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Sh. Kuldeep Singh, S/o Sh.Charanjit Singh
R/o Village Togaheri, Tehsilamargarh
Distt.Malerkotla (M-81465-10514)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Amargarh
Distt.Malerkotla

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC(D), Malerkotla

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4997 of 2025

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, (9814933841)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026, passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is not present; however, detailed written submissions have been received from the appellant and the same have been taken on record and duly considered by the Commission.

3. On behalf of the respondent, a representative Sh. Sukhwinder Singh appeared before the Commission. During the course of hearing, it transpired that the representative was not conversant with the facts and circumstances of the present case and was unable to assist the Commission effectively. The Commission further observes that the respondent has produced a reply pertaining to different RTI application instead of the RTI application involved in the present appeal. Such conduct reflects a casual and negligent approach in dealing with the proceedings before the Commission and is viewed seriously.

4. In view of the above, the Commission finds that the respondent has failed to furnish a proper and lawful reply to the RTI application under consideration. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer (PIO) is directed to examine the RTI application afresh and furnish complete, correct, legible and point-wise information to the appellant, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, within the prescribed time, under intimation to the Commission.

5. The Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) is further directed to remain personally present before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete original record and a detailed compliance report explaining the circumstances under which an incorrect reply relating to another RTI application was produced before the Commission. A copy of

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the RTI application as well as the written submissions filed by the appellant be supplied to the respondent today itself to facilitate proper compliance.

6. To come up on **02.09.2026 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 :22.07.2026

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Sh. JasbirSingh, Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh ,
Chandigarh Road, Distt Ludhiana-141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Zone-B, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Zone-B, Ludhiana.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 168 OF 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh Paul Parneet Singh, Building Inspector zone-B (70875-47807)
and Sh Prince, DM (98777-89902)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.05.2026, passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant has informed telephonically that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today. He also adds that he has not received the information.

3. The respondent assures the Bench that the information will positively be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete information along with the amount of compensation, to the appellant before the next date of hearing, 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. To come up on **24.09.2026 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
Punjab

Date :22.07.2026

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Distt Ludhiana-141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Zone-B Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Zone-B Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 171 OF 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh Paul Parneet Singh, Building Inspector zone-B (70875-47807)
and Sh Prince, DM (98777-89902)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.05.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant has informed telephonically that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today. He also adds that he has not received the information.

3. The respondent assures the Bench that the information will positively be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete information along with the amount of compensation, to the appellant before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **24.09.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :22.07.2026

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

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD) Gurdaspur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5507 OF 2023

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and a bailable warrant was issued to the respondent PIO.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The record reveals that this matter had earlier remained pending before the Court of the the then Hon'ble State information Commissioner, Shri Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon , on five occasions and, after transfer, has been listed before the undersigned. Today is the fourth hearing before the undersigned.

3. Despite repeated opportunities granted by the Commission, neither the respondent nor his representative has appeared before the Commission today. However, the appellant has sent written submissions through e-mail stating that the information sought under the RTI Act has still not been supplied to him.

4. The Commission notes with serious concern that despite the issuance of a Show cause notice (issued on 21.01.2026) and even Bailable Warrants (issued on 07.05.2026), the respondent department has failed to ensure its presence before the Commission. Such persistent non-compliance reflects a complete disregard for the proceedings of this Commission and cannot be viewed lightly.

5. Accordingly, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dinanagar is directed to remain personally present on the next date of hearing alongwith the complete original record and a comprehensive written explanation as to why action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 should not be taken against the erring officer(s).



APPEAL CASE NO. 5507 OF 2023

6. Further, a copy of this order be forwarded to the **Secretary, Department of Local Government, Government of Punjab** for taking cognizance of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dinanagar and for initiating appropriate administrative action to ensure compliance with the proceedings of the Commission

7. To come up on **23.09.2026 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 :22.07.2026

CC: Sh. Tejveer Singh, IAS
Secretary, Department of Local Government,
Government of Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Dakshin Marg, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh-160022

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Sh. Vinod Kumar, S/o Om Prakash,
C/o Jyoti Garments Shivala Bazaar,
Opp. Shivala Mandir, Gurdaspur
M:9780065338

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Committee, Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (G)
Gurdaspur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 487 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Vinod Kumar, appellant along with Sh. Sahil
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk (9888086023)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.05.2026 vide which a bailable warrant was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant and that no other information is pending, pertaining to the RTI application of the appellant.

