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ShVarinder Singh, (M-87290-12793)
S/o ShDalbir Singh,
Village Khanpur, Rajputtan,
Tehsil- Shahkot, Distt Jalandhar

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat,
Shahkot, Distt Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD) Jalandhar

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 650 of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Ms.Amrita Hans, Accountant-cum-APIO

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which the appellant stated that no information has been given to him and the respondent stated that the information has been sent. Further, the respondent was directed to again send the information to the appellant. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. However, on 25.03.2026, the said case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 23.04.2026.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Varinder Singh is not present. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. Respondent states that as per directions given by the Commission during the last hearing, information has been again sent to the appellant.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the information has been sent to the appellant by the respondent. However, the absence of the appellant makes it difficult to ascertain whether he has received the information and whether he is satisfied with the same or not. Hence **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*

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absence shall be passed. Respondent is exempted from further hearings in the Commission.

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 :23.04.2026

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Tehsil- Shahkot, Distt Jalandhar

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat,
Shahkot, Distt Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD) Jalandhar

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 652 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to provide information to the appellant. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. However, on 25.03.2026, the said case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 23.04.2026.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Respondent has requested from online hearing of his case.

3. Considering the request of the respondent the above said appeal case is adjourned to **25.06.2026 at 11.30 AM for further** proceedings through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :23.04.2026

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Sh Joban Singh, S/o Sh Gurdev Singh,
R/o Village Peehewali,
PO Kasoana, Tehsil Zira,
Distt Ferozepur (M-9888806300)

.....Appellant

.Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO Ferozepur

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 3155 of 2024

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which the respondent was not present and one last and final opportunity was given to him to provide information to the appellant. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. However, on 25.03.2026, the said case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 23.04.2026.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Joban Singh states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today without intimation.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file minutely, it is ascertained that the Respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Even the last orders dated 19.11.2025, 18.12.2025, 19.03.2026 sent to the respondent has not been returned undelivered which makes it clear that the same has been duly received by him. 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

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3155 of 2024

such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself.

5. In view of the above, bailable warrant be issued to the respondent-PIO through SSP, Ferozepur so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally.

6. To come up **26.05.2026 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 :23.04.2026

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BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

BEFORE Dr. BHUPINDER SINGH BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

In case of Joban Singh v/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira, Distt. Ferozepur FAA
o/o DDPO, Ferozepur

Complaint/Appeal No. : AC : 3155/2024

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 26.05.2026

To

SSP, Ferozepur

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on 26.05.2026 at 11.30 AM and submit his written submissions.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
23.04.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder Singh Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh.AnkitSehgal,
C/o Bombay Sehgal,
Near Main Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Kapurthala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Kapurthala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 409 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.10.2023 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 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent a letter that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has sought another date. He adds that no information has been given to him so far. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state his case. Respondent is directed to send proper point wise reply with a copy to the appellant before the next date of hearing. *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.*

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APPEAL CASE NO. 409 of 2024

4. To come up on **06.08.2026 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 :23.04.2026

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Near Main Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Kapurthala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Kapurthala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 402 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.10.2023 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 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent a letter that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has sought another date. He adds that no information has been given to him so far. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state his case. Respondent is directed to send proper point wise reply with a copy to the appellant before the next date of hearing. *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.*

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APPEAL CASE NO. 402 of 2024

4. To come up on **06.08.2026 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 :23.04.2026

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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 Garg the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.08.2023 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 22.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg 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. 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 dated 08.08.2023 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).

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APPEAL CASE NO. 312 of 2024

4. To come up on **21.05.2026 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 :23.04.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Nagar Panchayat, Bhikhiwind,
Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD) Tarn Taran

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 582 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 26.12.2023 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 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent a letter that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has sought another date. He adds that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state his case. Respondent is directed to send proper point wise reply with a copy to the appellant before the next date of hearing. *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.*

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APPEAL CASE NO. 582 of 2024

4. To come up on **06.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :23.04.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Sh.Bittu, Guru Nanak Nagar
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh road, Distt.Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 622 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.10.2023 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 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not 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. Respondent is directed to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, in accordance with his RTI application dated 16.10.2023 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. 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. 622 of 2024

4. To come up on **02.06.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :23.04.2026

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Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh road, Distt.Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 624 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.10.2023 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 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not 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. Respondent is directed to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, in accordance with his RTI application dated 16.10.2023 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. 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. 624 of 2024

4. To come up on **02.06.2026 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 :23.04.2026

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Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh road, Distt.Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 621 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.10.2023 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 23.04.2026 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not 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. Respondent is directed to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, in accordance with his RTI application dated 16.10.2023 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. 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. 621 of 2024

