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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, (85095 80002)

R/o H. No. 78/8, Park Road,

Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Urban Development, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,

Department of Local Government, Punjab,

Municipal

Bhawan,

Sector-35,

Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2102 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Sonu kumar (Sr. Assistant), Sh. Gagandeep Singla (clerk)

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. The Respondent PIO representative Sh. Sonu kumar (Sr. Assistant), Sh. Gagandeep Singla (clerk) appeared and stated that, **the RTI information pertains to the Municipal Council, Dhuri, and has already been provided to the Appellant vide letter No. 791 dated 19.06.2023, with intimation also sent to the Commission vide letter No. 792 dated 19.06.2023. Hence, they requested for the appeal to be closed.**

3. On the other hand, the Appellant informed the Commission via email dated 15.04.2025 that he was unable to attend the hearing due to ill health and also submitted that no information has been provided to him so far.

4. In light of the above, the Commission grants a **final opportunity** to the Appellant to appear in person before the Commission and represent his case. Simultaneously, the Respondent PIO is directed to be present with a complete copy of the information claimed to have been provided to the Appellant.

It is made clear that if the Appellant fails to appear on the next date of hearing, the case shall be decided ex-parte on merits.

5. Next hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Malkeet Singh, (80545 69164)
S/o Late Shri Santokh Singh,
R/o Village Panjawa Mandal,
Tehsil Khuiya Sarwar, District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block Khuiya Sarwar at Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2180 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.
2. Both parties are absent today.
3. **Next hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Manohar Singh, (97798 54431)
S/o Shri Joginder Singh,
R/o Village Allawalpur, Post Office Bhumbali,
Tehsil & District Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.
Public Information Officer,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,
Rural Development, Gurdaspur.
The Panchayat Secretary,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur.
The Panchayat Secretary,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block and District Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2359 OF 2023

Appellant: Shri Manohar Singh

Respondent: Sh. Gursimranjit Singh (Panchayat Secretary)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated **27.12.2022**, vide which the appellant sought information pertaining to **Village Panchayat Alawalpur for the years 2017 to 2019**, as enumerated in the RTI application. Dissatisfied with the non-receipt of information, the appellant filed the **First Appeal** before the FAA on **15.03.2023**, and subsequently, a **Second Appeal** was filed before the Commission on **06.04.2023** under Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005.
2. The matter was previously heard on **28.05.2024**, by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly wherein the PIO was absent but had submitted a written statement vide Letter No. 1257 dated 24.05.2024. He submitted that the former Panchayat Secretary **Sh. Sarwan Singh**, the custodian of the records, had passed away. The records retrieved from his residence were partly provided to the appellant via Letter No. Special-2 dated 22.05.2024. The appellant had submitted that the information pertained only to **2019**, whereas he had requested information for **2017 to 2019**.
3. In the said hearing, the Commission concurred with the appellant and granted a **final opportunity** to the PIO to furnish the complete requested information. The **ADC (Rural Development), Gurdaspur**, who was impleaded as a necessary party vide Order dated 02.11.2023, was again directed to ensure that the **missing record be reconstructed as per government regulations** and be made available to the appellant.

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4. In today's hearing, both parties are present. The representative of the respondent PIO Sh. Gursimranjit Singh (Panchayat Secretary) appeared and **reiterated the earlier version**, stating that the records pertaining to **the years 2017 and 2018 are not identifiable or traceable** as these are not available in the retrieved material.
5. In light of the continued **non-compliance** and **non-availability of complete records**, the Commission again **directs the PIO-cum-ADC (Rural Development), Gurdaspur and BDPO Gurdaspur to file a Missing Record Report**, duly signed and certified by the competent authority, **indicating the efforts made to trace or reconstruct the missing records, reasons for their non-availability, and any departmental action taken**, if any.
6. The said report must be submitted to the Commission within **20 days from the date of this order**, with a copy endorsed to the appellant. Failure to comply may invite further adverse proceedings under the RTI Act, 2005.
7. The PIO is further directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with the compliance report.
8. The case is adjourned to **21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh** for compliance and further proceedings.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Manohar Singh, (97798 54431)
S/o Shri Joginder Singh,
R/o Village Allawalpur, Post Office Bhumbali,
Tehsil & District Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block & District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4960 OF 2023

Appellant: Shri Manohar Singh

Respondent: Sh. Gursimranjit Singh (Panchayat Secretary)

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. **Both parties are present and heard.** The **Respondent PIO** has submitted that the requisite information has already been provided to the appellant. In support of this, a communication from the PIO has been received by the Commission vide **Letter No. 1262 dated 27.05.2024**, which is **taken on record**.