3. The appellant states that the information provided to him is misleading and he is not satisfied with it.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the appellant is not satisfied with the information provided. However, the appellant submits that the information has been provided to the appellant, in regard to his RTI application. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and notarized by the notary public. Further, the respondent-PIO is also given an opportunity to file his reply to the show-cause notice on the next date of hearing failing which, penalty proceedings shall be initiated against the erring officials. To come up on **24.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.
sd/-

Date :22.07.2026

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/oPolice
Public Diary, 15A, Shastri Nagar, Model Town
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Provincial Division
PWD B&R, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4944 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026 vide which the respondent was given one last and final opportunity to the PIO/APIO to appear before the Commission along with his pointwise reply/information.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 05.04.2025, but after lapse of more than one year, 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 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.



APPEAL CASE NO. 4944 of 2025

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 XEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, 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.

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. To come up on **24.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :22.07.2026

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Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh
R/o A-60, Lane - 7 Ranjit Vihar (W), Loharka Road
Amritsar - 143001 (M-9988333900)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SE, Construction Circle
PWD B&R, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle
PWDB&R, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.5080 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email dated 21.07.2026 stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought another date. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law.

3. Considering the request of the appellant the above said appeal case is adjourned to **22.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date : 22.07.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh.Mohan Singh, S/o
Sh. Joginder Singh, R/o B/3/225, Mohalla
KasiyaPurana Bazaar, Ludhiana - 141008

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Zone A, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Mc, Zone A, Ludhiana

Respondents

Appeal Case no. 5079 of 2025
Alongwith
COMPLAINT CASE NO.210 OF 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026, passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant Sh.Mohan Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 21.04.2025, but after lapse of more than one year, no information has been given to him. 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 without application of mind 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.
5. After hearing the appellant, it appears that the PIO has not provided the information to the appellant as yet Therefore, the commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO , o/o MC,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.

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Appeal Case no. 5079 of 2025
Alongwith
COMPLAINT CASE NO.210 OF 2025

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. To come up on **18.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :22.07.2026

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Sh Harmesh Singh, (M-9501338846)
S/o Sh Chet Singh,
R/o Village Ahmed dandi, Mamdot,
Tehsil- Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur-152022

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Mamdot, Distt Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.838 of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026, passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present .

2. Sh. Harmesh 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. The respondent has even not present on the previous date of hearing. 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).

3. To come up on **23.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :22.07.2026

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Sh Harmesh Singh, (M-9501338846)
S/o Sh Chet Singh,
R/o Village Ahmed dandi, Mamdot,
Tehsil- Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur-152022

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Mamdot, Distt Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.1244 of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026, passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present .

2. Sh. Harmesh 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. The respondent has even not present on the previous date of hearing. 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).

3. To come up on **23.09.2026 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 Harmesh Singh, (M-9501338846)
S/o Sh Chet Singh,
R/o Village Ahmed dandi, Mamdot,
Tehsil- Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur-152022

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Mamdot, Distt Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.640 of 2025

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.06.2026, passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present .

2. Sh. Harmesh 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. The respondent has even not present on the previous date of hearing. 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).

3. To come up on **23.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh Arvind Goel, #550-B, Aggar Nagar,
Ludhiana (M-8288004010)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.3640 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026, passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present . They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission. A careful perusal of the record reveals that the respondent has failed to participate in the proceedings. Despite repeated opportunities, the respondent has neither appeared before the Commission on previous date of hearing nor submitted any written response to the RTI application. Moreover, no communication explaining such absence has been received by the Commission. Such continued non-compliance demonstrates a casual and indifferent approach towards the statutory obligations under the RTI Act and reflects a lack of respect for the proceedings of the Commission.