4. To come up on **02.06.2026 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 :23.04.2026

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Sh Prem Kumar Rattan, (M-85095-80002)
s/o Sh Ayodhya Prashad,
R/o H.No 78/8, Park Road,
New Mandi, Dhuri, Tehsil-Sangrur

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Council, Dhuri, Distt Sangrur

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (G) Sangrur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 288 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 29.09.2023 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 21.12.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent a letter that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has sought another date. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state his 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.*

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APPEAL CASE NO. 288 of 2024

4. To come up on **06.08.2026 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 :23.04.2026

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Sh Krishan Gopal Sain, Advocate
Chamber No. 38, District court complex
Fazilka (9417762230)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3177 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Adv. Rashi Verma, Counsel for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which one last opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. However, on 25.03.2026, the said case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 23.04.2026.

2. Ms Rashi Verma, advocate is appearing on behalf of the appellant. She states that the information has not been provided to the appellant till date.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have neither provided the information to the appellant nor filed any reply. Despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through SSP, Fazilka so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally.

4. To come up on **17.06.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :23.04.2026

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BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

BEFORE DR BHUPINDER S BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector16, Chandigarh

In case of Sh. Krishan Gopal Sainv/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Fazilka

Complaint/Appeal No. : AC :3177/2025

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 17.06.2026

To

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Fazilka has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned complaint case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Fazilka to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector-16, Chandigarh on 17.06.2026 at 11.30 AM and submit his/her written submissions.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :23.04.2026

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Near Main Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat,
Baba Bakala

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD) Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 412 of 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: ShDavinder Singh, Inspector (9780009163) and
ShSandeep Singh, SI

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 02.10.2023 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 01.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has sought exemption from today's hearing. Further, he has also submitted that he has not received the information.

4. The respondent states that he has brought the information today to be provided to the appellant. He has also filed the copy of the information today, which is taken on record.

5. In view of the above, the respondent is directed to send the copy of the information to the appellant, before next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information provided, on receiving the same. Further, it also seen that the respondent has

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also filed the copy of information today in the Commission. *Hence, the copy of the information is also sent to the appellant along with these orders.*

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 06.08.2026 at 11:30AM 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 :23.04.2026

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Sh Sanjay Sehgal, (M-98760-96666)
S/o ShRamesh ChanderSehgal,
88, Rajinder Nagar,
Tehsil & Distt- Jalandhar-I-144001
(RTI application no. 85353)

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 455 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: ShDavinderpal Singh, JE (8437553361)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to provide information to the appellant. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. However, on 25.03.2026, the said case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 23.04.2026.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent a letter vide Commission diary no. 6699 dated 06.04.2026 vide which he has pointed out deficiencies in the information provided.

3. The respondent states that the information, after the removal of deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant, has also been sent to him.

4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. 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 **04.06.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Date :23.04.2026

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Sh.Harneek Singh, S/o Sh. Mahinder Singh
Village Rano, PO Maksudra, Tehsil Payal
Distt. Ludhiana

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Doraha,
Distt.Ludhiana

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO.50 of 2025

Present :- (i) Sh.Harneek Singh, complainant along with ShSarbjit Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Kamal Bharti, VDO

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.05.2024 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 10.02.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice was issued to the parties for hearing for 23.04.2026 in the Commission.

3. Today the Complainant Sh. Harneek Singh states that the information has not been provided to him till date. He further states that he has deposited the requisite fee of Rs 1290/- as demanded by the respondent, but still the information has not been provided.

4. The respondent states that he has brought the information today running into 34 pages to be provided to the complainant.

The same is handed over to the complainant

5. The perusal of the case file shows that the Complainant had deposited the requisite fee of Rs 1290/- as demanded by the respondent, on 18.06.2024. However, the respondent has brought the information running into 34 pages today. This clearly shows that the respondent had demanded the fee from the complainant without proper calculation. In spite of this, the information has not been provided to him within time as prescribed under the RTI Act.



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6. 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.

7. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to **PIO , O/o BDPO, Doraha, District Ludhiana** as to why penalty be not imposed upon him/her for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. 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. She/he may note that in case he/she does not file his/her submission and does not avail himself/herself 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.

8. Also, **Ms Sumrita, BDPO, Doraha, Distt Ludhiana** is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and file her reply, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated. The respondent is also directed to refund the excess amount to the Complainant before the next date of hearing.

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9. 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 **21.05.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Date :23.04.2026

Through registered post

CC- Ms Sumrita, BDPO, Doraha, Distt Ludhiana (for necessary compliance)