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Sh. Sewak Singh, S/o Sh. Balvir Singh,
R/o Village & Tehsil Malout,
Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib. (M: 9417193767)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Malout, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6954 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
26.07.2023	----	10.08.2023	----	23.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Sewak Singh

Respondent: Sh. Sukhwinder Singh (M: 9815100109), VDO, O/o BDPO, Malout

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **28.04.2026**, whereby the Respondent PIO was directed to furnish a fresh, complete and point-wise reply after removing the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant and, in case any record was not available, to furnish a proper affidavit/undertaking regarding its non-availability.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant, Sh. Sewak Singh, submits that the information supplied is still incomplete and the copies furnished are not duly attested. The respondent, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, VDO, O/o BDPO, Malout, submits that all available information has already been supplied and nothing further remains pending. He further undertakes to furnish duly attested copies of the documents.
3. The Commission directs the Respondent PIO to furnish **duly attested copies** of the documents already supplied and to file an **affidavit/undertaking** affirming that **all available information, as existing on the records and as sought in the RTI application, has been supplied and that no further information/record is available**, if that is the factual position. Compliance be made within **15 days** under intimation to the Commission. **Adjourned** for compliance.
4. **Next hearing on 28.10.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

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Sh. Udit Bhatia, S/o Sh. Vijay Bhatia,
H.No 2066, 2nd Floor, Sector- 47C,
Chandigarh. (M: 8283881375)
RTI Application No 75808

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Director,
Animal Husbandry Department, Punjab,
Livestock Complex, Sector- 68, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Animal Husbandry Department, Punjab,
Livestock Complex, Sector- 68, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6859 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
10.07.2023	----	28.08.2023	----	18.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Ms Amarjeet Kaur (M; 9855335603), Superintendent
Sh. SandeepThamman (M; 9855710993), Superintendent
Dr Lokesh Kumar (M: 8847494853), Assistant Director
Dr Sham Singh (M; 9814685348), Joint Director

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order, whereby the appellant was granted an opportunity to file a rejoinder, if any, against the information furnished by the respondent.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant, **Sh. Udit Bhatia**, is present and submits that the respondents have handed over additional information today addressing the discrepancies pointed out by him. He seeks a short adjournment to examine the information before making his submissions.
3. The respondents, **Ms. Amarjeet Kaur, Superintendent; Sh. Sandeep Thamman, Superintendent; Dr. Lokesh Kumar, Assistant Director; and Dr. Sham Singh, Joint Director**, submit that the information pertaining to the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant has been supplied during today's hearing.
4. The request of the appellant is found reasonable and is allowed. The appellant is granted an opportunity to examine the information furnished today and, if any deficiency still survives, to point out the same specifically before the next date of hearing.
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **28.10.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Gurcharan Singh, S/o Sh. Guljar Singh,
R/o VPO BabihaBhai via Barmari, Baghapurana,
DisttMoga- 142001 (M: 9815875655)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Baghapurana, DisttMoga.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Sector- 62, Phase – VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6928 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
24.07.2023	----	28.08.2023	-----	20.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Gurcharan Singh (M: 9815875655)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **28.04.2026**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. The appellant, **Sh. Gurcharan Singh**, is present and submits that **no information has been supplied** to him till date. The respondent remains absent for second time, without intimation.
3. The Commission notes with serious concern that despite sufficient opportunity having been granted vide the previous order, the Respondent PIO has neither appeared before the Commission nor complied with the directions by furnishing the information. The conduct of the Respondent PIO reflects a prima facie disregard of the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005** as well as the lawful directions of the Commission.
4. Accordingly, **the Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Baghapurana, District Moga, is hereby directed to show cause as to why penalty proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 should not be initiated against him for failure to furnish the information and for remaining absent despite due notice.** The show-cause reply, along with proof of having supplied the complete information to the appellant, shall be filed before the next date of hearing.
5. **The First Appellate Authority-cum-District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO), Moga, is directed to ensure compliance of this order and to ensure that the complete information, as per the RTI Act, 2005, is furnished to the appellant well before the next date of hearing. A compliance report shall also be submitted to the Commission.**
6. With this case, the case is adjourned to **28.10.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Baidwan, (M: 9815213393)
13, Defence Colony, Zirakpur,
Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali) - 140603

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer (EO),
Municipal Council, Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1984 of 2024

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
28.09.2023	28.11.2023	12.12.2023	18.01.2024	01.03.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Gurcharan Singh Baidwan (M: 9815213693)

Respondent: Sh. Pankaj Singla (M: 7009962008), Draftsman, O/o MC, Zirakpur,

Along with counsel Advocate Gulshan Mehta (M: 9876468637)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **28.04.2026**, whereby the Respondent PIO was directed to furnish a fresh, complete and point-wise reply to the appellant within **15 days**, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**.
2. The matter is taken up for hearing today. Both parties are present and heard at length. The respondent is represented by **Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, O/o Municipal Council, Zirakpur**, along with **Adv. Gulshan Mehta**. The appellant submits that the respondent has failed to comply with the Commission's previous directions and the information furnished is still incomplete.
3. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions of both parties and perused the record. It is evident that despite the specific directions contained in the Commission's previous order, the Respondent PIO has failed to furnish complete information in accordance with the RTI Act, 2005. The continued non-compliance has resulted in unnecessary harassment and detriment to the appellant, who has been compelled to repeatedly pursue the matter before the Commission.
4. Accordingly, **in view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, Sh. Gurcharan Singh Baidwan**, this Commission deems it appropriate to award **compensation of ₹5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** under Section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005. The said compensation shall be paid by the Public Authority, namely the Municipal Council, Zirakpur, District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), to the appellant within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order.
5. The Respondent PIO is further directed to **furnish complete, correct and point-wise information** to the appellant, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**, within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

