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Shri Ram Gopal, (62805-35269)

S/o Shri Boar Chand,
Ward No. 11, Near Jalvera phatak Bareta Mandi,
Distt Mansa - 151501

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Govt. Middle School, Gidderiani,
Distt Sangrur.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 8048 of 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **29.05.2023** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **24.06.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but a letter has been received from him vide diary no. 9164 dated 19.06.2025, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and further, he submitted that he has not received the sought for information from the respondent till date.

3. The respondent is also absent but an email has been received from him today i.e. 24.06.2025, requested an adjournment. The request of the respondent is granted. The perusal of the case file shows that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant. A copy of the same information in three sets was submitted to the Commission vide diary no. 8845 dated 13.06.2025, which is taken on record.

4. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiencies in writing to the respondent, with a copy to this Commission. The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies (if any), pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 26.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.06.2025

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Ms. Prerna Kundal, (62838-74206)

D/o Shri Vijay Kumar,
1, Lane No. 7, Guru Amardas Avenue,
Airport Road, Amritsar.
RTI Application No. 144245

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Guru Ravidas Ayurved University,
Hoshiarpur.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Guru Ravidas Ayurved University,
Hoshiarpur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 347 of 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Ms. Prerna Kundal, (62838-74206) accompanied by her father
Shri Vijay Kumar
Respondent: Dr. Anju Bala, PIO (70872-10308)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **18.09.2024** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **08.10.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **02.01.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **24.06.2025**.

2. The appellant states that she has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, she states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to her RTI application.

3. The respondent states that there are some rules and norms of the university for inspecting the answer sheets within 30 days after the exam. Further, she states that, as per the provisions of the university, the appellant can inspect the answer sheets after depositing the requisite fee. She also states that she is ready to arrange an inspection for the appellant, if she deposits the requisite fee as per the rules of the university.

4. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to deposit the requisite fee to the respondent PIO for the inspection. The respondent PIO is also directed, after receipt of the payment, to arrange an inspection for the appellant, under intimation to the Commission. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 24.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.06.2025

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Shri Naresh Gumber, (99158-22240)

2377, Ground Floor,
Sector - 71, Mohali - 160071

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1129 of 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Harpal Singh, Junior Scale Stenographer (82840-00767)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **07.02.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.02.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.02.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **24.06.2025**.

2. The respondent states that a reply / information has already been supplied to the appellant as available in the records and a copy of the covering letter also submitted during the course of hearing.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiencies in writing to the respondent, with a copy to this Commission. The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies (if any), pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 26.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.06.2025

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Sector - 71, Mohali - 160071

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase-VIII, SAS (Mohali),
Encl: RTI application.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director General School Education, Punjab,
Block E, 5th Floor, Phase-VIII,
SAS (Mohali).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1130 of 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **07.02.2025** vide which the appellant has sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.02.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **14.02.2025** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of Hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **24.06.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. The perusal of the case file shows, that this RTI application was submitted on 07.02.2025 by the appellant to the PIO O/o Director General School Education, Punjab, but inadvertently, the notice of hearing of the Commission has wrongly been sent to the PIO o/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali, instead of PIO O/o Director General School Education, Punjab.

4. In view of the above hearing, fresh Notice be issued to the Public Information Officer O/o Director General School Education, Punjab, with the directions to the respondent PIO to attend the next hearing of this appeal case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh along with written reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested.

5. **To come up on 26.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.06.2025

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Shri Gurjinder Singh, (87141-00002)

S/o Shri Balbir Singh,
R/o Village Lehlli, P.O Dappar,
Tehsil Derabassi, Distt Mohali.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o MC, Lalru,
Distt Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (UD) Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4743 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Gurjinder Singh, (8714100002)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **29.01.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply from the respondent till date. The appellant has made a detailed written submission which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 5219 dated 09.04.2025, which is taken on record. The appellant is arguing that the information requested is in the larger public interest.

3. The respondent is absent but has already submitted his written submission. The Commission has examined the submissions submitted by both the parties and is of the view that the appellant is unable to justify the larger public interest.

4. In view of the appellant's request and the facts of the present case. This Bench is of the view that the matter would be best decided by a Double Bench of this Commission. Consequently, the Deputy Registrar, PSIC, is requested to refer this order to the Chief Information Commissioner for assignment to a Double Bench for a final order. A copy of this Order be marked to the Deputy Registrar, PSIC. Next hearing to be notified after the CIC's decision.

Date: 24.06.2025

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Punjab

Cc: Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission, along with case file.