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Shri Sarabjeet Singh Gill, (9888098886)

S/o Shri Amarjit Singh,
376, St No 8, Maha Singh Nagar,
Daba Lohara Road,
Tehsil & District Ludhiana-141014

RTI Application No 119080

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4348 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 12.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 03.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That both the parties remained absent during the hearing, inspite of the fact that the Notice of hearing was sent to them through speed post. The absence of the PIO has been taken seriously by the Bench as it delays the proceedings.

3. That the respondent PIO is hereby directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing and to provide the sought for information to the appellant, as per the guidelines laid down under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

4. That the appellant is also directed to follow up his case before the Bench.

5. Adjourned to **10.12.2026 at 11:00 A.M.**

15.09.2026

Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
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Shri Madan Lal, (9872367068)

S/o Shri Om Parkash,
Zone 2 H No 10803, Street No 18,
Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar,
Parinda Road18, Bathinda-151001

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4392 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Madan Lal, Appellant.
Shri Lakhbeer Singh, Clerk (9023540042) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 18.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 03.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That an email was received from the appellant seeking permission to appear through online mode, which was allowed vide reply email. Accordingly, the appellant attended the hearing through Cisco Webex and stated before the Bench that no information has been provided. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the information sought by the appellant pertains to third-party information and, therefore, cannot be disclosed. The respondent further stated that the said position had already been conveyed to the appellant in writing vide letter dated 24.04.2024. A copy of the written submission of the respondent is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is hereby directed to submit, in writing, specific and justified grounds as to why the information sought by him does not attract the provisions relating to third-party information/non-disclosure, so as to enable the Bench to examine the matter and decide the case on merits. The appellant shall also specifically indicate the information which, according to him, has not been furnished.

4. Adjourned to **10.12.2026 at 11:00 A.M.**

15.09.2026

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Shri Anubhav Khanna, (7404981653)

S/o Shri Maharaj Saran Khanna,
653, Sector 5, Tehsil Thanesar,
District Kurukshetra-136118

RTI Application No 123207

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Local Govt, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Local Govt, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4394 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Gurpreet Singh, Senior Assistant (9417694558) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 10.05.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 10.06.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 24.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That the respondent appeared before the Bench and stated that the information sought by the appellant through RTI Application No. 123207 is not clear and the same has already been conveyed to the appellant in writing vide letter dated 14.09.2026. The appellant remained absent during the hearing.

3. That upon perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that the reply furnished by the PIO is not specific to the information sought by the appellant. Accordingly, the PIO is directed to re-examine the RTI application and furnish a specific point-wise reply/information to the appellant, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **10.12.2026 at 11:00 A.M.**

15.09.2026

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Shri Hakam Singh, (9781517619)

S/o Shri Amrik Singh,
R/o Village Ferozepur Kuthala,
District Malerkotla-148020

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Secretary,
Sant Baba Attar Singh Khalsa College,
Sandhor, District Malerkotla.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Department of Higher Education (Colleges), Punjab,
Vidhya Bhawan, 7th Floor, Punjab School Education Board Complex,
Phase -8, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4395 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Hakam Singh, Appellant.
Advocate Harnoor Singh Sidhu on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 28.02.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 25.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 01.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that no information had been provided to him. On the other hand, Advocate Harnoor Singh Sidhu appeared before the Bench and placed on record a Power of Attorney duly signed by the respondent, which is taken on record and placed in the case file. The respondent submitted that the appellant has filed various RTI applications on the same subject and requested that the appellant be directed to specify and confine the exact information sought, so as to enable the respondent to furnish the requisite information.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is hereby directed to specify and pinpoint the exact information sought from the PIO. Thereafter, the PIO is directed to furnish the requisite information, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **10.12.2026 at 11:00 A.M.**

15.09.2026

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Shri Bhupinder Singh, (9915371835)

S/o Shri Ram Pratap,

R/o Ward No 6, Mohalla Bari Sarkar,

Sri Anandpur Sahib, District Roopnagar.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Nagar Council,

Sri Anandpur Sahib, District Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

(Urban Development), Roopnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4405 OF 2024

PRESENT:

Shri Bhupinder Singh, Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 24.05.2023 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 23.12.2023 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 02.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that no information has been provided. On the other hand, the PIO also failed to appear before the Commission despite due service of the hearing notice through registered post. The unexplained absence of the PIO reflects a lack of due regard for the proceedings of the Commission. The Bench has taken a serious view of the absence of the PIO, as the same has impeded the effective adjudication of the present appeal.

