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Shri Ranjit Singh,
63, Phase – 3, B/1,
S.A.S Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,
S.A.S Nagar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Director Vigilance Bureau,
Sector - 68, S.A.S Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7985 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Superintendent (98720-83688) and
Senior Constable Harpreet Singh (98144-17776)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **13.05.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 17.09.2026 informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing due met with an accident and requested an adjournment. A letter has been submitted by the appellant vide Commission's diary no. 19423 dated 16.09.2026, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. The respondent further reiterated, as contended during the previous hearing, that the information requested by the appellant in his RTI application has been destroyed and is no longer physically available in the office.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the Commission is of the considered opinion that the respondent has provided appropriate and permissible reply to the appellant.

5. Since the appellant has requested an adjournment. The Commission wishes to **give one last and final opportunity** to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case failing which, appropriate orders shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this present appeal case. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.09.2026

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Shri Ashok Kumar Watts, (98767-23012)

B-V-1534, Street No. 1, Lajpat Nagar,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka - 152116

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o L.G Branch, Principal Secretary,
Local Govt. Punjab,
Sector – 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Under Secretary,
Local Govt. Punjab,
Sector – 35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8089 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **13.05.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, he submitted a letter vide Commission's diary no. 11475 dated 08.06.2026 mentioning therein that the sought information is still pending. Further he requests that the penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO and also requests compensation for harassment. The said letter is taken on record.

3. The respondent is absent. However, he submitted a point wise reply sent to the appellant vide Commission's diary no. 12574 dated 24.06.2026.

4. Consequently, in the interest of justice **one last and final 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.

5. A copy of reply submitted by the respondent sent to the appellant along with this order.

6. **To come up on 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.09.2026

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Encl: Copy of reply.

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Shri Jagtar Singh Dhaliwal, (94630-64909)

2028, Sector – 66,
S.A.S Nagar – 160062

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5332 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Ms. Malkan Rani, SA (90419-80103)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**.

2. The respondent states that she has not received RTI application of the appellant so far.
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. Copy of the RTI is handed over to the respondent today in the Commission with these directions to provide point wise specific reply along with information to the appellant before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. Since the appellant is absent today without any intimation, hence taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission. 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.
5. To come up on 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.09.2026

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[Note: The appellant, Shri Jagtar Singh, appeared after the hearing was over. He states that no information has been given to him so far. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case.]

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2028, Sector – 66,
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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5335 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Ms. Malkan Rani, SA (90419-80103)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**.

2. The respondent states that she has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant and the same was submitted to the Commission.
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 going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has submitted the information to the Commission office. Hence, the appellant is advised to collect the same from the Commission office on any working day, by himself or through any authorized representative. Further the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any in the information. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of 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 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.09.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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[Note: The appellant, Shri Jagtar Singh, appeared after the hearing was over. He states that no information has been given to him so far. The information submitted by the respondent was handed over to the appellant. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case.]

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2028, Sector – 66,
S.A.S Nagar – 160062

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5336 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Ms. Malkan Rani, SA (90419-80103)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**.

2. The respondent states that she has not received RTI application of the appellant so far.
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. Copy of the RTI is handed over to the respondent today in the Commission with these directions to provide point wise specific reply along with information to the appellant before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. Since the appellant is absent today without any intimation, hence taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission. 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.
5. To come up on 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.09.2026

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[Note: The appellant, Shri Jagtar Singh, appeared after the hearing was over. He states that no information has been given to him so far. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case.]

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Shri Sham Sunder (62392-44597),

S/o Shri Nand Lal,

245, Street No. 10/R, Vrindavan Gardens,

Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar – II - 143001

RTI Application No. 126829

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o SSP, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DIGP, Ferozepur Range,

Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5044 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sham Sunder via Cisco Webex (62392-44597)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **07.06.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **08.07.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.08.2024** 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. **17.09.2026**.

2. The appellant marked his presence via Cisco Webex. However, during the proceedings, he kept his microphone muted. Despite being called upon multiple times, he failed to unmute his microphone and remained unresponsive. The appellant submit his submission via email dated 22.08.2026 stating that the sought information is still pending and requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for failing to supply the information. The said email is taken on record.

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 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, this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to provide the appellant point wise complete specific reply in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

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 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.09.2026

**Sd/-
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Shri Yashpal (94177-35283),
VPO Baherampur, Distt Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4737 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Yashpal (94177-35283)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **20.03.2025** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.03.2026** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.06.2026** 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. **17.09.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

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 has been received back in the Commission office as undelivered with comments from the postal authorities as “Refused” This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

4. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act, 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act, 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

5. However, in the interest of justice a **last and final opportunity** is given to the PIO O/o DC, Gurdaspur, to provide complete information to the appellant and also to be present personally on the next date of hearing and file his written submissions. In case he does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to initiate penal proceedings against him ex-parte.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4737 OF 2026

6. Accordingly, copy of this order be sent to Shri Aditya Uppal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur, to ensure the presence of concerned respondent PIO to take the matter to its logical end.

7. To come up on 19.01.2027 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: 17.09.2026

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Cc: Shri Aditya Uppal , IAS,
Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur.

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Shri Jatinder Singh (98154-67866),

S/o Late Shri Karnail Singh,
133/A, Sector - 1, Kharar,
Distt S.A.S Nagar - 140301
RTI Application No. 279068

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5361 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jatinder Singh (98154-67866)
Respondent: Shri Prince Kumar, SA (97801-40004) and
Shri Gurmukh Singh, SA (95920-92778)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **27.05.2026** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **01.07.2026** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **15.07.2026** 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. **17.09.2026**.

2. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. A copy of the same is taken on record.
3. The appellant acknowledged receipt of the respondent's reply but contended that the same was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that this matter pertains to the appellant's own promotion case. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant through registered post **at the earliest**, 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.
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 13.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.09.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Shri Balbir Aggarwal (94636-66155),
1525/1, Street No. 33, Preet Nagar,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana - 141003

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Govt. Punjab,
Sector – 35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8134 OF 2023 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Ajay Sharma on behalf of the appellant (94636-66155)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.05.2026**.

2. Shri Ajay Sharma, is appear on behalf of the appellant. He states that no information has been given to him so far. He further requests that penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for delaying the information and also requests compensation for harassment.

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 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, it is observed that this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to provide the appellant point wise complete specific reply in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

5. A copy of this order is being sent to the **Mr. Ojasvi Alankar, IAS, Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana**, to ensure the presence of concerned respondent PIO to take the matter to its logical end.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 8134 OF 2023

Through Cisco Webex

6. Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 19.01.2027 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: 17.09.2026

Cc: Mr. Ojasvi Alankar, IAS,
Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

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Shri Akshay Bhadu (95492-00006),
S/o Shri Anil Bhadu,
VPO Waryamkhera, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka - 152216
RTI Application No. 115232

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Anterpreet Singh (83606-64689),
Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5089 OF 2024 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Akshay Bhadu (95492-00006)
Respondent: Shri Harmeet, Panchayat Officer (99142-92496)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **16.03.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **16.04.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **07.08.2024** 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. **17.09.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information 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 complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, **within one week** of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 19.01.2027 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: 17.09.2026

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(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab