



Sh. Jagdish Kumar, S/o Sh. Nand Lal,
Village Khusropur, Village Post Office Kukar Pind,
District Jalandhar-144024(M: 9814018103)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Primary Education Officer,
East-1, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary Education),
Adarsh Nagar, Near Radha Swami Satsang Bhawan,
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3707 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Jagdish Kumar, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Roshan Lal, BPEO, East-I, the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 22.02.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.03.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). 2025 The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.08.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed to 16.10.2025.
2. The appellant is present through cisco webex and states that information on point nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 has still not been provided to him by the respondent PIO.
3. The respondent PIO is present in person and states that information comprising 45 pages has been provided to the appellant. He further adds that some official inquiry was conducted by him against Sh. Jagdish Kumar which is still under consideration and a letter dated 12.08.2024 has also been written to the District Education Officer (S.E), Jalandhar to conduct the regular inquiry. He further adds that information on point nos. 1 and 2 are available in the office and appellant can visit their office for inspection of the official records. He has also made a submission that the appellant has no any larger public interest in getting this information instead of personal grudge with him.
4. Accordingly, the appellant Sh. Jagdish Kumar is given an opportunity to inspect the record and procuring any specific information that he requires on point nos. 1 and 2. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to arrange for inspection of the concerned record pertaining to the RTI application Dated

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22.02.2024 on 12.11.2025 at 11.00AM as mutually fixed today in the Commission. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing. The respondent PIO is also directed to provide the copy of letter dated 12.08.2024 which was written to the District Education Officer (S.E), Jalandhar. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte and no further adjournment will be given in this case.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 18th November, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16th October, 2025

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Sh. Hakam Singh, S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,
Village Madhir, Tehsil Giddherbaha,
Sri Muktsar Sahib-152101. (M: 9914692355)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3708 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 26.01.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.03.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). 2025 The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.08.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed to 16.10.2025.

2. Neither the appellant nor the respondent is present, at today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing. The case is, therefore, adjourned to **16.12.2025 at 12.00 Noon** for further proceedings. Both the parties are also directed to remain present 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. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16th October, 2025

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Sh. Lakhwinder Singh , S/o Sh. Mohan Singh,
Village Gagrewal, Tehsil Khadur Sahib,
District Tarn Taran-143201. (M: 9781062063)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Tarn Taran.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3713 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 10.02.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 12.03.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was earlier fixed for hearing on 12.08.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed to 16.10.2025.

2. Neither the appellant nor the respondent is present, at today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing. The case is, therefore, adjourned to **16.12.2025 at 12.00 Noon** for further proceedings. Both the parties are also directed to remain present 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. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16th October, 2025

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Sh. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, S/o Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta,
1722, Sector-14, Hisar-125001.(M: 9992931181)
RTI Application No 112515.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary),
3RD Floor, Mini Secretariat, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary),
3RD Floor, Mini Secretariat, Bathinda.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3721 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Harmeet Singh Brar, Lecturer English on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 28.02.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.03.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). The case was fixed for hearing on 12.08.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed to 16.10.2025.
2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing, without intimation.
3. The respondent PIO files a reply dated 15.10.2025 mentioning therein that a reply dated 25.04.2024 has been received from the Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Bangi Kalan, Bathinda vide which the school authority has mentioned the desired information is not available in their official records and moreover it is also a third party information.
4. The Commission concurs with the contention of the respondent PIO that the sought for information is being third party, which is exempted under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. A copy of reply is being sent to the appellant along with the Order of the Commission with the directions to establish the larger public interest in writing, in the Commission, within fifteen days from the receipt of this order. Both the parties are also directed to remain present 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 and no further adjournment will be given in this case. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appeal Case No. 3721 of 2024

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 16th October, 2025

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(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Enclosed: A reply dated 15.10.2025



Sh. Sona Singh, S/o Sh. Gudarh Singh,
R/o Village Chak Kandhe Shah,
Tehsil Gurusahai, District Ferozepur.
(M: 6284699536).

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No.73 of 2024

Present: (i) The complainant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Sumit Dung, GRS on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.09.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The complainant is absent at today's hearing, without intimation.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Sumit Dung, GRS states that he is not aware about the facts of this appeal case and has sought short adjournment, as his senior official has deputed him without authority to request the Bench for adjournment.
4. The Commission observes that the respondent is being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission. Such conduct of the PIO/APIO is deplorable. From the next date of hearing, no person less than PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also recommendation of disciplinary action against PIO under Section 20(2) of RTI Act, 2005.
5. In the interest of natural justice, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO Sh. Deepak Kumar, DNO O/o ADC(D), Ferozepur to appear in person in the Commission at Chandigarh along with the point wise written reply. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.
6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 20th November, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Dated: 16th October, 2025

[Note: The appellant / complainant can attend the Hearing in person at the Commission or through Cisco Webex. The Cisco Webex number of this Bench is 25179803719 and password is 12345. The appellant / complainant is advised to intimate the Commission regarding the mode of Hearing, at least three weeks before the Hearing on official website i.e. psic21@punjabmail.gov.in]

CC:

**Sh. Deepak Kumar, DNO
O/o ADC(D), Ferozepur.**

(for compliance)