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Sh. Balram S/o Sh. Ram Narain, Village - Dharampura, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka - 152116 (Punjab) (M:9463974663)

... Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
 O/o The Director,
 Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,
 Sector-68, SAS Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
 O/o The Financial Commissioner,
 Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
 Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62,
 S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)
- iii) Public Information Officer, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, Sector-68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5027 of 2023

Present: Sh. Balram, the appellant in person alongwith Sh. Kanha Ram(M.-9592830100) with authority letter.

- i) Sh. Pardeep Kumar(M.-7837869500), S. E. P. O. ;
- ii) Sh. Sarwan Kumar(M.-9915819033), Panchayat Secretary, Dharamura, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.12.2024 and the case adjourned for 27.02.2025 but due to administrative reasons, the case could not be heard and further the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

2. The Panchayat Secretary, Dharampura submitted a point wise reply mentioning that regarding the sought information, nothing is available in the office record as no enquiry has been conducted against Ms. Sumitra Devi, Lady Sarpanch; Sh. Sukhwinder Singh and Sh. Ashok Kumar, both Panchayat Secretaries and Sh. Pardeep Kumar, Parbandhak as has been mentioned in the RTI request.

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- 3. The S. E. P. O. submitted an enquiry report and the same is also handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. The appellant is advised to file his submissions, if any, by or on the next date of hearing.
- 4. In light of the earlier order dated 19.12.2024, through which a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Gurdarshan Kundal, the then PIO-cum-District Development and Panchayat Officer, Fazilka, who is presently posted as Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Development), Sri Muktsar Sahib but he is not present despite the fact that the order was sent to the concerned official through registered post. One **last opportunity** is granted to him to remain present on the next date of hearing.
- 5. Further, Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, B.D.P.O.-cum-APIO, appeared on 19.12.2024 before the Commission and a copy of the complaint filed by the appellant was handed over to her with the directions to file the reply/supply the information but no response has been received till date. It is also a fact that the respondent handed over an enquiry but neither any information has been supplied to the appellant nor any satisfactory response is given by the respondent with regard to the sought information.
- After viewing such a casual approach of the respondent in dealing with the RTI application and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a compensation amounting to Rs. 10,000/- is awarded in favour of the appellant, Sh. Balram. Accordingly, the directions are hereby issued to the respondent-PIO to pay the compensation amounting to Rs. 10,000/- out of the State Exchequer as has been awarded in this case before the next date of hearing.
- 7. Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, B.D.P.O.-cum-APIO is also directed to remain present, in person, before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply/supply the information related to the RTI application.

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- 8. Accordingly, a copy of this order is being sent to Financial Commissioner Rural Development and Panchayats to procure presence of the respondents.
- With this, the case is adjourned to 6th May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at 9. Chandigarh.

Date :26th March, 2025 R

(Inderpal Singh) **Chief Information Commissioner** Punjab

CC: i) Sh. Gurdarshan Kundal,

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),

Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

ii) The Financial Commissioner (By Name), Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

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Ms. Rajni Bala W/o Sh. Ritin Shah, Advocate, H. No. 104, Golden City, Khanna - 141401(Punjab)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, The District Legal Services Authority, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1308 of 2021

Present: None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Kawaljit Singh (M.-8054019090), Accounts Assistant, on behalf of the

respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.05.2024, which was heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for today i. e. 26.03.2025.

- 2. The complaint is absent without intimation, However representative of the respondent requested for the submissions made by the appellant to file the counter submissions/rebuttal. Accordingly, a copy of the submissions received from the complainant is handed over to the respondent during the course of hearing with the directions to file the submissions, if any. It is also clarified that in case no submissions will be received from the respondent the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 2nd July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u>

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Village - Ghandouli, P.O. - Rani Majra, Tehsil Kharar, Distt –S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab) (M: 8699769199)

.....Appellant

- i) Sh. Ravinder Singh Sidhu,
 Block Development
 and Panchayat Officer-cum-PIO,
 Block Majri,
 Distt. S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Sh. Bharat Pal Panchayat Secretary,Block – Majri, Distt. - S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2079 of 2022

Present: Sh. Gurpreet Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.04.2021 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 16.07.2021 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.04.2022vunder Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 26.03.2025.

Vs

2. The appellant submits that there are illegal possession of Panchayat Land in his village and Ms. Tanu Kashyap, IAS, Joint Development Commissioner(IRD), Punjab in exercising the powers of the Commissioners passed the decision on 20.02.2019 with regard to the Panchayat Land. He further submits that as per the orders of the Commissioner, he made the written submissions to the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Majri bearing Diary no. 374 dated 18.03.2021 and thereafter filed the RTI application seeking the information related to the decision given by the Commissioner and an action taken on the application filed by him bearing Diary no. 374 dated 18.03.2021 to take appropriate action to vacate the illegal possession of land.

