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Sh. Sewak Singh, (M-94171-93767)
S/o Sh Balvir Singh,
R/o Village Malout,
Distt- Sri Mukatsar Sahib

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Malout
Distt Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

.....Respondent

AC No.491 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 27.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Hence taking a lenient view, one last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Respondent is directed to send pointwise reply before or on the next date of hearing.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Date :19.11.2025

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Sh Joban Singh, (M-9888806300)
S/o ShGurdev Singh,
R/o Village Peehewali,
PO Kasoana, Tehsil- Zira,
Distt- Ferozepur

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Zira
DisttFerozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.3155 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Joban Singh the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 29.12.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.
3. Sh. Joban Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

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AC No.3155 of 2024

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Date :19.11.2025

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Sh Kewal Krishan, S/o ShMoti Ram,
Ward no. 17, H No. 527,
RamganjMandi, Moga-142001
(M-7307378009)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar Moga

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM Moga

.....Respondent

AC No.3252 of 2024

Present :- (i)None is present on behalf of the the appellant
(ii) Sh. Ramandeep Garg, Reader to Tehsildar, Moga

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.08.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. The appellant is not present today. He has sent his submissions via mail, which is taken on record.

4. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. He further states that he has also brought copy of information today in the Commission. **Copy of the information, as submitted, by the respondent be sent to the appellant** alongwith these orders with these directions to point out deficiencies, if any before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :19.11.2025

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Sh Janak Raj, (M-9988373532)
S/o Sh Jagir Singh,
Ward no. 12, Tiwana Street,
Near Gandhi School, Mansa

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35A, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.5430 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Janak Raj the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Ramit Mohan Joshi, Suptd.-cum-PIO (9915421732)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.12.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Respondent states that the reply has been sent to the appellant. Appellant states that he is not satisfied.

4. Both the parties mutually agreed that the applicant shall visit the office of respondent today itself, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application, within a fortnight, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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AC No.5430 of 2024

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :19.11.2025

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Sh Gulshan Kumar, (M-9888482109)
#854, Dayal Nagar, GhumarMandi,
Ludhiana-141001

..... Appellant

.Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.6486 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Hence taking a lenient view, one last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Respondent is directed to send pointwise reply before or on the next date of hearing.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Date :19.11.2025

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Sh Gulshan Kumar, (M-9888482109)
#854, Dayal Nagar, GhumarMandi,
Ludhiana-141001

..... Appellant

.Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.6487 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.08.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Hence taking a lenient view, one last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Respondent is directed to send pointwise reply before or on the next date of hearing.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Date :19.11.2025

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Sh Balwinder Singh,
S/o Sh Baldev Singh,
R/o Near Dharamshala,
Village Gobindgarh, Tehsil-Jaito,
Distt Faridkot
(M-9464826953)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Canal Division,
Faridkot

First Appellate Authority
O/o XEN, Canal Division,
Faridkot

.....Respondent

AC No.443 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.01.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Hence taking a lenient view, one last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Respondent is directed to send pointwise reply before or on the next date of hearing.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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AC No.443 of 2025

5. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Date :19.11.2025

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Sh Harpal Singh, S/o Sh Santokh Singh,
#1398/8, Gali Guru Ram Dasji,
Chowk Jai Singh, Near Gilwali gate,
Amritsar-143001
(M-9501551128)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Punjab Mandi Board,
Pb Mandi Bhawan, Sec-64A, SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Punjab Mandi Board,
Pb Mandi Bhawan, Sec-64A, SAS Nagar

..... Respondent

AC No.3327 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.01.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Hence taking a lenient view, one last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Respondent is directed to send pointwise reply before or on the next date of hearing.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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AC No.3327 of 2024

5. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Date :19.11.2025

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ShHarjodh Singh, (M-95305-00326)
S/o ShPrem Singh,
VPO Dagham, Tehsil- Garhshankar,
Distt- Hoshiarpur-144527
(RTI application no. 177485)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Health & Family Welfare, Pb
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sec-34, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director,
Health & Family Welfare, Pb
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sec-34, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.2422 of 2025

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Smt. Henna Mehta, Sr. Assistant (8054503918), Sh.
Gagandeep Singh, Clerk (9855840093)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated NIL vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.04.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. But he has not pointed out any deficiencies so far.

4. After hearing the respondent, it is observed that the information has been sent to the appellant. But he has not pointed out any deficiencies so far. The appellant is absent today hence one last opportunity is given to him to point out deficiencies to the respondent with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing. Further the respondent is

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directed that whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the Applicant should be made good before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Sh.Kulwant Singh, S/o Sh. Bhag Singh
R/o Village Nabha Sahib, R/o Tehsil DeraBassi
Distt. SAS Nagar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Zirakpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, DeraBassi

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 115 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Kulwant Singh the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2025 and 08.07.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today again the respondent is not present and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 13.09.2023, but after lapse of more than two years no information has been given to him so far. This is crux of law. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO, Tehsildar, Zirakpur as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and



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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 take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

4. Also, copy of this order be sent to Deputy Commissioner, Mohali with these directions that to ensure compliance of the orders passed by the Commission. It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, the PIO are not coming present. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is therefore recommended that strict disciplinary action may be initiated against both the officials under intimation to the Commission.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **12.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :19.11.2025

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State Information Commissioner
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CC: (i) Deputy Commissioner, Mohali
(ii) Tehsildar, Zirakhpur

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ShPawan Kumar,
S/o ShRajinder Singh,
R/o VPO Arno, Tehsil- Pattran,
Distt- Patiala-147105
(M-9876029531)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Arno,
Block Pattran, Distt Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No.3198 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.11.2025 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.
4. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to file point-wise specific reply, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

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AC No.3198 of 2024

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **20.01.2026 at 11:30AM** for further hearings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :19.11.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

*Note: ShPawan Kumar, appellant appeared after the hearing was over. He was read out the above order. To come up on **20.01.2026 at 11:30AM** for further hearings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.*

Date :19.11.2025

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ShSarbjit Singh, S/o ShJagir Singh,
H.NO 298, Sector 15, SaiKirpa,
Village Sarna,
Tehsil & Distt- Pathankot-145025
(M-9814691777)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Govt. ITI, Pathankot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Govt. ITI, Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 198 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShSukhvir Singh Katal, Training officer and ShBaljit Singh, Training officer (94173-60692)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.09.2025 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to PIO- ShSukhvir Singh Katal, Training officer.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent his submissions through e-mail which is taken on record.
3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant. Further, he has also filed his reply to the show-cause notice. The Commission has gone through the same and have agreed with it. Resultantly, the proceedings u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act is hereby dropped.
4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **18.12.2025 at 11:30AM** for further hearings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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