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**Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, (98767-23012)**

# B-V-1534, Street No. 1, Lajpat Nagar,  
Abohar, Distt Fazilka - 152116

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o L.G Branch, Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab,  
Sector – 35, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Under Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab,  
Sector – 35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 8089 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Taranjit Singh, PIO

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **08.09.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **12.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.12.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **13.05.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 11.05.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and also mentioned that the sought information is still pending.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Taranjit Singh, states that the information requested by the appellant through his RTI application is voluminous and confidential.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the reply has not been supply to the appellant. The respondent PIO is herewith directed to furnish a point wise reply to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. In case the respondent wants to seek exemption from disclosing some specific information, he must cite specific section(s) of the RTI Act, 2005. If the information relates to other section / branch, the PIO may seek the assistance of officers of the concerned branch under Section 5(4) of the RTI Act.2005. In such a case, if the information is denied or delayed further by the concerned branch, this Commission shall deem the concerned officer as PIO to impose penalties as per the RTI Act, 2005.

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

6. **To come up on 17.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 13.05.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**