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- 3. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Majri written a letter to Sh. Bharat Pal, Panchayat Secretary but neither he is present nor any other representative of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer is present.
- 4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Sh. Ravinder Singh Sidhu, Block Development and Panchayat Officer-cum-PIO, Majri and Sh. Bharat Pal, Panchayat Secretary are, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/-, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on them for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by them.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officers are also 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. They may take a note that in case they do not file their written reply and does not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

- 5. A copy of this order is being sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali to ensure the presence of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Majri. It is also clarified that in case absence of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer on the next date of hearing his presence will be procured by issuing Bailable Warrants and/or disciplinary action will be recommended against him as per procedure established by law.
- With this, the case is adjourned to 2nd July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at 6. Chandigarh.

Date: 26th March, 2025

Chief Information Commissioner Punjab

(Inderpal Singh)

CC: Ms. Komal Mittal, IAS Deputy Commissioner,

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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o New Jail, Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o New Jail,
Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6063 of 2022

Vs

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2023, which was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench and the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

- 2. Due to absence of the parties the case is adjourned. As such one **last opportunity** is given to the parties concerned to remain present to the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.
- 3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 3rd July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u>
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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o New Jail, Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o New Jail,
Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6064 of 2022

Vs

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2023, which was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench and the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

- 2. Due to absence of the parties the case is adjourned. As such one **last opportunity** is given to the parties concerned to remain present to the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.
- 3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 3rd July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u>
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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o New Jail, Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o New Jail,
Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6065 of 2022

Vs

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2023, which was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench and the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

- 2. Due to absence of the parties the case is adjourned. As such one **last opportunity** is given to the parties concerned to remain present to the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.
- 3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 3rd July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u>
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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o New Jail, Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o New Jail,
Nabha, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6066 of 2022

Vs

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.09.2023, which was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench and the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

- 2. Due to absence of the parties the case is adjourned. As such one **last opportunity** is given to the parties concerned to remain present to the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte, on merit.
- 3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 3rd July, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u>
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.... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block – II, Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2074 of 2023

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the appellant in person.

Sh. Pirthi Pal (M.-9878089738), Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the

respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.10.2023, which was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which was fixed for 27.02.2025 but due to administrative reasons, the case could not be heard and further the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant sent the written submissions to adjourn the case. Also, the respondent PIO is present and has also requested to adjourn the case with the assurance to supply the information by the next date. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to file the reply/supply the information with regard to the RTI request to take the matter to its logical end.
- 3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 28th August, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh</u>.

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Sh. Chandan Kumar S/o Sh. Satyabeer, Village – Beenewal, Tehsil - Garhshankar, Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144523 (Punjab) (M.-9988024315)

.... Appellant

V/s

Ms. Manjinder Kaur, Block Development and Panchayat Officer-cum-PIO, Garhshankar, Distt. – Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Garhshankar,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2091 of 2023

Present: Sh. Chandan Kumar, the appellant in person.

Sh. Kanwar Singh(M.-8427007049), Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the

respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.10.2023, which was heard by Sh. Maninder Singh Patti, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 20.10.2023. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which was fixed for 27.02.2025 but due to administrative reasons, the case could not be heard and further the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

2. The appellant submits that the respondent has supplied the incomplete information. However, the respondent submits that he has recently joined and requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to file submissions with regard to the RTI request to take the matter to its logical end.

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3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent in a casual manner, Ms. Manjinder Kaur, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Garhshankar, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/-, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act,2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also 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 take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. She is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing failing which her presence will be procured by issuing **Bailable Warrants** and/or disciplinary action will be recommended as per the procedure established by law. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur with the directions to ensure the presence of the PIO on the next date of hearing.

With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 14th May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh</u>.

Date :26th March, 2025

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: Ms. Aashika Jain, IAS

Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

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Sh. Tajinder Bhalla S/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar Bhalla, Bhalla General Store, Tehsil – Shahkot, Distt. – Jalandhar – 144702 (Punjab) (M.- 9781197933)

.... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Sr. Supdt. of Police, Batala, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab) First Appellate Authority O/o The D. I. G. P.,

Border Range, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4174 of 2023

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Palwinder Singh (M.- 9915717191), A.S.I. on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.03.2023 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 10.04.2023 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 26.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant made a request that he has to appear in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court so he can not appear before the Commission. The request is granted.
- 3. The respondent submitted a reply that the appellant has sought complete report i. e. No. 57 dated 18.11.2022 in a compliant no. 1577 of year 2022 against Ms. Mamta Sharma. He further submits that Ms. Mamta Sharma has filed a CRM-M-5483/2023 in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and vide orders dated 03.02.2023 passed by Hon'ble Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya had given directions that no action on the notices dated 26.08.2022 and dated 03.12.2022 shall be taken, hence, the required information could not be supplied to the appellant.

