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Sh. Jeet Singh Member Panchayat,
S/o Sh. Inder Singh, Village NawanHasta ,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka-152123
M : 9855879470

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka..

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (D), Fazilka.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 178 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.08.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing and he has sought another date. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent is absent for third consecutive hearing today in the Commission before the undersigned. This shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Hence, a copy of this order be sent to Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats with these directions that to ensure compliance of the orders passed by the Commission. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE warrant/ disciplinary action against erring officer/official may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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.

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Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

CC: (i) Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab Civil Sectt-2, Sector 9, Chandigarh

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Sh Gurwinder Singh, (M-7009163763)
S/o Sh Jagtar Singh,
R/o Village Rukanpura Khui khera,
Tehsil- Abohar, Distt Fazilka

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, PSPCL, Abohar
DisttFazilka

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer (distribution)
West Zone, PSPCL, Thermal Plant,
Bathinda

.....Respondent

AC No.393 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2025 vide which the respondent had sought time.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed

3. To come up on 24.03.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

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S/o Sh Jagtar Singh,
R/o Village Rukanpura Khui khera,
Tehsil- Abohar, Distt Fazilka

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SE, Operational Division, PSPCL,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer (distribution)
West Zone, PSPCL, Thermal Plant,
Bathinda

.....Respondent

AC No.394 of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harvinder Kumar, SDO Khuian Sarwar
(9646118066) and Sh Vishaljeet, SDE (9646101600) (*through CISCO-Webex*)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which the respondent had sought some time.

2. Today the appellant is not present.
3. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
4. Since the appellant is not present, one last and final opportunity is given to him 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 **24.03.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

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S/o Sh Jagtar Singh,
R/o Village Rukanpura Khuikhera,
Tehsil- Abohar, DisttFazilka

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, PSPCL, Abohar
DisttFazilka

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer (distribution)
West Zone, PSPCL, Thermal Plant,
Bathinda

.....Respondent

AC No.395of 2024
Through CISCO-Webex

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harvinder Kumar, SDO Khuian Sarwar
(9646118066) and Sh Vishaljeet, SDE (9646101600) (*through CISCO-Webex*)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which the respondent had sought some time.

2. Today the appellant is not present.
3. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
4. Since the appellant is not present, one last and final opportunity is given to him 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 **24.03.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :22.01.2026

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Sh.Amit Gupta, S/o Sh. Surender Kumar,
House No. 09567, MCB Zone 2,
Street No. 10A, Ajit Road, Bathinda - 151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 509 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Madan Lal, on behalf of the appellant in the Commission office
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Lakhbir Trikha, DCFA (9780042159) and Sh Lalit Kumar, Clerk (78376-63375) and Sh Harpreet Singh, clerk(6283001289) through CISCO webex

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 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.01.2026 in the Commission.
3. Sh. Madan Lal is appearing on behalf of the appellant states that the appellant is satisfied with point no. 1 and 2 only. He further states that the appellant is not satisfied with the point nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.
4. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.
5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that incomplete information has been given to the appellant so far. Today, both the parties mutually agreed that the applicant shall visit the office of respondent on 27.01.2026 at 11.30 AM, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are

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required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application regarding point nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9., within a fortnight, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. 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.

7. To come up on **12.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

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Sh.Madan Lal, S/o Sh. Om
Parkash , Zone 2 H No. 10803,
Street No. 18, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar
Parinda Road 18, Bathinda - 151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 615 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Madan Lal, Appellant in the Commission
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Lakhvir Singh, Clerk (9023540042) through
CISCO webex

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.08.2023 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 03.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.01.2026 in the Commission.
3. Sh. Madan Lal the appellant states that he is satisfied with point no. 3 only. He further states that he is not satisfied with the point nos. 1 and 2.
4. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.
5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that incomplete information has been given to the appellant so far. Today, both the parties mutually agreed that the applicant shall visit the office of respondent on 27.01.2026 at 11.30 AM , inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provide copies thereof, according to his RTI

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APPEAL CASE NO. 615 OF 2024

application regarding point nos. 1 and 2., within a fortnight, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. 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.

7. To come up on **12.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh.Madan Lal, S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
Zone -2 H No. 10803, Street No. 18
Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar
Parinda Road 18, Bathinda -151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC , Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 658 OF 2024
(through CISCO-Webex)

Present :- (i) Sh. Madan Lal, Appellant in the Commission
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Ravi Kumar, Sanitary Inspector (7814004004)
through CISCO webex

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 15.06.2023 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 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.01.2026 in the Commission.
3. Sh.Madan Lal the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far
4. Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.
5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file it is observed that incomplete information has been given to the appellant so far. Today, both the parties mutually agreed that the applicant shall visit the office of respondent on 27.01.2026 at 11.30 AM , inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI

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APPEAL CASE NO. 658 OF 2024

application within a fortnight, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. 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.

