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**Shri Jasveer Singh, (9803637036)**  
(Reporter), Guru Nanakpura Mohalla,  
Near VishwasMandir, RampuraPhul,  
Distt Bathinda - 151103

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat, Mehraj,  
Distt Bathinda.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o ADC (U.D),  
Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 3803 OF 2022

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **24.05.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **15.04.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email was received from him today i.e. 15.04.2025, mentioning that he is unable to attend hearing due to health issues and requesting to hear the case through online mode, which is taken on record.

3. However, the respondent is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though respondent PIO is absent. **One opportunity** is awarded to him to supply the sought information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

4. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **Parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco Webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345)** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Shri Viky Bajaj, (9653100631)**

S/o Sh. K.L Bajaj,  
R/o 51, VikasVihst, Phase - 1,  
Ferozepur - 152001

....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. 4561 OF 2022

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **05.04.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **15.04.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 14.01.2025 was received from him, mentioning therein that the point wise reply along with information had already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post even then he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. Both parties are granted one opportunity to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
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**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Sukhpal Singh Rattan, (8699007477)**

House No. 74, Upkar Nagar,  
Factory Area, Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Director,  
Technical Education and Industrial Training Department,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Director,  
Technical Education and Industrial Training Department,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 5214 OF 2022

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **26.04.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **15.04.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency in the information so supplied by the respondent PIO, as directed at the last hearing.

3. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the appellant is awarded **one last opportunity** to point out deficiencies in the supplied information to the respondent PIO, with a copy to this Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondent is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

4. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Ankit Sehgal, (9888625152)**

C/o Bombay Studio,  
Near Main Post Office Chowk,  
Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Improvement Trust,  
Jalandahar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** EO, Improvement Trust,  
Jalandahar.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 4552 OF 2022

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Ankit Sehgal (9888625152)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **31.07.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **15.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that incomplete information has been received from the respondent and further, requested to direct the respondent PIO to furnish the complete sought information.

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 in spite of that, he is absent.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

5. The respondent PIO is further directed to appear in person before the Commission 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 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Ankit Sehgal, (9888625152)**

C/o Bombay Studio,  
Near Main Post Office Chowk,  
Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Improvement Trust,  
Kartarpur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o EO, Improvement Trust,  
Kartarpur.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 5854 OF 2022

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Ankit Sehgal (9888625152)  
Respondent: Shri Raj Kumar, Surveyor (9877299918)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **31.07.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **15.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply supplied by the respondent and further, requested to direct the respondent PIO to furnish the complete sought information.

3. The respondent states that a reply along with information has already been supplied to the appellant in another case which was similar to the present case.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the sought information of this present appeal case to the appellant within 15 days under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing. 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.

5. **To come up on 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
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**Shri Parveen Kumar Goyal, (9463858455)**

S/o Shri Bihari Lal,  
Koharian Road, Dibra, Distt Sangrur - 148035  
RTI Application No. 44472

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Punjab,  
Sector - 38, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Punjab,  
Sector - 38, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1225 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **22.12.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.01.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.02.2023** 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. **15.04.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not submitted a single reply to this RTI application, which was filed on 22.12.2022.

3. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after 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. **One last opportunity** is awarded to them to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **To come up on 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Shri Yash Pal Garg, (8360014469)**

S/o Shri Kasturi Lal Garg,  
# 616, First Floor, Sector - 69,  
Mohali - 160062  
RTI Application No. 37644

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Punjab,  
Sector - 38, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Punjab,  
Sector - 38, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1226 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent (9464755507)

**ORDER:**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **24.10.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **07.12.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.02.2023** 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. **15.04.2025**.

2. The respondent states that sought information has already been sent to the appellant twice, but till date no deficiencies have been pointed out by the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post. **One opportunity** is awarded to him to represent this case on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merit ex-parte.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiencies in the supplied information, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within ten days after receipt of this order. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondent is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. **To come up on 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**



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**Shri Naresh Kumar, (9464522190)**

Section Officer, # 2190, Sector - 44 C,  
Chandigarh - 160047

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Punjab State Board of Technical Education & Industrial Training,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Secretary,  
Punjab State Board of Technical Education & Industrial Training,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 1960 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Naresh Kumar (9464522190)  
Respondent: Smt. Jasdeep Kaur, PIO-cum-Deputy Director (7700008105) and  
Smt. Gurvinder Kaur, Info Assistant (8264680432)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **13.06.2023** passed by Former SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi, who has demitted the office on **20.10.2023**, thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned bench. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **15.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply supplied by the respondent and further, requested to direct the respondent PIO to furnish the complete sought information.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been supplied to the appellant twice and further, she requested some additional time to provide the complete sought information to the appellant once again.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, **one opportunity** is awarded to the respondent to supply the complete sought information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. 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.

5. **To come up on 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Manjit Singh, (9815718757)**

District President, The Class Forth Gaur Inm Union Punjab, Distt Bathinda.  
R/o S.A.S Nagar, Street No. 8,  
House No. 28469, Sukhpeer Road,  
Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o Deputy Chief Executive Officer,**  
Zila Parishad, Bathinda.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o ADC (D), Bathinda.**

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2000 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The above said appeal case was earlier allocated to Shri Anumit Singh Sodhi, State Information Commissioner. After his retirement, the said appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. The RTI application is dated **06.09.2022** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.11.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **21.03.2023** 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. **15.04.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not submitted a single reply to this RTI application, which was filed on 06.09.2022.

3. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after 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. **One last opportunity** is awarded to them to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

4. **To come up on 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Jasbir Singh, (9888296107)**

R/o Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village BholapurJhabewal,  
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana - 141123

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat, Naya Gaon,  
Distt Mohali.

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

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2413 OF 2024

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **03.01.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.02.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **20.03.2024** 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. **15.04.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email has been received from him today, i.e. 15.04.2025, mentioning that he has not received the sought information.

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 in spite of that, he is absent. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not submitted a single reply to this RTI application, which was filed on 03.01.2024.

4. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after 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. **One last opportunity** is awarded to them to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 23.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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**Shri Avtar Singh, (8968702387)**

S/o Late Shri Gurcharan Singh,  
R/o House No. 04-00017, MC, Ward No. 12,  
Naya Gaon - 160103

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Naya Gaon, Distt Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o ADC (UD), Mohali.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 2829 OF 2024

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Avtar Singh (8968702387)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **16.11.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.02.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **12.03.2024** 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. **15.04.2025**.

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 information pertaining to his RTI application.

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 in spite of that, he is absent. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not submitted a single reply to this RTI application, which was filed on 16.11.2023.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the point wise reply in an indexed manner with the queries listed in RTI application in the left column and the PIO's reply in the right column. The reply to each point must mention the page numbers vide which information for each point is being supplied. All copies provided as information must be duly attested and paginated.

5. The respondent is further 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 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

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**Shri Naresh Gumber, (9915822240)**

# 2377, Ground Floor,  
Sector - 71, Mohali – 160071

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,**

Phase – 8, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Phase – 8, Mohali.**

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 6023 OF 2024**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Naresh Gumber (9915822240)  
Respondent: Shri Mahesh Kumar Assistant Director (9501477200) and  
Shri Harpal Singh, Junior Scale Steno (8284000767)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **02.09.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **04.09.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **30.09.2024** 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. **15.04.2025**.

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 information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been supplied to the appellant that the information is publicly accessible. Since, the information requested by the appellant is available in public domain and can be accessed publicly. It is not incumbent on the PIO to supply the same.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to invite the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. Where after, any record listed by him, is to be provided by way of attested copies, this must be done under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing. 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.

5. **To come up on 17.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 15.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**