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....Appellant

Versus

Shri Leela Singh (70096-39723),
Public Information Officer-cum-MVI,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 796 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **05.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 23.09.2025 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the employee who is custodian of the information sought in this RTI application has been suspended due to a vigilance inquiry and requested an adjournment.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission and the information requested in this RTI application is still pending. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.
5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one final opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant at the earliest, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.
6. **Shri Leela Singh**, is further directed to appear in person 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.
7. **To come up on 21.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.09.2025

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5324 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **05.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 23.09.2025 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the employee who is custodian of the information sought in this RTI application has been suspended due to a vigilance inquiry and requested an adjournment.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission and the information requested in this RTI application is still pending. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.
5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one final opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant at the earliest, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.
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....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5429 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **05.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 23.09.2025 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the employee who is custodian of the information sought in this RTI application has been suspended due to a vigilance inquiry and requested an adjournment.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission and the information requested in this RTI application is still pending. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.
5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one final opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant at the earliest, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.
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....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5430 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **05.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 23.09.2025 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the employee who is custodian of the information sought in this RTI application has been suspended due to a vigilance inquiry and requested an adjournment.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission and the information requested in this RTI application is still pending. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.
5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one final opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant at the earliest, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.
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....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1211 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **05.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 23.09.2025 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the employee who is custodian of the information sought in this RTI application has been suspended due to a vigilance inquiry and requested an adjournment.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission and the information requested in this RTI application is still pending. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.
5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one final opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant at the earliest, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.
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First Appellate Authority,
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....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8086 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **05.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent, but an email dated 23.09.2025 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the employee who is custodian of the information sought in this RTI application has been suspended due to a vigilance inquiry and requested an adjournment.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission and the information requested in this RTI application is still pending. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application.
5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one final opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant at the earliest, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, could be invoked against him.
6. **Shri Leela Singh**, is further directed to appear in person 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.
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O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2347 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has not invited him for the inspection as directed at the last hearing.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent is present today nor he has complied with the orders passed by the Commission during the last hearing. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **14.02.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2347 OF 2022

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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 further directs **Shri Tirath Singh**, to be present in person on the next date of hearing along with a reply and attested copies of all the information available in the record. Failure to comply will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. To come up on 31.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.09.2025

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Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3242 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has not invited him for the inspection as directed at the last hearing.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent is present today nor he has complied with the orders passed by the Commission during the last hearing. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **21.02.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3242 OF 2023

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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 further directs **Shri Tirath Singh**, to be present in person on the next date of hearing along with a reply and attested copies of all the information available in the record. Failure to comply will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. To come up on 31.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5320 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has not invited him for the inspection as directed at the last hearing.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent is present today nor he has complied with the orders passed by the Commission during the last hearing. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **12.08.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5320 OF 2022

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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 further directs **Shri Tirath Singh**, to be present in person on the next date of hearing along with a reply and attested copies of all the information available in the record. Failure to comply will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. To come up on 31.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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First Appellate Authority,
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Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5427 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has not invited him for the inspection as directed at the last hearing.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent is present today nor he has complied with the orders passed by the Commission during the last hearing. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **25.07.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5427 OF 2022

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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*.”

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
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....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1486 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

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2. The appellant states that the respondent has not invited him for the inspection as directed at the last hearing.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent is present today nor he has complied with the orders passed by the Commission during the last hearing. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **09.09.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1486 OF 2023

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6. The Commission further directs **Shri Tirath Singh**, to be present in person on the next date of hearing along with a reply and attested copies of all the information available in the record. Failure to comply will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. To come up on 31.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.09.2025

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069),
#2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
District Mohali - 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Tirath Singh (94647-45370),
Public Information Officer-cum-JA,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1487 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has not invited him for the inspection as directed at the last hearing.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent is present today nor he has complied with the orders passed by the Commission during the last hearing. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **27.10.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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6. The Commission further directs **Shri Tirath Singh**, to be present in person on the next date of hearing along with a reply and attested copies of all the information available in the record. Failure to comply will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. To come up on 31.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.09.2025

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....Appellant

Versus

Shri Tirath Singh (94647-45370),
Public Information Officer-cum-JA,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1488 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has not invited him for the inspection as directed at the last hearing.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent is present today nor he has complied with the orders passed by the Commission during the last hearing. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh.
5. The respondent **PIO-cum-JA O/o Secretary, RTA, Patiala, Shri Tirath Singh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **16.10.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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6. The Commission further directs **Shri Tirath Singh**, to be present in person on the next date of hearing along with a reply and attested copies of all the information available in the record. Failure to comply will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. To come up on 31.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.09.2025

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Rajinder Kumar (83605-89644)

VPO Raisar,
Tehsil and District Barnala.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Gurjeet Singh Aoulakh (80540 59009),

Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Office,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,
State Transport Department, Punjab,
SCO-177-178, Sector 17 C,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3300 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Rajinder Kumar (83605-89644)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.03.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he inspected the record as directed vide this Commission's order dated 29.10.2024. Further, he states that he had listed 45 pages during said inspection, but the respondent did not provide him till date.

3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent is present today nor he has complied with the orders passed by the Commission. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-ATO O/o Secretary, RTA, Sangrur, Shri Gurjeet Singh Aoulakh.

5. The respondent **PIO-cum-ATO O/o Secretary, RTA, Sangrur, Shri Gurjeet Singh Aoulakh**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **23.01.2023**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3300 OF 2023

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the 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 respondent **PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Gurjeet Singh Aoulakh**, is further directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a reply and attested copies of all the information available in the record. Failure to comply will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. **To come up on 11.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.09.2025

Sd/-
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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)

Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana (141123)

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Deepak Kumar (78370-02512),
Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1396 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Ravinder Singh, JA (85282-14311)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.03.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent, but an email has been received from him today i.e. 24.09.2025, mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing due to health issues and requested an adjournment. Further, he submitted that he has not received any information from the PIO till date.

3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, **an opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed. A copy of the reply submitted by the respondent vide letter no. 57 dated 11.03.2025 (01 page) is being sent to the appellant along with this order through registered post.

5. **To come up on 21.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 24.09.2025

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Encl: Letter no. 57 dated 11.03.2025, sent to the appellant.