planner,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2169 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the orders of the Commission.

3. Nevertheless, **last opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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RTI application No.159536.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
Senior Town Planner,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2170 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. They have also not intimated the Commission about their non-availability for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the orders of the Commission.

3. Nevertheless, **last opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Ms. Shashi Kala, D/o Sh. Kaka Ram,
H.No.120 B-11, Shahpuri Gate, Tehsil and District Pathankot.
(M.9464246524) RTI application No.194661.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Sujampur,
District Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commission (Urban Development),
Pathankot.

Respondents

Appeal Case No.6347 of 2025

Present: (i) Ms. Shashi Kala, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.04.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submitted that despite the specific directions issued by the Commission, the requisite affidavit has not been provided to her till date. She further stated that she is a senior citizen and is also suffering from eye-related problems. The appellant alleged that the respondent is harassing her by not supplying the requested information in compliance with the directions of the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO is absent, at today's hearing. However, an email dated 11.05.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO wherein he has requested for an adjournment on the ground that all the staff members are engaged in Election and Census duty.

4. The Commission takes serious note of the non-compliance of its earlier directions. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to furnish the requisite affidavit/information to the appellant forthwith, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act and the directions already issued by the Commission. The respondent is further directed to ensure that due assistance is extended to the appellant, keeping in view her age and medical condition, and to avoid causing any unnecessary hardship or inconvenience in the matter.

5. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has not addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

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Appeal Case No.6347 of 2025

6. The **respondent PIO** **respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Sujanpur, Mohali** 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 **25.06.2025**. He/she should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him for not getting the information. **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*.”

7. The **respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Sujanpur, Mohali**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 12th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Nagar Council, Sujanpur,
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Sh. Vasu Syal, S/o Sh. Sanjeev Kumar,
#125, Ward No 7, Gurdwara Singh Road, Zira,
District: Ferozepur – 142047 (M; 9779256743)
RTI Application No 114335.

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Law & Order, Amritsar.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4019 of 2024
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Appeal Case No. 4020 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Vasu Sayal, the appellant (through cisco webex).
(ii) ASI Surinder Singh O/o DCP, Law & Order, Amritsar, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.02.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, he has already demonstrated the larger public interest vide letter dated 06.04.2026 diarized in the Commission dated 09.04.2026.

3. The respondent PIO O/o DCP, Law & Order, Amritsar represented by ASI Surinder Singh, submits that written reply has already been submitted during the last hearing that the sought for information cannot be furnished to the appellant being third party information, as per Section 8(1)(a), 8(1)(g), 8(1)(j), and Section 11 of the RTI Act.

4. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained the appellant has sought information relating to a terrorist attack alleged to have occurred during the year 1988, including copies of FIRs, details of victims, number of persons who died during the riots/attack, and details regarding the weapons allegedly used. The respondent PIO submitted that disclosure of certain information may attract the exemptions provided under Sections 8(1)(a), 8(1)(g), and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act on the grounds of national security, safety of individuals, and protection of personal information. It was further submitted that some of the records are very old in nature and may not be readily traceable.

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5. The Commission observes that an FIR is generally a public document and cannot be denied mechanically unless its disclosure is shown to specifically attract any exemption under the RTI Act. The Hon'ble CIC in *R. Govindarajan v. Central Vigilance Commission* held that an FIR is not a confidential document and its disclosure cannot ordinarily be denied merely on vague apprehensions. The Commission further observes that mere pendency of proceedings or a general plea of security concerns is not sufficient to deny information unless the respondent establishes as to how disclosure would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India, endanger the life or safety of any person, or amount to unwarranted invasion of privacy. Exemptions under Section 8 of the RTI Act are required to be construed strictly. At the same time, personal details of victims, surviving family members, witnesses, or any sensitive security-related operational details may attract protection under Sections 8(1)(g) and 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. Information disclosure of which may compromise security concerns or identify protected individuals need not be disclosed.

6. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to re-examine the RTI application and provide a point-wise reply to the appellant. The respondent shall furnish such information as is permissible under the RTI Act, including available FIR numbers and statistical information regarding the incident, 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. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th July, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated:12th May, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Mandeep Singh, S/o Sh.Rattan Singh,
R/o Village Devi Nagar, Tehsil Dera Bassi,
District: SAS Nagar – 140507 (M: 9855562925)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3907 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Mandeep Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Ms. Hardeep Kaur, Patwari on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.04.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today hearing, the appellant submitted that no information has been provided by the respondent Public Information Officer despite directions of the Commission and requested that directions should be given to the respondent PIO to provide the information as per his RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Ms. Hardeep Kaur, Patwari stated during the proceedings that complete information, as available on the official records, has already been supplied to the appellant.

4. In view of the conflicting stands taken by the parties, the Commission considers it appropriate to seek a sworn statement from the respondent PIO. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to file an affidavit on the next date of hearing specifically stating that complete information available on the official record has been supplied to the appellant and that no further information remains pending for disclosure under the RTI Act, 2005.

5. During the hearing dated 22.12.2025, a show cause notice had been issued to the Tehsildar, Dera Bassi Sh. Sumit Dhillon directing him to explain why action under the RTI Act, 2005 should not be initiated against him and was directed to appear personally along with the written reply. At today's hearing, Ms. Hardeep Kaur, Patwari informed the Commission that he has transferred from the O/o Tehsildar, Dera Bassi and now posted at O/o Tehsildar, Ropar.

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6. At today's hearing neither has the concerned Tehsildar appeared before the Commission nor has any written reply to the show cause notice been filed. The Commission observes that it is the duty and responsibility of the present incumbent Tehsildar, Dera Bassi to communicate and convey the orders/notices of the Commission to the officer concerned who was holding the post at the relevant time, so as to ensure compliance of the proceedings before the Commission.

7. Accordingly, the present Tehsildar, Dera Bassi is directed to ensure that the earlier Tehsildar concerned appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing and files a proper written reply to the show cause notice already issued by this Commission. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

9. With this, the case is **adjourned to 07th April, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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