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Appeal Case No. 1984 of 2024

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6. The matter is **adjourned** for compliance regarding payment of compensation as well as supply of complete information.
7. **Next hearing on 28.10.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Jagpal Singh (M: 9779119359)
2035/2, Sector- 47C, Chandigarh,
Pin Code: 160047

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Officer,
Gram Panchayat Dera Bassi, Distt Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Dera Bassi, Distt Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3545 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
01.04.2024	----	-----	----	18.06.2025

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Jagpal Singh (M: 9779119354)

Respondent: Sh. Lakhwinder Singh (M: 8054828938), Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant, **Sh. Jagpal Singh**, and the respondent, **Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, PDS, O/o BDPO, Derabassi**, are present.
3. During the course of hearing, the respondent handed over the requisite information to the appellant in the Commission.
4. The appellant is granted an opportunity to examine the information furnished. In case any deficiency is found, he shall file a **specific written rejoinder** clearly pointing out the deficiencies and supply a copy thereof to the Respondent PIO as well as to the Commission before the next date of hearing.
5. The Respondent PIO shall, upon receipt of the rejoinder, furnish an appropriate point-wise response, if required, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**
6. The matter is **adjourned** for further consideration.
7. **Next hearing on 04.08.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Beant Singh, S/o Sh. Shamsheer Singh,
R/o Village Karkor, Tehsil Dera Bassi,
Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali). (M: 9417010079)
V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Dera Bassi, Distt Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
SAS Nagar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2272 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
09.12.2024	----	15.01.2025	19.03.2025	17.04.2025

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Beant Singh (M: 9417010079)

Respondent: Sh. Rajesh Kumar (M: 9592009600), Panchayat Secretary,

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant, **Sh. Beant Singh**, submits that **no information has been supplied to him till date** despite the lapse of considerable time, causing him unnecessary harassment and compelling him to pursue the matter before the Commission.
3. The respondent, **Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Derabassi**, is present and submits that he is **not aware of the present RTI case**. During the hearing, the Commission supplied him with a copy of the RTI application for immediate reference.
4. The Commission expresses its serious displeasure over the manner in which the RTI application has been dealt with. The plea of the respondent that he was unaware of the case reflects lack of proper coordination and casual handling of the statutory responsibilities cast upon the Public Authority under the **RTI Act, 2005**. Such lapses unnecessarily harass the appellant and defeat the objective of the Act.
5. Accordingly, **Sh. Baljit Singh Sohi, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Derabassi**, is directed to **appear in person** before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete original record pertaining to the RTI application. He shall also ensure that a **complete, correct and point-wise reply** is furnished to the appellant strictly in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**, well before the next date of hearing.
6. **The BDPO shall personally explain the reasons for the inordinate delay and non-disposal of the RTI application.** The Commission makes it clear that any further lapse or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and appropriate proceedings under the **RTI Act, 2005** may be initiated against the defaulting officials.
7. **Next hearing on 04.08.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Sardara Singh, S/o Sh. Kehar Singh,
R/o Village Handersa, Tehsil Derabassi,
Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali)- 140501 (M: 9878350811)
RTI Application No 234372

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Dera Bassi, Distt Mohali.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats Department, Punjab,
Phase- VIII, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2578 of 2026

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
23.12.2025	----	03.02.2026	16.03.2026	20.03.2026

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Sardara Singh (M: 9878350811)

Respondent: Sh. Lakhwinder Singh (M: 8054828938), PS, O/o BDPO, Derabassi

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal cases before the Commission, which was fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant, **Sh. Sardara Singh**, submits that **no information has been supplied to him till date**, despite considerable lapse of time.
3. The respondent, **Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Derabassi**, is present and submits that the concerned **Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Nishan Singh**, could not attend today's hearing as he is engaged in court duty in another matter.
4. The Commission is not satisfied with the explanation furnished. The record reveals an **inordinate delay** in furnishing the information sought under the **RTI Act, 2005**. Mere absence of the concerned official cannot justify the continued non-compliance with the statutory obligations or the failure to furnish information to the appellant.
5. Accordingly, **Sh. Baljit Singh Sohi, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Derabassi, is directed to appear in person** before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete original record pertaining to the RTI application. He shall also ensure that a **complete, correct and point-wise reply** is furnished to the appellant strictly in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**, before the next date of hearing.
6. The Commission makes it clear that **no further casual approach shall be tolerated**. Any further delay or non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and appropriate proceedings under the **RTI Act, 2005** may be initiated against the defaulting officials.
7. The matter is **adjourned** for compliance and the personal appearance of **Sh. Baljit Singh Sohi, BDPO, Derabassi**.
8. **Next hearing on 04.08.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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