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Shri Sarbjit Singh, (98146-91777)
S/o Shri Jagir Singh,
298, Sector - 15, Sai Kirpa, Village Sarna,
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot - 145025
RTI Application No. 83977

....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7663 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Baljit Singh, PIO-cum-Training Officer (94173-60692)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **03.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 12.09.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that he has received incomplete information from the respondent and requested to hear the case through online mode.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-Training Officer, Shri Baljit Singh, states that the information has already been furnished to the appellant. Further, he states that he brought complete requested information at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the information to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Since the appellant is absent today, the respondent who has brought the information to this hearing is directed to dispatch it to the appellant via registered post and submit proof of compliance to the Commission.

5. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO, in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

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6. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 03.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco Webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

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Shri Pritam Singh Bedi, (98555-43185)

S/o Shri Balbir Singh,
R/o Village Fatehgarh Gahri,
Tehsil Guru Harsahai, Distt Ferozepur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7824 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Pritam Singh Bedi via mobile phone (98555-43185)

Respondent: Shri Vishal Goel, PIO-cum-ATO (99154-08202)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **03.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Pritam Singh Bedi, attended the hearing via mobile phone. He states that he inspected the relevant record in the respondent's office, but the requested information is still pending. The appellant further expressed his willingness to deposit the requisite documentation fees to obtain the said information.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been furnished to the appellant and the appellant had also inspect the official record. Further, the respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is voluminous.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the respondent PIO is hereby directed to calculate and communicate the prescribed documentation fees to the appellant. On deposit of the contextually applicable fees by the appellant, the PIO shall furnish the complete information as requested by the appellant, under intimation to the Commission.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing 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.

6. **To come up on 03.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

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Shri Manjinder Singh, (98720-15069)

R/o # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector - 125,
Kharar, Distt Mohali – 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4902 OF 2021

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Karanbir Singh, PIO-cum-ATO (98888-09940) and
Shri Jaspreet Singh, MVI (94636-25618)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Karanbir Singh, states that the complete requested information has already been furnished to the appellant as directed at the previous hearing. He further states that the appellant is also satisfied with the supplied information.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. Hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case.

5. However, it is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 04.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-Motor Vehicle Inspector,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5107 OF 2021

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Karanbir Singh, PIO-cum-ATO (98888-09940) and
Shri Jaspreet Singh, MVI (94636-25618)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Karanbir Singh, states that the complete requested information has already been furnished to the appellant as directed at the previous hearing. He further states that the appellant is also satisfied with the supplied information.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. Hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case.

5. However, it is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 04.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-Motor Vehicle Inspector,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 241 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Karanbir Singh, PIO-cum-ATO (98888-09940) and
Shri Jaspreet Singh, MVI (94636-25618)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Karanbir Singh, states that the complete requested information has already been furnished to the appellant as directed at the previous hearing. He further states that the appellant is also satisfied with the supplied information.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. Hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case.

5. However, it is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 04.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-Motor Vehicle Inspector,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3539 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Karanbir Singh, PIO-cum-ATO (98888-09940) and
Shri Jaspreet Singh, MVI (94636-25618)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Karanbir Singh, states that the complete requested information has already been furnished to the appellant as directed at the previous hearing. He further states that the appellant is also satisfied with the supplied information.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that appellant is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. Hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case.

5. However, it is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 04.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Manjinder Singh, (98720-15069)

R/o # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector - 125,
Kharar, Distt Mohali – 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Narinder Kumar (99142-11239),

Public Information Officer-cum-Motor Vehicle Inspector,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 395 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. Consequently, in the interest of justice **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 both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 04.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Manjinder Singh, (98720-15069)

R/o # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector - 125,
Kharar, Distt Mohali – 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Narinder Kumar (99142-11239),

Public Information Officer-cum-Motor Vehicle Inspector,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1858 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. Consequently, in the interest of justice **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 both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 04.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Narvinder Kumar (97817-48572)

S/o Shri Harmesh Lala,
VPO Chandpur Rurki Kalan,
Tehsil Balachaur,
District SBS Nagar 144524

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Sukhdev Singh (98140-41149),
Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Chandpur Rurki Kalan,
Block Saroya, District SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
District SBS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 318 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Narvinder Kumar via mobile phone (97817-48572)
Respondent: Shri Sukhdev Singh, PIO-cum-PS (98140-41149)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Narvinder Kumar, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that no information has been given to him so far

3. The respondent PIO-cum-PS, Shri Sukhdev Singh, states that the partial information has already been provided to the appellant. The respondent further submitted that he has produced the entire original record at today's hearing. He offered to let the appellant inspect the desired records, assuring that the relevant information would be supplied immediately thereafter.

4. Furthermore, the respondent proffered an oral explanation for the delay in addressing the RTI application, in view of which, I am satisfied that there was no malafide intent on the part of the PIO to deny or delay the sought information. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued to the respondent PIO. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is hereby **dropped**.

5. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to invite (in writing) the appellant for inspection of the official record pertaining to the RTI application on a mutually acceptable date and time. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned

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officials are directed to remain present at the time of inspection. The PIO is directed to provide the information, identified by the appellant during inspection, free of cost. This must be done under intimation to the Commission on or before the next hearing.

