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Office 1331-5, Near VishawkarmaBhawan,
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 555 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.10.2023 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 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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APPEAL CASE NO. 555 OF 2024

4. To come up on **10.12.2025 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Date :25.09.2025

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Appellant

Versus

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O/o ATP, Zone A, MC
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 561 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 08.10.2023 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 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ATP, Zone C, MC
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 562 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 31.08.2023 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 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ATP, Zone B, MC
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 563 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 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.
3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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APPEAL CASE NO. 563 OF 2024

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN PSPCL
Ludhiana
First Appellate Authority
O/o Engineer Operations Central Zone
PSPCL, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5690F 2024

Present: - (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Nazam Singh, Steno (9779700596)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.10.2023_ 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 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant.
5. 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. The appellant is absent today, hence he is directed to point out written deficiencies, if any to the respondent with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing. ***Respondent is exempted from further hearing.***

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5690F 2024

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o CMD PSPCL Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o CMD
PSPCL, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 570 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 09.10.2023 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 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ATP, Zone C, Mc,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 572 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.06.2023 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ATP, Zone B, Mc,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 573 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 19.06.2023 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 574 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.06.2023 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 576 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.06.2023 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ATP, Zone B, Mc, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 577 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.06.2023 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Zonal Commissioner, Zone A,
Mc, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 578 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 28.05.2023 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 25.09.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned and neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. *It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.*

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Sh Surjit Singh, S/o ShGokul Singh,
VPO Jarg, Tehsil Payal,
Distt Ludhiana-141415
(M-9855900321)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block Doraha
District- Ludhiana

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Jarg,
Block Doraha, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt, Punjab
Sector-62, Mohali

Respondents

AC.No. 5047 of 2022

Present: - None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.06.2025 vide which the respondent was directed to provide information pertaining to point no's 3 to 7 and also file his point-wise specific reply.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. However, the appellant has informed telephonically that he has not received the complete information.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. Further, as directed, the respondent has not provided the information to the appellant. However, taking a lenient view, a last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant, pertaining to point no's 3 to 7 failing which appropriate

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AC.No. 5047 of 2022

orders shall be passed. 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.

4. To come up on **10.12.2025 at 11:30** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

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Mohali (S.A.S. Nagar)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Development Commissioner (D),
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6106 OF 2022

Present: - None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.06.2025 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The respondent has not even filed his reply to the show-cause notice.

3. In view of the above, a last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Further, a last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to file his reply to the show-cause notice, failing which penal action shall be taken against the Respondent-PIO.

4. 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.

5. To come up on **10.12.2025 at 11:30** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

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Village Sarna, Tehsil & Distt- Pathankot-145025
(M-9814691777)

RTI application No. 88753

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Govt. ITI, Pathankot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Govt. ITI, Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 198 OF 2024

Present: - (i) Sh Sarbjit Singh, Appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Baljit Singh, Training officer (94173-60692)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.06.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The respondent states that he has brought the information today to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant today

3. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with the same. He adds that the information provided to him is misleading and action be taken against the respondent-PIO for the same.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 11.09.2023, but after lapse of more than two years, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. 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

APPEAL CASE NO. 198 OF 2024

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.

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, Sh Sukhbir Singh Qatal, Training officer**, 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. 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.

8. To come up on **19.11.2025 at 11:30** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Dated :25.09.2025

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(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: PIO, Sh Sukhbir Singh Qatal, Training officer
O/o Govt. ITI, Pathankot (for strict compliance)