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Ms. Mandeep Kaur Sidhu (99149-06181),

D/o Shri Jaswant Singh,
Village Sidhwan Kalan, Tehsil Jagraon,
Distt Ludhiana - 142024
RTI Application No. 101332

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Surjeet Chand (98766-19233),
Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2244 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Ms. Mandeep Kaur Sidhu (99149-06181)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026**.

2. The appellant states that despite visiting the office two to three times, the respondent failed to show any records as directed at the last hearing.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order 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, however, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO to **invite the appellant (in writing) for inspection** of the official record pertaining to the RTI application on a mutually acceptable date and time. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present at the time of inspection. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under intimation to the Commission on or before the next 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 21.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.09.2026

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[Note: Shri Narinderjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary (98780-24278), appeared after the hearing was over. He states that the appellant had inspected the official record as directed at the last hearing.]

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Shri Balwinder Singh (90230-86400),
S/o Shri Sukhjot Singh,
Village DhabKaryal, Tehsil Jalalabad,
Distt Fazilka - 152024

...Appellant

Versus

Shri Narinder Singh (99155-48400),
Public Information Officer-cum-BPEO,
Jalalabad - 2, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Primary Officer,
Fazilka.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1274 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balwinder Singh (90230-86400)
Respondent: Shri Narinder Singh, BPEO (99155-48400) and
Shri Nachater Singh, Principal (95929-00673)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **08.07.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Balwinder Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant through registered post. Further, he submits a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a covering letter vide which the information was sent to the appellant. Furthermore, the respondent proffered an oral explanation for the delay in addressing the RTI application, in view of which, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the PIO to deny or delay the sought information. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to the respondent PIO. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the appellant is advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO, in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1274 OF 2025

5. Furthermore, the appellant has requested an inspection of the records. Conceding to this request, a **final opportunity** is hereby granted to the appellant to inspect the same. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to **invite (in writing) the appellant for inspection** of the official record pertaining to the RTI application on a mutually acceptable date and time. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present at the time of inspection. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under intimation to the Commission on or before the next hearing.

6. 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.

7. **To come up on 21.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Narinderjit Singh (98720-03531),
S/o Late Shri Daya Singh,
233, Village Threেকে,
Tehsil & Distt Ludhiana - 142021

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4803 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Daljit Singh Grewal (98141-86366)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **21.07.2026**.

2. Shri Daljit Singh Grewal, appeared on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant is deceased and the authority is given to him by his son to be present his case. Further, he states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order 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, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO either to provide the information on each and every points of the RTI application or to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within 15 days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant is not available in official records. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

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 21.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Jaswinderjeet Singh (97805-66067),
S/o Shri Kamaljit Singh,
R/o VPO Kanach, Tehsil Sahnewal,
Distt Ludhiana – 141120

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE),
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (SE), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4240 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jaswinderjeet Singh (97805-66067)
Respondent: Shri Jaswinder Singh, Principal (98146-66825)
Shri Bhupinderpal Singh, PIO-cum-SA (98156-60349)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **22.07.2026**.

2. The appellant states that the reply provided by the respondent was unsatisfactory.
3. The respondent states that the reply had already been furnished to the appellant. The respondent further clarified that the mismatch in Ms. Harpreet Kaur's father was a mere clerical error, asserting that no teacher by that name is employed at the school.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the appellant is not satisfied with the reply provided and he requests inspection of the record. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to **invite (in writing) the appellant for inspection** of the official record pertaining to the RTI application on a mutually acceptable date and time. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present at the time of inspection. The PIO is directed to provide the information, identified by the appellant during inspection, free of cost. This must be done under intimation to the Commission on or before the next hearing.
5. The appellant is directed to appear in person at Commission office 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 21.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the respondent is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 14.09.2026

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Shri Govind Chauhan (98967-50294),
Advocate, Room No. 2,
New Bar Complex, Chamber No. 116,
Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Zirakpur,
Distt Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o EO, MC, Zirakpur,
Distt Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4795 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Ankit Aggarwal, Advocate via mobile (93164-80704)
Respondent: Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637) and
Shri Pankaj Singla, Draftsman (70099-62008)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **21.07.2026**.

2. Shri Ankit Aggarwal, Advocate, attended the hearing via mobile and states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent states that he has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant and the same was submitted to the Commission.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the information submitted by the respondent is being forwarded to the appellant along with this order. The appellant is directed to review the documents and point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO within **15 days** of receipt. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on 21.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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