6. Both parties are directed to remain present 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 04.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Maninder Pal Singh, (98884-97520)

19/75, Garden Colony,
Near Mall Town, Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2881 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Maninder Pal Singh via mobile (98884-97520)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Maninder Pal Singh, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, 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 despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO office of, Commissioner, MC, Amritsar, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar** 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 **19.05.2023**. **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.**

“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

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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 PIO O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. A copy of this order is being sent to **Shri Bikramjit Singh Shergill, IAS, Commissioner, MC, Amritsar**, to ensure strict compliance of the above order and to secure the presences of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. **To come up on 03.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

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Cc: **Shri Bikramjit Singh Shergill, IAS,
Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.**

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Ms. Bhanu Mehta, (82890-24144)

W/o Shri Armaan Komal,
R/o # 48/6, Amaan Vihar,
Bhadson Road, Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Higher Education, Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Higher Education, Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2679 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jagmohan Singh, Advocate (96461-39475)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. Shri Jagmohan Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the appellant. He submitted that the appellant is not satisfied with the reply furnished by the respondent PIO at the previous hearing. He submits his written submission during the course of hearing. He also filed written submissions vide the Commission's diary number 18675 dated 09.09.2026, which have been taken on record.

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 despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, to give proper opportunity, it is considered appropriate to ask the respondent PIO to file their rebuttal in respect of the submission of the appellant. Accordingly, a copy of the submission filed by the appellant is forwarded to the respondent PIO to file rebuttal, if they wish so otherwise the case will be decided on the basis of documents available in case file.

5. **To come up on 03.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

**Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Encl: Submission submitted by the appellant sent to the respondent PIO.

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Ms. Bhanu Mehta, (82890-24144)

W/o Shri Armaan Komal,
R/o # 48/6, Amaan Vihar,
Bhadson Road, Patiala

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Administrative Secretary, Department of Personnel,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Administrative Secretary, Department of Personnel,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4922 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jagjit Singh, Advocate (99150-21551)
Respondent: Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, SA (85568-49806)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. Shri Jagjit Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the appellant. He states that the deficiencies had already been pointed out to the respondent PIO, but the requested information is still pending.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, SA, states that the requested information has already been provided to the appellant as available in the official records. She further submits that nothing more is available on record which could be supplied to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent PIO is directed whatever deficiencies remain in the matter of information demanded by the appellant should be made good before the next date of hearing, failing which further steps including initiation of penalty proceedings shall be taken, as per relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present 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.

6. **To come up on 03.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

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Shri Rohit Rumana, (94179-38328)

Advocate, Ex. President DBA Bathinda, Chamber No. 117,
Lawyers Chamber Complex, Ground Floor,
District Courts, Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Council,
Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD), SAS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5028 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Ms. Chhavi Budhiraja, Advocate (82880-17845)
Respondent: Shri Gulshan Mehta, Advocate (98764-61637) and
Shri Pankaj Singh, Draftsman (70099-62008)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. Ms. Chhavi Budhiraja, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the appellant. She states that the reply supplied by the respondent PIO is not satisfactory.

3. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. He further stated that the appellant has failed to file any rebuttal against the provided reply.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the appellant directed to demonstrate/enumerate the larger public interest that would be served by disclosing this information to him. This Commission will take a view in this appeal case subsequent to the aforesaid reply by the appellant.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present 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.

6. **To come up on 03.02.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Manjit Singh, (99146-84505)

S/o Shri Jaspal Singh,
R/o Village Kamal Wala,
Tehsil Zira,
Distt Ferozepur – 152021

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director, Local Govt.
Pathankot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 7 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjit Singh (99146-84505)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Manjit Singh, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, 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 despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO office of, MC, Pathankot, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO O/o MC, Pathankot**, 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 **10.09.2024**. 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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“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 PIO O/o MC, Pathankot, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO O/o MC, Pathankot, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. A copy of this order is being sent to **Dr. Palavi, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot**, to ensure strict compliance of the above order and to secure the presences of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. **To come up on 18.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

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Cc: Dr. Palavi, IAS,
Deputy Commissioner (DC),
Pathankot.

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S/o Late Shri Joginder Singh Grewal,
655, Gurdev Nagar, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Khalsa Dewan Society,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Khalsa Dewan Society,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3250 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 25.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, 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 despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. Consequently, in the interest of justice, **one opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. The respondent PIO is directed to provide the appellant point wise reply in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. 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.

5. **To come up on 12.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 25.09.2026

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Malwa Central College of Education for Women,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Malwa Central College of Education for Women,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3323 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

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2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 25.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, 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 despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. Consequently, in the interest of justice, **one opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. The respondent PIO is directed to provide the appellant point wise reply in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. 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.

5. **To come up on 12.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Khalsa College for Women,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3324 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **09.06.2026**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **23.09.2026**, but the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **25.09.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 25.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, 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 despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. Consequently, in the interest of justice, **one opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. The respondent PIO is directed to provide the appellant point wise reply in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. 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.

5. **To come up on 12.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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O/o Khalsa Institute of Management & Technology for Women,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Khalsa Institute of Management & Technology for Women,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3325 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Vishal Mehta, Advocate (99141-13304)

ORDER:

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2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 25.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. Shri Vishal Mehta, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the respondent and has sought some time to provide the reply/information.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the reply/information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, **an opportunity** is given to him to provide reply/information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, **within one week** of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present 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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Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Khalsa Girls Sr. Secondary School,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Khalsa Girls Sr. Secondary School,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3326 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

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2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 25.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, 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 despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o Malwa Public School,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3765 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

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....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3766 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

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