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**Shri Parveen Kumar, (9464817898)**

RTI Activist, Street No. 1, Patwari Colony,  
TalwandiSaboo, Distt Bathinda - 151302

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Tehsildar, TalwandiSaboo,  
Distt Bathinda.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o SDM, TalwandiSaboo,  
Distt Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 4116 OF 2022

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Jashanpreet Singh, Kanungo (9592714545)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.06.2023** 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. **16.04.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent but informed the Commission via telephone that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested to hear the case through online mode.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been supplied to the appellant and no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **Parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.09.2025 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: 16.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Gurtej Singh Khattri, (8872474230)**

S/o Shri Bakhsish Singh Khattri,  
R/o Village Rohti Mouran, P.O Village Rohta,  
Tehsil Nabha, Distt Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o XEN, PWD Division, Nabha,  
Distt Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SE, Construction Division No. 2, PWD B&R,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 325 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Mahesh Sharma, SDE (9814278333)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **10.05.2023** 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. **16.04.2025**.

2. The respondent states that the sought information as available in their records has already been supplied to the appellant. Further, he states that, as directed at the last hearing, the appellant was invited for inspection but no respond was received from 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.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, **one last opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to visit the respondent's office and inspect the official record pertaining to the RTI application. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present on the mutually fixed date and time of inspection. The respondent is also directed to supply the identified information pertaining to the RTI application within one week after the inspection. 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 03.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 16.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
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**Mrs. Manu Rani, (9888608167)**

W/o Shri Kishori Lal,  
R/o Village Bhagu, Tehsil Abohar,  
DisttFazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

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

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 684 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Mrs. Manu Rani (9888608167)  
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. **16.04.2025**.

2. The appellant states that she has received a reply from the respondent, mentioning therein that all the information is available on the website of the MNREGA Portal. The appellant further states that the MNREGA Portal is not publicly accessible as she could not locate the information on the website.

3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 15.04.2025 has been received from him, mentioning therein that the sought information was already sent to the appellant on 06.07.2023, by registered post.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to supply a point wise reply with an index giving the page numbers pertaining to each point separately. For points where information is not available or where the PIO seeks exemption, he must specify provisions of RTI Act, 2005. All copies provided as information must be duly attested. This must be done on or before the next hearing.

5. The respondent PIO 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 03.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 16.04.2025**

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**Shri Iqbal Singh, (9878824369)**

S/o Shri Narata Singh,  
Villagr Libra, Tehsil Khanna,  
Distt Ludhiana – 141401

**....Appellant**

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o GM, Punjab Roadways,**  
**Ludhiana.**

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o GM, Punjab Roadways, Ludhiana.**

**....Respondents**

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 1256 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Iqbal Singh (9878824369)  
Respondent: Shri Indu Shekhar, SA (7814849683)

### **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 **15.09.2022** 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 **17.10.2022** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.02.2023** 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. **16.04.2025**.

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 along with information has already been supplied to the appellant. The respondent further, states that yesterday he contacted the appellant on his mobile number and the appellant stated that he is satisfied with the supplied information.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the respondent is directed to supply the point wise reply along with information after due attestation, to the appellant 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 03.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 16.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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**Shri Sukhjit Singh,**  
S/o Shri Mohinder Singh,  
R/o Gura Patti, Near Dharamshala Patti, Meharmian,  
Village Daudhar Garbi, Tehsil & Distt Moga.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Moga - 1

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DDPO, Moga.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1262 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 **14.09.2022** 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 **24.11.2022** 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. **16.04.2025**.

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 14.09.2022.

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 to comply will invite penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005. **One last opportunity** is awarded to both parties 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.

4. **To come up on 03.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 16.04.2025**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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**Shri Sukhjot Singh,**  
S/o Shri Mohinder Singh,  
R/o Gura Patti, Near Dharamshala Patti, Meharmian,  
Village Daudhar Garbi, Tehsil & Distt Moga.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Moga - 1

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DDPO, Moga.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 1263 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 **14.09.2022** 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 **25.11.2022** 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. **16.04.2025**.

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 14.09.2022.

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 to comply will invite penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005. **One last opportunity** is awarded to both parties 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.

4. **To come up on 03.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Mrs. Shashi Bala Puri, (9888868433)**

W/o Shri Sunil Grover,  
R/o 233, Ward No. 12, Sun City Amaloh Road,  
Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Directorate School Education, Punjab,  
Services 3 Branch, Mohali.  
**Encl RTI application**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** DEO, Secondary, Ludhiana,  
**Encl RTI application**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** Secretary, School Education, Punjab,  
Mini Sectt. Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** Secretary, School Education, Punjab,  
Mini Sectt. Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 2529 OF 2024**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Mr. Surinder Gandhi counsel for the appellant (9815063210)  
Respondent: Smt. Harpreet Kaur, SA (8196025515)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **27.12.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **30.01.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **27.03.2024** 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. **16.04.2025**.

2. The counsel of the appellant states that the appellant has not received sought information from the respondent till date. Further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information.

3. The respondent states that the information pertaining to point nos. 1, 3, and 11 has already been given to the appellant. The rest of the information pertains to DSE, Punjab, Services 3 Branch and DEO, Secondary, Ludhiana. In view of the respondent's reply, the Commission impleads the PIO, office of, DSE, Punjab, Services 3 Branch and DEO, Secondary, Ludhiana, as deemed PIO in this appeal case, who is custodian of the information.

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 2529 OF 2024

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the deemed PIO, office of, DSE, Punjab Services 3 Branch and DEO, Secondary, Ludhiana, are 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. 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 03.07.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 16.04.2025

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

Encl: Copy of RTI application.