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Ms. Kiran Sharma,
4162, LIG Flat, Phase -2,
Urban Estate, Dugri, Ludhiana.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o HO, Police Station,
Model Town, Ludhiana.

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 37 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.01.2025 and 01.07.2025 vide which neither the complainant nor the respondent was present and a show cause notice was issued to the respondent.

2. Today again neither the complainant nor the respondent is present. The perusal of the case file shows that during the last hearing copy of the order dated 01.07.2025 was sent to Commissioner of Police Ludhiana for compliance of the Commission order. But today neither the respondent is present nor the Commission has received any compliance report from Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. It shows scant regard for the orders of the Commission, which is a statutory body. Commission takes this lapse as blatant disrespect and uncondonable on the part of the above officers to be very serious and disobedience of its orders.

3. Hence, copy of this order be sent to DGP Punjab to his personal notice that **inspite** repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, the PIO are not coming present. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is therefore recommended that strict

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disciplinary action may be initiated against both the officials under intimation to the Commission.

4. 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.

5. To come up on **07.04.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :13.11.2025

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: 1. Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana
2. DGP, Punjab, Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh (to take action against the PIO)

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Sh Deven Munjal, (M-9814992468)
S/o Sh Rajinder Munjal,
Ward No. 19, Street No.4,
Roopnagar, Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 192 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Devan Munjal the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent- None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2025 passed by the Commission vide which an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Devan Munjal states that as per directions given by the Commission, he has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent. He further states that copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission.

3. Since, the respondent is not present and the appellant has pointed out deficiencies to the respondent, **one last and final opportunity** is given to the respondent to remove whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the Applicant before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on **11.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :13.11.2025

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Ms. Gursimran Kaur,
804, MIG, Jamalpur Colony
Ludhiana - 141010

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Food Safety Officer,
Patiala -2

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Health Officer,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 147 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant alongwith authority letter
(ii) For the Respondent- None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.07.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today the representative of the appellant Sh. Tejinder Singh states that no information has been given to the appellant so far.

3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent a letter that point wise reply has already been sent to the appellant.

4. Copy of the same is handed over to the representative of the appellant with these directions to point out deficiencies, if any, within one month from the receipt of this order. Further the respondent is directed that whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the Applicant should be made good before the next date of hearing.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 147 OF 2024

5. To come up on **07.04.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :13.11.2025

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate, (M: 9041004313)
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur-144410

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 215 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent- None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.07.2025 passed by the Commission vide which Sh. Mandeep Singh, ATO was directed to come present.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Tejinder Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that during the last hearing dated 16.07.2025 Sh. Mandeep Singh ATO was directed to come present alongwith original proforma through which the copy of challans were received. But today neither Sh. Mandeep Singh, ATO nor his representative is present to attend the hearing. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in



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responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last and final 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. To come up on **07.04.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :13.11.2025

CC: Sh. Maneep Singh, ATO, Amritsar
o/o Regional Transport Authority
Amritsar

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Shri Sukhchain Singh,
Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil
Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Naib Tehsildar, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6209 OF 2022

Present :- (i) Sh. Sukhchain Singh the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent-None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.07.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Sukhchain Singh states that he has received the complete information. He further states that he has not been provided the information within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. For this the appellant demands that the Respondent be penalized and he be compensated for the detriment suffered.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that a show cause notice was issued to the respondent on 21.05.2025, but the respondent has failed to file his reply. Today, neither the respondent has bothered to attend the hearing in the Commission nor filed his reply to the show-cause notice. It is, thus apparent from the response of the PIO that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act



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2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer within one month from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

4. To come up on **07.04.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :13.11.2025

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Sh. Dharuv Dev Singh,
S/o Sh. Daljit Singh, Village Akhrota,
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot-143534.
M : 7009781585

RTI Application No 54359

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (D),
Pathankot.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3700 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the Respondent- Sh. Varinder Singh, GRS (814030894)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.09.2025 vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has sent an email vide Commission diary no. 1635 dated 13.11.2025 stating that he is unable to attend the hearing due to bad illness.

3. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the information has been sent to the appellant. The appellant is advised to point out the deficiencies in the information provided by the Respondent within one month from the receipt of this order. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant has not attended any hearing. *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.*

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3700 OF 2023

5. To come up on **12.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :13.11.2025

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Sh. Bahadur Singh,
S/o Sh. Narata Singh,
VPO Mandoli, Tehsil Rajpura,
Distt Patiala.
M : 9779136929

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ghanour, Tehsil Rajpura, Distt Patiala.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1469 OF 2023

Present :- (i) ShBahadur Singh, Appellant along with ShGurbinder Singh, Counsel
(ii) For the Respondent- ShHarjinder Singh, APIO (62801-52395) ShSatwinder Singh, APIO

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2025 vide which a bailable warrant was issued against the Respondent-PIO.

2. Today the respondent states that he has brought the copy of information along with the amount of compensation, to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the information along with the amount of compensation is handed over to the appellant today in the Commission.

3. The appellant states that he has received the amount of compensation. He has given the same in writing also. Further, the appellant also requests that some time be given to him to peruse the information provided by the respondent.

4. Hence, considering the request of the appellant, an opportunity is given to him to point out deficiencies, if any in the information to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same 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. To come up for

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further deliberations on **07.04.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

sd/-

Date :13.11.2025

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Sh.Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh
Chandigarh Road, Distt. Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Bureau and Investigation, Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Bureau and Investigation, Punjab
Punjab Police Headquarter, Sector 9
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 163 OF 2024

Present :- (i) ShJasbir Singh, appellant
(ii) For the Respondent- ShTarsem Singh, ASI (94632-02689)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.07.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today the appellant states that he has not received the information.
3. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information.
4. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him 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. To come up for further deliberations on **07.04.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Date :13.11.2025

Sd/-
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Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
133-L, Chandigarh Road,
NamdevMandir Road, Khanna.
M: 9876400267

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Public Instructions (SE)
PSEB Complex, Director Public Instructions
(DPI, near Mohali Old Bus Stand, Sector 62, Colleges,
SahibzadaAjit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160062

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director School Education,
PSEB Complex, Director Public Instructions
(DPI, near Mohali Old Bus Stand, Sector 62, Colleges,
SahibzadaAjit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160062

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 614 OF 2024

Present :- (i) ShGurdarshan Singh, appellant
(ii) For the Respondent- ShGurpreet Singh, SrAsstt. (98142-49270) and
ShYogesh, Clerk (77175-36453)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.07.2025 vide which one last opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that the information has been provided by the respondent on 07.02.2025. He adds that he had filed his RTI before the Respondent-PIO on 08.09.2023 but the information was denied by the respondent vide his reply dated 22.09.2023, on the pretext that currently four charge sheets/cases against him are under investigation, hence the information cannot be provided u/s 8(1)(h). Further, he states that the enquiry in the above said four cases has been finalized on 01.07.2025 whereas the respondent provided



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the complete information on 07.02.2025, during the period when the enquiry in above-said cases was not yet finalized. Hence, he submits that the respondent had intentionally caused harassment to him. Therefore, action be taken against the Respondent-PIO for delay in providing the information.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has been provided to the appellant, albeit delayed. Further, it has also been observed that the respondent has failed to file his reply to the show-cause notice issued on 21.05.2025. Hence, the respondent-PIO is given one last opportunity to file his reply to the show-cause notice on affidavit, duly notarized, also detailing the reasons for delay in providing the information to the appellant. The respondent may take note that this is the last opportunity given to him to file his reply to the show-cause notice, failing which penal action shall be taken against the respondent-PIO.

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. To come up for further deliberations on **11.02.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :13.11.2025

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