7. To come up on **12.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

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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
Through CISCO Webex

Present :- (i) Sh. Kewal Krishan,appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Vishal Sharma,Tehsildar Moga (97792-77445)
and Sh Ramandeep, Reader

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that incomplete information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent has sought time to provide the information to the appellant.
4. Considering the request of the respondent the above said appeal case is adjourned to 12.05.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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ShJasbir Singh, (M-9888296107)
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Distt Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station,
Jamalpur, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 161 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous hearing dated 30.09.2025 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent had sought time.

2. Today Sh. Jasbir Singh the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today without any intimation.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 29.09.2023 but after lapse of more than two years no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to SHO, Police Station, Jamalpur, Distt. Ludhiana 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.



APPEAL CASE NO. 161 OF 2024

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 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.

5. To come up on 24.06.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

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Sh. Deepak Mohan, (9417051156),

S/o Sh. Ram Lubhaya Goyal,
Flat No-96-C, Sri Deva Ji Residency,
Kishanpura, Dhakoli, Zirakpur,
Distt SAS Nagar.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC, (Urban Development),
Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3868 of 2023

Present : (i) Sh. Rajesh Kumar, on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Pankaj Singh, Draftsman (7009962008) and Sh
Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.12.2025, passed by the Commission vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent stated that the information has already been sent to the appellant.

2. Sh. Rajesh Kumar is appearing on behalf of the appellant without authority letter. He has sought some time.

3. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.

4. Considering the request of Sh. Rajesh Kumar (representative of the appellant) the above said appeal case is adjourned to **07.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

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Rajesh Kumar, (9815148139),
S/o Sh. Kewal Singh,
Flat No-11-A, Srideva Ji Residency,
Kishanpura, Dhakoli, Zirakpur,
Distt S.A.S Nagar.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Zirakpur,
Distt S.A.S Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development) , S.A.S Nagar.

...Respondents

AC No. 3869 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Rajesh Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Pankaj Singh, Draftsman (7009962008) and Sh
Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-68637)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.12.2025 vide which the appellant was not present and the respondent stated that the information has already been sent to the appellant.

2. Today the Respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant on 18.10.2023. He further states that he has also brought copy of the reply today in the Commission.

3. The appellant Sh.Rajesh Kumar states that no information/reply has been given to him so far.

4. Copy of the reply as submitted by the respondent is handed over to the appellant with these directions to file his rejoinder/response before the next date of hearing with a copy to the respondent. 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. 3869 of 2023

5. To come up on **07.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Sd/-

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Punjab

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal, C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (Urban Development)
Gurdaspur

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5501 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Ankit Sehgal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk (9888086023) in the
Commission

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.09.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent states that he has brought demand draft of compensation today in the Commission to deliver it to the appellant. He further states that the information will be provided to the appellant as early as possible.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that no information has been given to the appellant so far. Hence respondent is directed to again send the information to the appellant within seven days from the receipt of this order. *It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed*
5. To come up on **07.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Shri Malkit Singh, (78375 37570)
S/o Shri Piara Singh, Village Lalleh,
P.O Karahewala, Block Makhu,
Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozepur.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Makhu, District Ferozepur.

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

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 464 OF 2022
(CONVERTED INTO APPEAL CASE)

Present :- (i) Shri Malkit Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 vide which bailable warrant was issued to the respondent PIO.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed the respondent is absent for fifth consecutive hearing today in the Commission before the undersigned. This shows that he has no regard for the RTI regime. Hence, a copy of this order be sent to Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats with these directions that to ensure compliance of the orders passed by the Commission. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by recommending disciplinary action against erring officer/official in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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COMPLAINT CASE NO. 464 OF 2022
(CONVERTED INTO APPEAL CASE)

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 **12.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

CC: (i) Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab Civil Sectt-2, Sector 9, Chandigarh

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Sh Jeet Singh, Member Panchayat,
S/o Sh. Inder Singh, Village Nawan Hasta,
Tehsil & Distt- Fazilka
(M-9855879470)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (D) Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (D) Fazilka

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 193 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurbachan Singh, PanchayatSecy (94630-94432)
(through Cisco-Webex)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.09.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. The appellant has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing and he has sought another date. He has also informed that he has not received the information.
3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. However, he has informed telephonically that the information has not been provided to him. Hence, the respondent is directed to send the copy of the information again to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Further, the appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies, in the information, on receiving the same, to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. 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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APPEAL CASE NO. 193 OF 2024

