

# PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

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**Shri Gurmej Lal, (97816-72776)**

RTI Activist, Whistle Blower, VP, NCAG Office,  
Street No. 5, # 1331-5, Vishawkarma Bhawan,  
Down Canal Road, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana - 141003

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o EO, Nagar Council,  
Barnala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o EO, Nagar Council,  
Barnala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7498 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Anil Kumar, Clerk (94780-75942)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **27.07.2023** 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 **25.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **10.11.2023** 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. **19.11.2025**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Anil Kumar, Clerk, is present and has sought some time to provide the information.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent, **one opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide the reply / information to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. 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.

5. **To come up on 24.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 19.11.2025**

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