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**Sh. Rajwinder Singh**, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Singh,  
# 26, Nagar Nigam Colony, O/s Gillwali Gate,  
Amritsar. (M: 9872821947)

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Chief Engineer,  
PSPCL, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Principal Secretary,  
Energy Department, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3800 of 2024**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Sh. Narinder, Sr. Assistant O/o PSPCL, Patiala along with Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Sr. Assistant O/o Pr. Secy., Energy Deptt., the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrations reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e.21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO O/o Pr. Secy., Energy Deptt., represented by Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Sr. Assistant states that during the last hearing, she has submitted that this information either is to be supplied by the O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Border Zone, PSPCL, Amritsar or by the O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Patiala.

4. An email dated 20.11.2025 has been received from the O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Border Zone, PSPCL, Amritsar mentioning therein that this RTI application does not relate to their office. Copy of the same is taken on record.

5. Since, the information is to be provided by the respondent PIO O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Patiala. I, therefore, order that the respondent PIO O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Patiala be impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to submit a fresh, point wise reply to the RTI application and individual point should be individually replied along with the duly certified copies of the information as available in the record. Also, the appellant is directed to file the deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Patiala, with a copy to the Commission within 30 days after receipt of the reply from the respondent to enable the respondent to remove the same.

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**Appeal Case No. 3800 of 2024**

6. Since, the requested information is to be supplied by the PIO O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Patiala. **Accordingly, the PIO O/o Pr. Secy., Energy Deptt., Punjab, Chandigarh and respondent PIO O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Border Zone, PSPCL, Amritsar is exempted from further appearances.**
7. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte and no further adjournment will be given in this case.
8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026**

Sd/-  
**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

[Note: The appellant / complainant can attend the Hearing in person at the Commission or through Cisco Webex. The Cisco Webex number of this Bench is 25179803719 and password is 12345. The appellant / complainant is advised to intimate the Commission regarding the mode of Hearing, at least three weeks before the Hearing on official website i.e. [psic21@punjabmail.gov.in](mailto:psic21@punjabmail.gov.in)]

**CC:**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal Secretary,  
Energy Department, Punjab,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

**(For information)**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,  
PSPCL, Border Zone,  
Amritsar.

**(For information)**



**Sh. Harpal Singh**, S/o Sh. Santokh Singh,  
# 1398/8, Gali Guru Ram Dass ,Chowk Jai Singh,  
Near Gilwali Gate, Amritsar. (M: 9501551128).

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Secretary,  
Punjab State Agricultural Marketing Board, Punjab  
Punjab Mandi Bhawan, Sector- 65/A, Mohali.  
**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Secretary,  
Punjab State Agricultural Marketing Board, Punjab  
Punjab Mandi Bhawan, Sector- 65/A, Mohali.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3813 of 2024**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Ms. Amardeep Kaur, Suptd., Sh. Raj Kumar, Suptd., along with Sh. Sandeep Singh, Suptd., the respondents.

**ORDER:**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e. 21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent for the second successive hearing in the Commission.
3. The respondent PIO states that she has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant by hand.
4. Accordingly, **last more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to go through the information and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.
5. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte and no further adjournment will be given in this case. **A copy of reply dated 22.01.2026 is being sent to the appellant along with the orders of the Commission.**
6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026**

Sd/-  
**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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Enclosed: A reply dated 16.01.2026



**Sh. Sunder Singh**, EX Sarpanch, S/o Sh. Chakar Singh,  
R/o Village Seed Farm Kachha,  
Abohar, District Fazilka. (M: 9417361741)

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Panchayat Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat, Kachha Seed Farm,  
Abohar, District Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Fazilka.

Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3817 of 2024**

**Present:** None for the parties.

**ORDER:**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrations reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e.21.01.2026.

2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing. However, a letter dated 12.01.2026 diarized in the Commission vide diary no. 1285 dated 19.01.2026 mentioning therein that he is a senior citizen and the respondent PIO is intentionally harassing him by not providing the information, as two years have already been lapsed, despite that no reply/information has been provided to him.

3. Neither the PIO nor any of his representative is present, at today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

4. From the perusal of the case file, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has not addressed the RTI application within the stipulated time, as prescribed under the RTI Act, 2005, which shows his careless and casual attitude towards the Order of the Commission. There is nothing on record to show that the PIO O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kachha Seed Farm, Abohar, District Fazilka has done anything to deal with this RTI application. Accordingly, the Commission deems it fit to issue this Show Cause Notice.

5. The **respondent PIO O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kachha Seed Farm, Abohar, District Fazilka**, is 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 **14.02.2024**. He/she should file a written reply in



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response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him for not getting the information. **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*.”

6. The **respondent PIO O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kachha Seed Farm, Abohar, District Fazilka**, is further directed to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026**

Sd/-  
**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Cc:**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Panchayat Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat, Kachha Seed Farm,  
Abohar, District Fazilka.

