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Shri Jarnail Singh, (98783-06426)

S/o Shri Budha Singh,
R/o Village Akala, Tehsil Bhulath,
Distt Kapurthala.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Talwinder Singh Randhawa (95019-33747)

Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Nadala, Distt Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Kapurthala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1764 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **06.08.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO is absent, but informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing and he also stated that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant as directed at the last hearing.

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.

4. However, in the interest of justice and taking a lenient view of the matter, **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 any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

5. **To come up on 06.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.11.2025

(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Baljinder Singh, (98552-41541)

S/o Shri Karnail Singh,

R/o Village Chappiyawali, P.O Baba Bakala Sahib,

Distt Amritsar – 143202

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Raiya, Distt Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1997 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Baljinder Singh, (98552-41541)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **06.08.2025**.

2. The appellant, Shri Baljinder Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far and requests the court for complete requisite information. Further, he submits his written submission during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.

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 in spite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-BDPO, Raiya, District Amritsar.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Raiya, District Amritsar**, 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 **23.11.2022**. **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.**

“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*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1997 OF 2023

5. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Raiya, District Amritsar, 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-BDPO, Raiya, 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**.

6. A copy of this order is being sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, to ensure compliance of the above order.

7. **To come up on 02.04.2026 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: 17.11.2025

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State Information Commissioner
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Cc: Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Punjab, Mohali,

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Ms. Priyanka Sharma, (95010-17835)

4446, Durgapuri,
Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana - 141001

....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary (SE), Punjab,
Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 579 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Ms. Priyanka Sharma, (95010-17835)
Respondent: Smt. Davinder Kaur, SA (94635-76583)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.08.2025**.

2. The appellant states that she has received a reply from the respondent, but the same was not satisfactory.
3. The respondent states that as directed at the last hearing, a fresh point wise reply along with information has already been sent to the appellant and a copy was also dispatched to the Commission. While the respondent's reply is yet to be received by the Commission. Further, she states that the sought information is in the question form and cannot be answered, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
4. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an affidavit that 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.
5. Both parties are directed to appear 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 03.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 17.11.2025

(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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