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Ms. Inderpreet Kaur, (98782-80303)

D/o Shri Gurinder Pal Singh,
2853, Sector - 38 C, Chandigarh.
RTI Application No. 89636

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Council, Nawanshahar,
Distt S.B.S Nagar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
S.B.S Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7972 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Ms. Amarjot, Clerk (98157-28506) and
Ms. Sunita Ran, Computer Operator (98727-45871)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **14.09.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** 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 respondent states that the sought information has already been furnished to the appellant as available in their official records and also brought the original record at today's hearing.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to her through registered post has received back in the Commission office by the postal authorities as "undelivered".

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed, that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed.

5. The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this present appeal case.

6. **To come up on 30.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.05.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Shri Manjit Singh, (99142-00995)

S/o Shri Santa Singh,
Narang Colony, Street No. 3, # 10330,
Near Gurmukh Dholi, Sri Muktsar Sahib - 152026

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o SE, Construction Division, B&R Circle,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer (H.Q), PWD B&R,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7976 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Jatinderpal Singh, Clerk (98766-17673)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **03.08.2023** 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 **03.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.11.2023** 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 respondent PIO, represented by Shri Jatinderpal Singh, Clerk, has sought some time to provide the information.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide the reply / information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, within one week of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office

5. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 30.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Ranjit Singh, (98775-49425)
S/o Shri Balvir Singh,
R/o Village Karni Khera,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (D),
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7984 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **04.09.2023** 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 **09.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.11.2023** 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. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 30.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Gagandeep Singh Threeke, (93166-11011)

208, Aryan Enclave, Main Sua Road,
Near Geeta Mandir Chowk, VPO Threeke,
Ludhiana - 141012

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Police Station, Sadar,
Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8039 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Head Constable Rajinder Sial (97798-33420)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **11.08.2023** 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 **09.10.2023** 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 12.05.2026 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 Head Constable Rajinder Sial, files a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing mentioning therein that the sought information has already been furnished to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed, that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this present appeal case.

6. **To come up on 30.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.05.2026

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Shri Vijay Singh, (95929-35183)

S/o Shri Gurmail Singh,
R/o Village Bathlana, Distt Mohali.
Presently SCO No. 30, F.F. Phase - 1, Mohali.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary, PWD B&R, Punjab,
Sectt. – 2, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary, PWD B&R, Punjab,
Sectt. – 2, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8040 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Bharat, SDE (75890-77077) and
Shri Gautam Parihar, Junior Engineer (98783-62528)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **13.05.2023** 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 **26.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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 respondent has sought some time to provide the information.
3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.
4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide the reply / information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, within one week of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office
5. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.
6. **To come up on 30.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.05.2026

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Shri Barjinder Singh, (83603-19129)
S/o Shri Sulakhan Singh,
Village Naushera Bahadur, P.O Tibri Cantt,
Tehsil Dinanagar, Distt Gurdaspur - 143530
RTI Application No. 90356

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DRO,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8054 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **18.09.2023** 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 **18.10.2023** 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. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 30.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Arun Kumar, (98550-34191)

S/o Shri Nand Kishore,

Flat No.200 A,

Sector -51 A, Chandigarh.

RTI Application No. 89261

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Tehsildar,

Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8080 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Arun Kumar (98550-34191)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **13.09.2023** 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 **19.10.2023** 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 states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application. Additionally, the appellant made a formal request during the hearing to change his address for all future correspondence.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to supply the reply / information to the appellant through registered post, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

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 30.09.2026 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
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Shri Joginder Singh, (99142-16045)

S/o Shri Dayal Singh,
C/o Shri Dharam Pal Sharma, Shop No. B-1-705,
Panchayati Mandir Street, Barnala - 148101

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Office, Markfed,
Barnala.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Manager, Markfed, Barnala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8110 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **21.08.2023** 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 **28.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.12.2023** 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 12.05.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and the sought information is still pending.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to supply the reply / information to the appellant through registered post, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him. 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

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Ms. Gurinder Kaur Sidhu, (98882-75322)

D/o Shri Tejinder Singh,
SCF - 52, Phase - 7,
Tehsil & Distt S.A.S Nagar - 160062
RTI Application No. 80891

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Estate Officer, GMADA,
Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7962 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Harwinder Singh, Clerk (98557-17500)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **04.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **02.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** 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 respondent states that the appellant was requested to deposit the requisite fees, but the appellant has however, not responded to said letter, till date.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to her through registered post but even though she is absent, which seems her absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has she opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant deposited the requisite fee to the concerned department on 04.09.2023. The sought information remains pending and has not been provided to date. The respondent withheld the information despite receiving the payment. Keeping information pending after fee deposit violates the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent PIO is directed to provide the sought for information to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 30.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13.05.2026

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Shri Viney Kumar, (98779-63329)

S/o Shri Jiwan Dass,

135, Ward No. 9, Brahman Majra,

Tehsil & Fatehgarh Sahib - 140406

RTI Application No. 89215

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o ADC (D),

Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7970 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **13.09.2023** 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 **10.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** 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 without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post has received back in the Commission office by the postal authorities as “undelivered”.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

5. **To come up on 30.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Ranjit Singh,
63, Phase – 3, B/1,
S.A.S Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,
S.A.S Nagar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Director Vigilance Bureau,
Sector - 68, S.A.S Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7985 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Ranjit Singh
Respondent: Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Inspector (80549-40526)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **09.09.2023** 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 **09.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.11.2023** 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, Shri Ranjit Singh, is present in person at Commission office. However, he submitted that he is unwell and physically unfit to proceed with the arguments today. Consequently, a formal request for an adjournment was made by the appellant due to his health condition.

3. The respondent states that the reply has already been furnished to the appellant. Further, she states that the record requested in the RTI application have been destroyed and therefore, the same are not physically available to be supplied to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the reply has been furnished to the appellant. However, considering the personal health condition of the appellant and to meet the ends of justice, his request for an adjournment is accepted.

5. Accordingly, the case is adjourned with directions to both parties 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

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Shri Ashok Kumar Joshi, (98146-22755)

S/o Shri Hari Krishan Joshi,
R/o Mohalla Sarafa, Near Babapura Ji,
Distt S.B.S Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
S.B.S Nagar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner, S.B.S Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8027 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Amnesh Kumar, JA (84278-62268)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **31.08.2023** 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 **26.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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, he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via telephone on 12.05.2026 and also states that the sought information is still pending.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Amnesh Kumar, JA, states that the sought information has already been supplied to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the sought for information to the appellant once again through registered post, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him. The appellant is advised to go through the same and point out deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information within 10 days. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

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.

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