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Sh. Mandeep Singh Johal, S/o Sh. Baldev Raj,
R/o Peerkhana Basti, Ward No 11, Goniana Mandi,
District Bathinda.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Goniana Mandi,
District Bathinda.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Zira,
District: Ferozepur.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5572 of 2023

Present: (i) The appellant is exempted.
(ii) Sh. Narinder Kumar, E.O-cum-PIO O/o M.C. Zira, the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.07.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-E.O. Nagar Council, Zira, Sh. Narinder Kumar is appearing in person and files his written reply mentioning therein that he was not the PIO at the time of filling the RTI application dated 08.05.2023 and was taken the additional charge of E.O O/o Nagar Council, Goniana Mandi, Bathinda on 03.09.2023. Sh. Deepak Sethiya was the incumbent PIO at that time.

3. In view of the inordinately delay in addressing the RTI application of the appellant and the Commission's Order dated 22.04.2024, the present PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Goniana Mandi, Bathinda is directed as under:-

(i) To convey the copy of this Commission's Order dated 22.04.2024 and 24.07.2025 to the PIO-cum-E.O, Nagar Council, Goniana Mandi, District Bathinda, who was incumbent on the date of submission of this RTI application which is 08.05.2023.

(ii) To inform the Commission in writing, the name of the official and present place of posting of the aforesaid PIO-cum-E.O along with his/her tenure as PIO-cum-E.O, Nagar Council, Goniana Mandi, District Bathinda.

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4. In the interest of natural justice, **one last opportunity** is given to the present respondent PIO-cum-E.O, Nagar Council, Gonaina Mandi, District Bathinda to be personally appeared on the next date of hearing along with the PIO, who was incumbent at the time of filling the RTI application dated 08.05.2023, failing which penalty consequences shall follow, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. A copy of this Order as well as the previous Orders dated 22.04.2024 and 24.07.2025 are being sent to the Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh to look into the matter and submit the compliance report in response to the Commission's Order dated 22.04.2024. This must be done on or before the next hearing.

6. **Next hearing on 03rd December at 12.00 Noon at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Dated: 25th September, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Enclosed: Order dated 22.04.2025

Regd.

CC:

**Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Sector: 35, Chandigarh.**

(For compliance)

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Sh. Yogesh Maini, S/o Late Sh. Kapil Bhushan,
H.No 678/1, Prem Nagar, Shiv Mandir Road,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana. (M: 9988758800)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer-cum-District Health Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4810 of 2021

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.07.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing. However, he has informed the Commission telephonically that no compensation has been received from the respondent PIO, so far.

3. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation, for the second consecutive hearing in the Commission.

4. From the perusal of the RTI application, it is ascertained that this RTI application dated 26.07.2021 to the PIO O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana and a compensation of Rs. 5000/- was awarded to the appellant for the harassment in getting the information vide Order dated 10.10.2022 passed by the Former SIC Sh. Khushwant Singh. At today's hearing, the compliance report has still not been sent by the respondent in respect to the Orders of the PSIC dated 10.10.2022.

5. Accordingly, **last opportunity** is granted to the Public Information Officer-cum-Director Health Officer O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana to submit the compliance report in response to the Orders dated 10.10.2022 of the PSIC, before the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow as per the provisions of Section 20(i) of the RTI Act, 2005 against the erring officials/officers, who are

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responsible for the delay in comply with the directions of the Commission passed vide order dated 10.10.2022. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

6. A copy of the Commission's order dated 10.10.2022 is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana to ensure the presence of the respondent PIO and compliance report be sent on or before the next date of hearing.

7. **Next hearing on 03rd December at 12.00 Noon at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Dated: 25th September, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Regd.

Enclosed: Order dated 10.10.2022 to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. (For compliance)

CC:

The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

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Sh. Mangat Lal, S/o Sh. Ram Prakash,
R/o Village Dhundi Mohalla, Bazigar Basti,
District: Faridkot. (M; 9872104089)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (General),
Faridkot.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3339 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Mangat Lal, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Karan Chand, Suptd.,-cum-APIO along with Sh. Hunny Singh, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO O/o Divisional Commissioner, Faridkot.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 13.11.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 16.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.05.2025 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. 25.09.2025.

2. The appellant states that no information/reply has been provided by the respondent PIO till date and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.
3. The respondent PIO O/o E.O, Nagar Council, Faridkot is absent at today's hearing. However, a reply dated 17.09.2025 has been received from the respondent PIO mentioning therein that point wise, written reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 18.12.2024 by registered post. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant refused to receive any information from the respondent PIO. A copy of the same is handed over to the appellant with the directions to go through the same and point out the deficiencies in writing, if any, in the information provided to the respondent with a copy to the Commission, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this Order. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.
5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte and no further adjournment will be given in this case.

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6. Sh. Karan Chand, Suptd.,-cum-APIO along with Sh. Hunny Singh, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO O/o Divisional Commissioner, Faridkot state that this RTI application is related with the E.O, Nagar Council, Faridkot and their First Appellate Authority is Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Faridkot but the notice of hearing has wrongly been sent to the Divisional Commissioner, Faridkot. They requested that as the matter is related with the E.O, Nagar Council, Faridkot, so the First Appellate Authority O/o Divisional Commissioner, Faridkot should be exempted.

7. In view of the above, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Faridkot be impleaded as First Appellate Authority in this appeal case and First Appellate Authority O/o Divisional Commissioner, Faridkot is exempted from further appearances.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 03rd December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 25th September, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

[Note: The appellant / complainant can attend the Hearing in person at the Commission or through Cisco Webex. The Cisco Webex number of this Bench is 25179803719 and password is 12345. The appellant / complainant is advised to intimate the Commission regarding the mode of Hearing, at least three weeks before the Hearing on official website i.e. psic21@punjabmail.gov.in]

CC:

First Appellate Authority
O/o Divisional Commissioner,
Faridkot.

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