4. The Commission expresses serious concern over the conduct of the respondent. Nevertheless, in the interest of natural justice, **one final and last opportunity** is granted to the respondent to file a detailed and point-wise reply to the RTI application, furnish the same to the appellant, and place proof of such service on record before the next date of hearing. The respondent is hereby put on clear notice that any further failure to comply with the directions of the Commission, or failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action as permissible under the provisions of the RTI Act. No further indulgence shall be shown in the matter.

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AC No.3640 of 2025

5. The appellant is also directed to ensure his presence, either personally or through an authorized representative, on the next date of hearing. Since the matter has already remained pending for a considerable period owing to the respondent's continued non-cooperation, the Commission intends to proceed towards final adjudication on **23.09.2026 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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Sh Nitin Kumar Garg,
C/o Public Police Diary,
15-A, Shastri Nagar, Model Town,
Ludhiana (M-7814322100)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Supply and
Sanitation, Division No.1, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Water Supply and
Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 312 of 2024

Present : (i) Sh Nitin Kumar , appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh Ritika Sallan, SDE (7717676379) and Sh Lachhman Singh,
SrAsstt. (98156-52842)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today the appellant Sh Nitin Kumar states that he has not received the information so far.
3. The respondent states that he has brought the information today. Hence, information running into 270 pages has been handed over to the appellant today.
4. In view of the above, the appellant is given an opportunity to point out deficiencies , if any in the information provided, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same 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. To come up on **23.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/oPolice
Public Diary, 15A, Shastri Nagar, Model Town
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Electrical Division,
PWD B&R, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Electrical Circle,
PWDB&R, Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4986 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026 vide which the respondent had sought time to provide the information to the appellant.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 23.12.2024, but after lapse of more than fifteen months, 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.

5. 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 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.



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6. 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 XEN, Electrical Division, PWD B&R, Jalandhar***, 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.

7. To come up on **23.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :22.07.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Engineer, HQ, PWD B&R,
Patiala

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Council, Rajpura

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.4989 of 2025

Present : (i) None for the appellant

(ii) For the respondent-Sh. Yadwinder Kumar, SDE (9779750038) and Sh.Manvir Singh,
Clerk (9914727001) ,o/o Chief Engineer, HQ, PQD B&R, Patiala

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.05.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the appellant was not present.

2. Today the appellant is again not present. He has sent his submissions via mail which is taken on record.

3. The case was taken up for hearing today. The appellant was not present. However, an e-mail has been received from the appellant seeking an adjournment and stating that no information has been received till date. On behalf of the respondent department, the representative of the Chief Engineer, PWD (B&R), Patiala appeared before the Commission and submitted that, during the previous hearing, it had been clarified that the information sought in the RTI application pertains to the Public Information Officer, Nagar Council, Rajpura. Accordingly, the PIO, Nagar Council, Rajpura was impleaded as a necessary party vide the previous order. It has further been submitted that the office of the Chief Engineer had forwarded the Commission's order to the concerned PIO, Nagar Council, Rajpura for necessary compliance.

4. Despite service of the Commission's directions through the office of the Chief Engineer, no one has appeared on behalf of Nagar Council, Rajpura, nor has any reply or compliance report been placed on record. The respondent submitted that the order of the Commission, which had been forwarded to the Nagar Council for compliance, was returned by the Nagar Council to the respondent, o/o Chief Engineer, HQ PWD B&R, Patiala without any action. The Commission views the absence of the concerned PIO seriously, particularly when the information admittedly pertains to the said public authority.



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5. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO ,o/o Nagar council, Rajpura 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. The Commission also notes that the appellant has remained absent during the previous hearing as well as today. Since the appellant has sought time through e-mail, one final opportunity is granted to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

7. To come up on **03.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :22.07.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA, Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o EO, GMADA Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 275 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Krishna Saklani, appellant

(ii) For the respondent- Sh Harwinder Singh, Clerk (9855717800)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.05.2026 vide which the respondent was directed to send the information to the appellant.

2. The appellant states that as directed, he has not received the information.

3. The respondent states that he has brought the information /reply today. Copy of the information/reply is handed over to the appellant. He has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with it.

4. In view of the above, the appellant is given an opportunity to point out response/rejoinder, if any in the information provided, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission office. To come up on 23.09.2026 at **11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Date :22.07.2026