**(By Name)**

**(For compliance)**



**Sh. Sandeep Kumar Gupta**, S/o Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta,  
H.No 1722, Sector-14, Hisar. (M: 9992931181)  
RTI Application No 117378

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab,  
Punjab Secretariat, Sector-1,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab,  
Punjab Secretariat, Sector-1,  
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3836 of 2024**

**Present:** (i) The appellant is absent.  
(ii) Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrative reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e. 21.01.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation for the second successive hearing in the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Sr. Assistant files a reply dated 20.11.2025 mentioning therein that the appellant has sought the information regarding the final enquiry report submitted by the SDM (West), Ludhiana to the Special Principal Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner, Punjab, which is third party information and more over it is also under investigation. Thus the information has been denied as per Section 8(1)(j) and (h) of the RTI Act, 2005. A reply has also been sent to the appellant.

4. From the perusal of the record as available in the file, it is ascertained that the appellant has sought information which has been denied by the department under Section 8(1)(j) and (h) of the RTI Act, 2005. The perusal of the record reveals that the appellant has sought the third party information which has no public interest. The performance of an employee/officer in an organization is primarily a matter between the employee and the employer and normally those aspects are governed by the service rules which fall under the expression "personal information", the disclosure of which has no relationship to any

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public activity or public interest. On the other hand, the disclosure of which would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy of that individual. The Commission observed that in the written submission of the respondent dated 20.11.2025, the information was denied by the PIO under section 8 (1) (J) & (h) of the RTI Act, 2005 since the matter is pending and has not reached its conclusive end. At this stage, disclosure of the information would impede the process of investigation.

5. Under these circumstances, **last opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to make a written submission to demonstrate what larger public interest would be served by disclosure of the said information and no further adjournment will be given in the instant appeal case.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 02<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026**

Sd/-  
**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Sh. Vinod Kumar**, S/o Sh. Lal Chand,  
R/o Village Chanan Wala, Muthianwali,  
Tehsil & District Fazilka-152123 (M: 9878799361)  
RTI Application No 121940.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Director,  
State Transport Punjab,  
Jeevandeep Building, Sector:17/A,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director,  
State Transport Punjab,  
Jeevandeep Building, Sector:17/A,  
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 3857 of 2024**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Vinod Kumar, the appellant (through cisco webex).  
(ii) Ms. Harmohan Kaur, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

This Order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.10.2025 passed by the Commission and case was adjourned to 01.12.2025 but due to some administrations reason, the same was postponed and fixed for today's hearing. i.e.21.01.2026.

2. The appellant states that inspite of the directions of the Commission, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Ms. Harmohan Kaur, Jr. Assistant, requests that some additional time be given to provide the sought for information to the appellant.

4. The request of the respondent PIO is acceded to with the directions to provide the point wise, written reply/information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which further steps including initiation of penalty proceedings shall be taken, as per relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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**Appeal Case No. 3857 of 2024**

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**  
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026**

**Sd/-  
(Pooja Gupta)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

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**Sh. Nand Kishore**, S/o Sh. Sardari Lal,  
H.No.308, Guru Harkrishan Nagar, Street No.1-A,  
Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Director, Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector:35/A,  
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1188 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Nand Kishore, the appellant (through cisco webex)  
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 19.11.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 25.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.02.2025 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.21.01.2026 by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that after the lapse of more than a year, no satisfactory reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present. However, an email dated 07.01.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO mentioning therein that point wise written reply dated 24.04.2025 has been provided to the appellant by registered post and thereafter nothing has been heard from the appellant, so far.

4. Accordingly, **more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to go through the information and revert back to the respondent PIO in writing, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, with a copy to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

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**Appeal Case No. 1188 of 2025**

5. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant. A copy of reply dated 25.04.2025 is being sent to the appellant along with the orders of the Commission.**
6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 06<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026**

Sd/-  
**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Enclosed: A reply dated 25.04.2025**



**Sh. Pomesh Kumar, (M.7015772524)**  
# 335/5, Mohan Nagar, Pipli Road,  
Kurukshetra, Haryana, 136118.

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Tarn Taran.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Tarn Taran.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4443 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Pomesh Kumar, the appellant.  
(ii) Sh. Varinder Pal, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 17.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.04.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.07.2025 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. 21.01.2026 by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that after the lapse of more than ten months, no satisfactory reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.

3. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Varinder Pal, Jr. Assistant states that he is not aware about this appeal case and requested that copy of the RTI application be given to him to file a proper reply to the appellant.

4. Accordingly, **more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing. A copy of an RTI application is handed over to the respondent PIO.

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5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**  
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026**

Sd/-  
**(Pooja Gupta)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Enclosed: RTI application dated 17.03.2025**



**Sh. Pomesh Kumar, (M.7015772524)**  
# 335/5, Mohan Nagar, Pipli Road,  
Kurukshetra, Haryana, 136118.

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Tarn Taran.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Tarn Taran.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4445 of 2025**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Pomesh Kumar, the appellant.  
(ii) Sh. Varinder Pal, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated 17.03.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.04.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.07.2025 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. 21.01.2026 by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that after the lapse of more than ten months, he has received a reply which is incorrect and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the correct information.

3. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Varinder Pal, Jr. Assistant states that information as per official records has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 07.01.2026 and has also produced the same before the Bench. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. In the facts and circumstances of the case, I am of the view that ends of justice will be met by directing the respondent PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within 15 days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant has been provided as per the official records. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.

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**Appeal Case No. 4445 of 2025**

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**  
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2026**

**Sd/-  
(Pooja Gupta)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

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