5. To come up on **12.05.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh Gopal Kochhar, S/o Sh Vinod kumar Kochhar,
Street No.1, #135, Vishal Nagar, Phase-3,
SantPura Road, Bathinda-151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 255 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Akshay Kumar Jindal, Building Inspector (96465-25203) (through cisco-Webex)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.09.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant is not present today.
3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant and he has given the same in writing also.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that information has been provided to the appellant and he has given the same in writing also. However, the respondent has failed to file the copy of receiving given by the appellant. Hence, an opportunity is given to the respondent to file the copy of the said receiving, before the next date of hearing.
5. To come up on **24.03.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :22.01.2026

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Sh. Pankaj Kumar, S/o Sh.
Nabh Singh, , Z-6, 03225, Street No. 1 B
Sukhpreet Road, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 510 OF 2024
(through CISCO-webex)

Present :- (i) Sh. Pankaj Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Lakhbir Singh, clerk(9023540042)property tax branch)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 27.12.2023 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 02.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.01.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
4. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him.
5. Today all the points pertaining to the RTI of the appellant have been discussed between both the parties. Accordingly, it has been ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the appellant. Hence, the respondent is directed to provide complete information, duly certified to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Further, it has also been observed that the respondent has not filed his point-wise specific reply. Hence, the respondent is also directed to file the same, before the next date of hearing.

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6. 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 **07.05.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :22.01.2026

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Ms Kanchan Lata, H. No 1739,
Main Bazar, Manimajra-160101

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Payal,
Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Payal,
Distt Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6129 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Sh Gopal Bhalla, on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: ShJagjeet Singh, JrAsstt. (74030-00068)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.07.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.01.2026 in the Commission.

3. Sh Gopal Bhalla is appearing on behalf of the appellant with authority letter. He states that the information has not been provided to him till date.

4. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information to the appellant.

5. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, within 7 days of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office.

6. 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 **at**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 6129 OF 2025

24.03.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :21.01.2026

Sd/-
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Sh. Jeet Singh Member Panchayat, S/o Sh. Inder Singh,
Village NawanHasta , Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.
M : 9855879470

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 151 OF 2024
Through video conference

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Gurbachan Singh, PanchayatSecy (94630-94432)
(*through Cisco-Webex*)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.09.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. The appellant has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing and he has sought another date. He has also informed that he has not received the information.
3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. However, he has informed telephonically that the information has not been provided to him. Hence, the respondent is directed to send the copy of the information again to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Further, the appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies, in the information, on receiving the same, to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. 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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APPEAL CASE NO. 151 OF 2024

5. To come up on **12.05.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :22.01.2026

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Shri Jagtar Singh, S/o
Sh. Sampooran Singh,
Village Bhagwana, Sub Division Ganj
Khera, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, block Khera
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Fatehgarh Sahib

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5931 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.09.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have not attended any hearing in the Commission office nor filed their reply to the show-cause notice. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.



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4. Accordingly, copy of this order be sent to Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayats, Pb. 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, O/o BDPO, Block Khera, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib is not coming present. And rather he depute any official of the department to represent him. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is therefore recommended that strict action may be initiated against respondent-the PIO, O/o BDPO, Block Khera, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.* It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. To come up on **13.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.01.2026

(Through registered post)

CC: Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayats, Pb, Pb Civil Secretariate-I, Sector 1, Chandigarh

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, Advocate,
Chamber No 353A, District Court,
Distt Bathinda. M : 9814230616

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Rampura Phul,
Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Rampura Phul,
Distt Bathinda.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 60 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant (*through CISCO-Webex*)
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.09.2025 vide which the appellant was directed to point out deficiencies in the information provided.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any information till date. Hence, he has not pointed out any deficiencies.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have not informed the Commission about their absence nor filed any reply. The appellant states that he has not received the information. Hence, the respondent is directed to again send the copy of the information again to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission office, before the next date of hearing. 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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APPEAL CASE NO. 60 OF 2024

4. To come up on **25.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :22.01.2026

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Sh. Mahinder Singh,
S/o ShGuljar Singh,
R/o Village KarniKhera,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka
(M-9465046085)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (D), Fazilka.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 396 OF 2024

Through CISCO-Webex

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.
3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 15.09.2023, but after lapse of more than two years, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. This is indeed a serious matter
4. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be



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condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to **PIO O/o BDPO, Fazilka** 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 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.

6. 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 **13.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :22.01.2026

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