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

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Onkar Singh (88727-27249)
Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar (South),
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Tehsildar (South),
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2929 OF 2024

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 **20.08.2026** passed by the Commission, vide which a Bailable Warrant was issued against the PIO-cum-Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, for personal appearance.

2. Shri Ajay Sharma, is appearing on behalf of the appellant via Cisco Webex. He states that despite the explicit directions of the Commission, no information has been provided to him so far. He further requests that a penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for delaying the information, alongside compensation for harassment.

3. The respondent PIO is absent. However, he has intimated to the commission his inability to attend the hearing.

4. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, the Commission notes with concern that the respondent PIO is absent despite the issuance and service of a Bailable Warrant. The non-appearance of the PIO without any lawful excuse is viewed seriously by the Commission. It reflects a flagrant disregard for the statutory provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and the lawful orders mandates of this Commission.

5. The Commission grants a **strict and final opportunity** to the respondent PIO to produce the requested information and submit a written explanation on the next date of hearing, failing which the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter of penalty under Section 20(1) and compensation on merits *ex-parte*.

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6. A copy of this order is being sent to **Shri Himanshu Jain, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana**, to ensure compliance of the above order and the presence of the respondent PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Shir Onkar Singh, at the next hearing.

7. **To come up on 21.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 21.09.2026

Cc: **Shri Himanshu Jain, IAS,**
Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Shri Nikhil Pahwa (89688-54253),
S/o Shri Prem Parkash Pahwa,
2405, Kucha Karam Chand,
Ram Bagh Chitta Gumat,
Tehsil & Distt Amritsar - II - 143001
RTI Application No. 155908

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar (Urban).
Encl: RTI application.

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

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1466 OF 2025 **Through Cisco Webex**

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Nikhil Pahwa (89688-54253)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **21.07.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Nikhil Pahwa, is present via Cisco Webex. He states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, 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 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 perusing the documents placed on record, it is observed that the DC, Amritsar transfer the RTI application to the office of, Commissioner, MC, Amritsar (Urban). I, therefore, order that PIO, O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar (Urban), be impleaded as necessary party/respondent in this case. I further direct that PIO, O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar (Urban) should file a reply/information, to the appellant, with a copy to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.

5. The respondent PIO is further directed to appear in person at Commission office on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit ex-parte.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1466 OF 2025 **Through Cisco Webex**

6. A copy of this order is being sent to **Shri Bikramjit Singh Shergill, IAS, Commissioner, MC, Amritsar**, to ensure compliance of the above order and the presence of the respondent PIO at the next hearing.

7. **To come up on 21.12.2026 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: 21.09.2026

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

Cc: **Shri Bikramjit Singh Shergill, IAS,
Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.**