3. That in view of the above, the PIO is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing. In case of failure to comply with the above direction, appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. **Adjourned to 10.12.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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Shri Harinder Singh, (7988122588)

S/o Shri Jiwand Singh,
E-109, Golden Sand Apartment,
Dhakoli, SAS Nagar-160104

RTI Application No 117287

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,
Distribution Circle, PSPCL, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Engineer,
Operational South, PSPCL, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4406 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 30.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 03.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That both the parties remained absent during the hearing, inspite of the fact that the Notice of hearing was sent to them through speed post. The absence of the PIO has been taken seriously by the Bench as it delays the proceedings.

3. That the respondent PIO is hereby directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing and to provide the sought for information to the appellant, as per the guidelines laid down under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

4. That the appellant is also directed to follow up his case before the Bench.

5. Adjourned to **10.12.2026 at 11:00 A.M.**

15.09.2026

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Shri Surjit Singh (CDEO),

Shri Vinod Kumar, (CDEO), Ms Aditi Jain (CDEO),

Shri Vishal Mahajan (CDEO), Shri Sukhmander Singh (CDEO),

O/o Advocate General, Punjab

Punjab & Haryana High Court, Sector-1, Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Advocate General, Punjab

Punjab & Haryana High Court, Sector-1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Advocate General, Punjab,

Punjab & Haryana High Court, Sector-1, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4407 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Surjit Singh (CDEO), Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 08.02.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 22.03.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 03.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that no information has been provided, whereas the PIO is remained absent during the hearing, inspite of the fact that the Notice of hearing was sent to them through speed post. The absence of the PIO has been taken seriously by the Bench as it delays the proceedings.

3. That the respondent PIO is hereby directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing and to provide the sought for information to the appellant, as per the guidelines laid down under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which appropriate proceedings shall be initiated as per law.

4. **Adjourned to 10.12.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

15.09.2026

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Shri Satnam Singh, (9914684981)

S/o Shri Dev Singh,

R/o Village Mana Talwandi,

Tehsil Bholath, District Kapurthala.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Nadala, District Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer

Kapurthala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4408 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 09.11.2023 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.01.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 03.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That both the parties remained absent during the hearing, inspite of the fact that the Notice of hearing was sent to them through speed post. The absence of the PIO has been taken seriously by the Bench as it delays the proceedings.

3. That the respondent PIO is hereby directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing and to provide the sought for information to the appellant, as per the guidelines laid down under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

4. That the appellant is also directed to follow up his case before the Bench.

5. Adjourned to **10.12.2026 at 11:00 A.M.**

15.09.2026

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Shri Iqbal Singh, (9417794890)

LIG-53, Urban Estate,

Phase1, Patiala-147001

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Punjabi University,

Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Registrar,

Punjabi University, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4409 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Advocate Vikrant Sharma (9814105515) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 18.12.2023 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.02.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 03.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 15.09.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, the notice sent to the appellant was returned with the remarks "LEFT". Subsequently, the appellant was contacted on his mobile number 9417794890, which was found to be not reachable. On the other hand, Shri Vikrant Sharma, Advocate, appeared before the Bench and placed on record a Power of Attorney duly signed by the respondent, which is taken on record and placed in the case file. The respondent stated before the Bench that the information sought by the appellant had already been sent to him vide letter dated 01.04.2024, consisting of 40 pages. A copy thereof is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is directed to point out, in writing, any specific deficiency in the information furnished to him, if so, to the PIO. Thereafter, the PIO is directed to examine the same and furnish the rectified information, if any, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **10.12.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

15.09.2026

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Advocate Tejinder Singh, (9041004313)

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur-144410

....Appellant

VERSUS

Shri Angad Singh,

PIO-cum-Assitant Town Planner,
O/o Assistant Town Planner (South),
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Assistant Town Planner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0482 & 0484 OF 2025

PRESENT: Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate/Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.05.2026.