3. However, the **appellant has stated that the information supplied is incomplete** and does not cover all the aspects requested in the RTI application.

4. **In view of the above**, the **BDPO, Gurdaspur**, is hereby **directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with all relevant original records** pertaining to the RTI application. **Non-compliance with this direction may result in further proceedings** under the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Next hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Vijay Walia, (75082 93023)
R/o Kothi No. 42/A, Raghubir Nagar,
Near Children Memorial School, Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab Building & Others Construction Workers Welfare Board,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Sector-64, Phase-10, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Labour Commissioner – cum – Secretary,
Punjab Building & others Construction Workers Welfare Board,
Model Welfare Centre, Sector-64, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2430 OF 2023

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Jaswinder Singh (Technical Assistant)

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today without any intimation.
3. However, the Respondent-PIO's representative, **Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Technical Assistant**, is present and heard. After due deliberation, the Respondent-PIO is **directed to submit a written submission** before the Commission, clearly stating the facts of the matter in relation to the present RTI application.
4. In view of the appellant's absence, the case is **adjourned with an opportunity to the appellant to be present before the Commission without fail** on the next date of hearing. **Failing this, the case will be decided on merits** based on the material available on record.
5. **The matter is accordingly adjourned.**
6. **Next hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Ms. Gursimran Kaur,
C/o Shri Harjeet Singh Dhillon,
R/o Flat No. 804, Ground Floor,
MIG Jamalpur Colony, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Phagwara.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2451 OF 2023

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Taranpal singh (Building Inspector o/o Municipal Corporation, Phagwara)

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today and has remained absent during all previous hearings held before the Commission. A last and final opportunity is hereby granted to the appellant to appear before the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The MC Phagwara is exempted from further hearings as the information has already been supplied from their side.

3. Next hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Bahadur Singh,
S/o Shri Narata Singh,
R/o Village & Post Office Mandoli,
Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Conservator of Forests,
South Circle, Opposite District Jail,
Patiala-147001

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2453 OF 2021

Appellant: Shri Bahadur Singh

Respondent: Sh. Rakesh Kumar (Forester), Sh. Jaspreet Singh

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Asit Jolly and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. Both the parties are present for the hearing today. The respondent Public Information Officer (PIO), represented by Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Forester, appeared and submitted the relevant information in compliance to the previous order of the commission, comprising **2776 pages** pertaining to the RTI application. The same has been handed over to the appellant.

3. The appellant is directed to go through the information so provided and identify any deficiencies, if any. The PIO is directed to make good any such deficiencies pointed out by the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act and relevant Rules.

4. The PIO shall also file an **undertaking**, duly signed, clearly stating that the complete information as sought in the RTI application has been supplied to the appellant and that **nothing remains pending**.

5. Next hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Gaurav Patial, (94600 68555)

R/o # 8/210, Mukta Prasad Nagar,

Bikaner, Rajasthan-334004

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6269 OF 2022

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
12.08.2022	--	14.09.2022	--	18.11.2022

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER (4th Hearing):

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 19.02.2025.

2. Despite issuance of order, both the parties have failed to appear before the Commission for the second consecutive hearing. Such non-appearance indicates a lack of seriousness towards the proceedings. The Commission takes a serious note of this conduct.

3. The Public Information Officer (PIO) is hereby directed to submit a detailed compliance report specifically with reference to Para 4 of the Commission's order dated 15.01.2025, within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Failure to comply with this direction will invite an adverse view under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and may result in appropriate proceedings under Section 20 of the Act.

5. Next hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Paramdeep Singh,
Department of radio diagnosis,
AIIMS, Bathinda-151001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Baba Farid University of Health sciences,
Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Registrar, Baba Farid University of
Health sciences, Faridkot

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. : 1535/2024

Present:

Appellant: Adv. Karambir Singh chawala (Counsel for appellant)

Respondent: Adv. Ajit Singh (Counsel for respondent)

Order :

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 19.02.2025.
2. Both parties' counsels are present for the hearing today.
3. The respondent counsel submitted that, in compliance with the last order of the Commission, the information/reply has been provided to the appellant.
4. In response, the appellant's counsel stated that certain deficiencies still exist in the information provided and has filed a rejoinder pointing out the same.
5. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to examine the rejoinder filed by the appellant and make good the deficiencies, if any, by providing the complete and correct information in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act. The information should be supplied to the appellant within **20 days** from the date of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

6. Next hearing on 21.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh
15.04.2025