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Shri Naresh Johar,
80, Rani Ka Bagh,
Amritsar – 143001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3002 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Gurpreet Singh, Steno (62801-93012)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **06.05.2026**.

2. The respondent has sought some time to provide the reply.
3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.
4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the reply has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide **fresh point wise reply/information** to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, **within one week** of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office.
5. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.
6. **To come up on 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.09.2026

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Manjinder Singh, (80545-97097)

R/o # 182, Ward No. 11 A, Shivpuri Mohalla,
Dhuri, Distt Sangrur – 148024

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Gurinder Singh (96460-15752),

Public Information Officer-cum-EO,
Nagar Council, Dhuri,
Distt Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (G), Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8050 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Rajan Verma, Son of the appellant (79867-18473)
accompanied by Shri Neeraj Verma (80545-97097)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.05.2026**.

2. Shri Rajan Verma, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is consecutively 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. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-EO, Nagar Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur, Shri Gurinder Singh, with this Show Cause Notice.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-EO, Nagar Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur, Shri Gurinder Singh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **16.06.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 8050 OF 2023

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

6. The PIO-cum-EO, Shri Gurinder Singh, 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. The respondent PIO-cum-EO, Shri Gurinder Singh, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. **To come up on 13.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Lekh Raj (94174-52176),
S/o Shri Kotu Ram,
Village Ganjuana,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Food and Supplies Controller,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Food and Supplies Controller,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8114 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Lekh Raj via mobile (94174-52176)
Respondent: Shri Sher Singh, Superintendent (97805-06632)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.05.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Lekh Raj, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that he has received partial information from the respondent.
3. The respondent states that the requested information has already been furnished to the appellant as available in the official records.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, 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. 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 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Sanjeev Thakur (98142-89764),
S/o Shri Baldev Singh Salaria,
R/o Mohalla Rajput Nagar, Village Gurha Khurd,
P.O Madhopur Cantt, Pathankot - 145024

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Civil Hospital,
Amrisar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o CMO, Civil Hospital,
Amrisar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7605 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **15.07.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. Consequently, in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.09.2026

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S/o Shri Baldev Singh Salaria,
R/o Mohalla Rajput Nagar, Village Gurha Khurd,
P.O Madhopur Cantt, Pathankot - 145024

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Civil Hospital,
Hoshiapur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o CMO, Civil Hospital,
Hoshiapur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7606 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **15.07.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. Consequently, in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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S/o Shri Baldev Singh Salaria,
R/o Mohalla Rajput Nagar, Village Gurha Khurd,
P.O Madhopur Cantt, Pathankot - 145024

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Civil Hospital,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o CMO, Civil Hospital,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7607 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **15.07.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. Consequently, in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.09.2026

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Shri Kulbir Pal (98720-89251),
S/o Shri Assa Ram,
VPO Kalyanpur, Jalandhar - 144026

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP (Rural), Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SSP (Rural), Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2302 OF 2024 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Kulbir Pal (98720-89251)
Respondent: Ms. Rajwant Kaur, Superintendent (89689-02626)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.05.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received partial information from the respondent PIO and requests the court for complete requisite information.
3. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. Further, she submits that nothing more is available in the official record which could be supplied to the appellant.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, at this hearing, it is ascertained that the information which was available in the official records stands supplied by the respondent PIO with which the appellant is not satisfied. The respondent is directed to file an **affidavit** the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.
5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.09.2026

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Shri Yash Paul Kapoor, (98779-54649)

S/o Shri Babu Lal Kapoor,
R/o 4424, Street No. 1, Nai Basti,
Bathinda - 151001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Estate Office, Punjab Waqf Board,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Punjab Waqf Board, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8058 OF 2023 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Madan Lal on behalf of the appellant (98723-67068)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.05.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received a reply from the respondent, but submits that the same is unsatisfactory.

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, the appellant is directed to demonstrate/enumerate the larger public interest that would be served by disclosing this information to him. This Commission will take a view in this appeal case subsequent to the aforesaid reply by the appellant.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.09.2026

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Shri Amit Gupta, (94172-77017)

S/o Shri Surendar Kumar,
09567, MCB Zone 2, Street No. 10 A,
Ajit Road, Bathinda - 151001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Estate Office, Punjab Waqf Board,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Punjab Waqf Board, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8060 OF 2023 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Madan Lal on behalf of the appellant (98723-67068)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.05.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received a reply from the respondent, but submits that the same is unsatisfactory.

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, the appellant is directed to demonstrate/enumerate the larger public interest that would be served by disclosing this information to him. This Commission will take a view in this appeal case subsequent to the aforesaid reply by the appellant.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.09.2026

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Shri Jaspal Singh Mann (86999-94733),
S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
152, Village Sehna Khera, Tehsil Malout,
Distt Muktsar - 152114
RTI Application No. 62312

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director,
Health & Family Welfare, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8093 OF 2023 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jaspal Singh Mann (86999-94733)
Respondent: Dr. Jaideep Singh Brar, SMO (99883-00062)

ORDER:

- This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.05.2026**.
2. The respondent states that the information has already been furnished to the appellant.
 3. The appellant states that the information provided is incomplete and he is not satisfied with it.
 4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent PIO is hereby directed to re-examine the RTI application and provide the complete requested information to the appellant **by hand**, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.
 5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 14.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Pardeep Kumar Verma (98884-35700),

S/o Shri Surinder Kumar,
161 Abrol Nagar Tower Wali,
Gali Marleous Solune,
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot - 145001
RTI Application No. 90884

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Pawan Kumar (88377-87677)

Public Information Officer-cum-Divisional Engineer,
O/o ADA, PUDA, Amritsar.

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Town Planner,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Addl. Chief Administrator,
Amritsar Development Authority,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8105 OF 2023 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.05.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an emails dated 25.07.2026 and 27.07.2026 have been received from the appellant, stating that the requested information is still pending. The appellant has further requested that a penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for not providing the information. The said emails are taken on record.

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. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, 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

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APPEAL CASE NO. 8105 OF 2023 **Through Cisco Webex**

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. The respondent PIO-cum-DE, Shri Pawan Kumar, 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 14.01.2027 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.

Date: 16.09.2026

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