2. That the information sought under the RTI Act, 2005 by the appellant through different RTI applications from the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, are being considered together, as the appellant and the PIO are common in the titled appeals. Hence, the matters are clubbed together.

3. That the appellant stated before the Bench that complete information has not been provided till date, whereas the PIO remained absent before the Bench without any intimation or request for adjournment, despite the Notices/Orders having been duly issued through registered post. Such deliberate absence has adversely affected the proceedings of the case.

4. That upon perusal of the case record, it is observed that despite repeated opportunities, the PIO has not appeared before the Bench and the grievance of the appellant regarding incomplete information still remains.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 0482 & 0484 OF 2025

In view thereof, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is hereby issued to **Shri Angad Singh, PIO– cum –Assistant Town Planner, O/o ATP South Branch, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar**, to explain why penalty should not be imposed upon him under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 for wilful delay/denial in furnishing the information sought by the appellant, and why compensation, if any, should not be awarded to the appellant under the Act.

5. That the PIO is directed to appear **personally** before the Bench on the next date of hearing and file his written reply to the Show Cause Notice. The PIO shall also ensure that the appellant is furnished the remaining information, if the same is covered and available under the RTI Act, 2005. In case of non-availability, the PIO shall specifically state the position with reasons and the efforts made to trace the relevant record. Failing personal appearance, **Bailable Warrant** shall be issued against the PIO as per law.

6. Adjourned to **16.12.2026 at 11:00 AM**.

15.09.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Mandeep Singh, (7009051042)

S/o Shri Jagdish Singh,

R/o Village Maujpur,

Tehsil & District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)-140307

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police, Punjab,

Ropar Range, Sector 76, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Inspector General of Police, Punjab,

Sector 76, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6743 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Maninder Singh, Head Constable (7837741687) on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.05.2026.

2. That the respondent stated before the Bench that requisite information has already been provided to the appellant, whereas the appellant stated before the Bench that incomplete information has been provided.

3. That upon due deliberation and submissions made by both parties, the appellant is directed to point out, in writing, any specific deficiency in the information furnished to him, if so, to the PIO. Thereafter, the PIO is directed to examine the same and furnish the rectified information, if any, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **10.12.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Sukhwinder Singh, (9915810319)

S/o Shri Raghbir Singh,
Village Kakron, PO Kishanpura,
Tehsil & District Roopnagar-140103

RTI Application No. 188426

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Morinda, District Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sarovar Path, Phase 8, Sector 62, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4620 OF 2025

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.05.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment.
3. That in view of the above, **LAST OPPORTUNITY** is hereby given to both parties to comply with the previous order dated 14.05.2026, failing which the matter shall be decided in their absence.
4. Adjourned to **15.12.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

15.09.2026

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Shri Charanjit Singh, (9041478546)

S/o Shri Prem Singh,
Village Kala Afgana, Tehsil Batala,
District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4638 OF 2025

PRESENT: Shri Charanjit Singh, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.05.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment.
3. That in view of the above, **LAST OPPORTUNITY** is hereby given to both parties to comply with the previous order dated 14.05.2026, failing which the matter shall be decided in their absence.
4. Adjourned to **15.12.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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Ms. Gursimran Kaur, (8360146649)

D/o Shri Tarlochan Singh,
Plot No 3, New Radhey Vihar Colony Backside
Ashiana Enclave Ram Nagar, 33 Futta Road,
Mundian Kalan, Ludhiana-141015

RTI Application No. 174326

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Panchayat Raja Sansi,
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Nagar Panchayat Raja Sansi,
District Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4750 OF 2025
CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT: Shri Tejinder Singh Advocate/Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.05.2026.

2. Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate appeared on behalf of the appellant and stated that incomplete information has been provided whereas the PIO remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment.

3. That in view of the above, **LAST OPPORTUNITY** is hereby given to both parties to comply with the previous order dated 14.05.2026, failing which the matter shall be decided in their absence.

4. Adjourned to **15.12.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

15.09.2026

Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Malkit Singh, (9417372738)

S/o Shri Piyara Singh,

Village Lalleh, PO Karahewala,

Tehsil Zira, District Ferozepur-142043

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation,

Moga.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner

(Urban Development), Moga.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4987 OF 2025

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT: Shri Vipin Grover on behalf of the Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.05.2026.

2. That an email was received from the appellant seeking permission to appear through online mode, which was allowed for today vide reply email. Accordingly, Shri Vipin Grover, authorized representative the appellant attended the hearing through Cisco Webex and stated before the Bench that no information has been provided. whereas the PIO remained absent before the Bench without any intimation or request for adjournment, despite the Notices/Orders having been duly issued through registered post. Such deliberate absence has adversely affected the proceedings of the case.

3. That upon perusal of the case record, it is observed that despite repeated opportunities, the PIO has not appeared before the Bench and the grievance of the appellant regarding complete information still remains. In view thereof, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is hereby issued to **PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Moga**, to explain why penalty should not be imposed upon him under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 for wilful delay/denial in furnishing the information sought by the appellant, and why compensation, if any, should not be awarded to the appellant under the Act.

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4. That the PIO is directed to appear **personally** before the Bench on the next date of hearing and file his written reply to the Show Cause Notice. The PIO shall also ensure that the appellant is furnished the remaining information, if the same is covered and available under the RTI Act, 2005. In case of non-availability, the PIO shall specifically state the position with reasons and the efforts made to trace the relevant record. Failing personal appearance, **Bailable Warrant** shall be issued against the PIO as per law.

5. Adjourned to **15.12.2026 at 11:00 AM**.

15.09.2026

Sd/-
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....Appellant

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Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0705 & 0713 OF 2024

PRESENT:

Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate/Appellant.

Shri Sukhcharan Singh, ARTO – cum – PIO on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 14.05.2026.

2. That the information sought under the RTI Act, 2005 by the appellant through different RTI applications from the PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, are being considered together, as the appellant and the PIO are common in the titled appeals. Hence, the matters are clubbed together.

3. That an email was received from the respondent seeking permission to appear through online mode, which was allowed vide reply email. Accordingly, the respondent attended the hearing through Cisco Webex and stated before the Bench that the requisite information had already been sent to the appellant, whereas the appellant stated before the Bench that incomplete information had been provided.

4. That upon perusal of the case record, it is observed that despite repeated opportunities, the PIO has not appeared before the Bench and the grievance of the appellant regarding incomplete information still remains.

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In view thereof, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is hereby issued to **Shri Sukhcharan Singh, ARTO-cum-PIO, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda**, to explain why penalty should not be imposed upon him under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 for wilful delay/denial in furnishing the information sought by the appellant, and why compensation, if any, should not be awarded to the appellant under the Act.

5. That the PIO is directed to appear **personally** before the Bench on the next date of hearing and file his written reply to the Show Cause Notice. The PIO shall also ensure that the appellant is furnished the remaining information, if the same is covered and available under the RTI Act, 2005. In case of non-availability, the PIO shall specifically state the position with reasons and the efforts made to trace the relevant record. Failing personal appearance, **Bailable Warrant** shall be issued against the PIO as per law.

6. Adjourned to **16.12.2026 at 11:00 AM**.

15.09.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Copy of the above order is forwarded to the concerned authority for compliance of the directions contained herein: -

Shri Sukhcharan Singh,
ARTO-cum-PIO,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.