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- 4. After deliberations, the respondent PIO is directed to clarify the fact that how supply of the information to the appellant as demanded by him in this case is putting affect in complying with the directions passed by Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court vide orders dated 03.02.2023 to take the matter to its logical end.
- 5. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 21st August, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at</u>

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Sh. P. D. Bansal, 94, City Homes Colony, Near Spring Dale School, Khanna – 141401, Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab) (M.-9855783747)

.... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Health and Family Welfare, Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Health and Family Welfare. Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5992 of 2023

Present: Sh. P. D. Bansal, the appellant in person.

- Sh. Jatinder Singh, Superintendent (M.-9914622278) Health 1 Branch;
- Sh. Gagandeep Uppal, Senior Assistant (M.-9888800670); ii)
- iii) Sh. Kamlesh Pawar (M.-9814683821);
- Sh. Amrit Pal Singh (M.-9872655146) on behalf of the respondent. iv)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.11.2024, which was adjourned for 27.02.2025 but due to administrative reasons, the case could not be heard and further the case is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

2. The appellant had sought the information related to compliant no. 314/2022 against officials of Civil Hospital Khanna. The said compliant was forwarded by Vigilance Bureau Punjab vide letter no. 35652/VB/S-12 dated 29.09.2022 to the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab Department of Health and Family Welfare to take appropriate action as no action has been taken by the Vigilance Bureau. The respondent supplied the information related to the RTI application, with which the appellant is not satisfied with the information so

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supplied by the respondent. However, the respondent reiterated the submissions sent by the PIO dated 20.02.2025, wherein, it is informed that an enquiry was marked to the Director, Health and Family Welfare vide letter dated 25.06.2022. He further submits that the said enquiry report has already been received on 06.02.2025 and final decision is under consideration which will be taken as per the rules/instructions. After going through the said letter it is ascertained that the respondent mentioned the Appeal Case no. 5992 of 2023 in the said letter but the only ambiguity is that whether the said letter relates to the enquiry, action taken of which has been sought by the appellant i. e. Complaint 314/2022 (sent by the Vigilance Bureau). The respondent requested for an adjournment in this case to clear the ambiguity.

3. With this, the case is <u>adjourned to 14th May, 2025 at 11:30 A. M. for hearing at Chandigarh</u>.

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..Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner of Police, ADCP-3, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

..respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 3985 of 2023

Vs

Present: Sh. Surinder Pal, the appellant.

ASI, Sh. Tarsem Singh (9463202689) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.01.2025.

- 2. The appellant made the written submissions which are taken on record. However, the respondent handed over the complete information to the appellant during the course of hearing.
- 3. After going through the information, the appellant requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned.
- 4. To come up on **08.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Date:26.03.2025

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Sh. H.S. Hundal, Advocate, #203, Judicial Courts, Mohali (M:9878500082)

..Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar,

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First Appellate AuthorityO/o Sub Divisional Magistrate
Moga

..respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 4899 of 2023

Vs

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.03.2024 and further fixed for hearing on 03.06.2024, which was postponed. Earlier, the case was heard by Sh. Asit Jolly, State Information Commissioner, who has demitted the office on 09.07.2024. Thereafter the case was allocated to this Bench, which is fixed for hearing today i. e. 26.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant sent the written submission to adjourn the case. However the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.
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Date:26.03.2025

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..Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar, Moga

First Appellate AuthorityO/o Sub Divisional Magistrate
Moga

..respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 4898 of 2023

Vs

Present: None on behalf of the parties.

ORDER

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..Complainant

Sh. Ramandeep Singh Bhullar-SP-cum-Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

..respondent(s)

Complaint Case No. 273 of 2023

Vs

Present: Sh. Surinder Pal, the complainant.

ASI, Sh. Tarsem Singh (9463202689) on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.01.2025

- 2. The complainant made the written submissions which are taken on record. However, the respondent requested for an adjournment to file the detailed reply in this case.
- 3. After going through the submissions made by the appellant, the respondent PIO, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Bhullar is directed to file the specific reply with regard to the RTI application in a chronological order to take the matter to its logical end.
- 4. To come up on **08.05.2025 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date:26.03.2025