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Shri Gurjeet Singh, (9463138069)
S/o Shri Gurdev Singh,
R/o Giana, Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3566 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Gurjeet Singh (9463138069)
Respondent: Shri Jashanpreet Singh, Kanugoo (9592714545)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **20.11.2024**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received sought information from the respondent as directed at the last hearing on 20.11.2024. Further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that he is ready to provide the sought information the appellant. The respondent further states that the appellant can visit the office and inspect the same on any working day.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the appellant is directed to visit the respondent's office for inspection of the official record pertaining to his RTI application. Accordingly, the respondent PIO and concerned officials are directed to remain present on the mutually fixed date and time of inspection. The respondent PIO is also directed to supply the identified information pertaining to the RTI application within one week after the inspection.

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 19.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.03.2025

Sd/-
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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Surjan Singh (98784-21510)

S/o Shri Mela Singh,
VPO Hassanpur,
Tehsil Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5853 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Surjan Singh (9878421510)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.12.2024**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received sought information from the respondent as directed at the last hearing on 04.12.2024. Further, he submitted his written submission during the course of hearing, mentioning therein that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent. The BDPO, Sudhar, was given a last opportunity at the last hearing on 04.12.2024, and there is no one present and still response from his / her. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO office of, BDPO, Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Sudhar, District, Ludhiana**, 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 **01.09.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5853 OF 2022

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.” Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the sought information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. A copy of this order be marked to Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali for further necessary action.

6. The concerned PIO 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 / her presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. **To come up on 19.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.03.2025

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Cc: Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, for further necessary action.

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Shri Rashpal Singh (7528096913)

S/o Shri Gurdeep Singh,
Village Jodhpur, P.O. Karma,
Tehsil and District Ferozepur (152023)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, State Transport,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3629 OF 2023

PRESENT:

Appellant: Shri Rashpal Singh (7528096913)
Respondent: Shri Narinder Kumar, Clerk O/o Nangal Depot (8146899146),
Smt. Beant Kaur, JA O/o Muktsar Depot (8360511949),
Shri Paramjit Singh, SA O/o Ferozepur Depot (9876119978),
Shri Dilbhag Singh, SA, Ropar Depot (9417716585),
Shri Sanjeev Kumar, SA O/o Moga & Patti Depot (9066247000),
Shri Indu Shekhar, Ludhiana,
Shri Harmeet Singh, Clerk (8567900079),
Shri Rajpal Singh, APIO (9876895105)
Shri Harsh Luthra, Clerk O/o Batala (9876294196), and
Shri Vinor Sagar, Clerk O/o Jalandhar-1 (7696638009),

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.12.2024**.

2. The appellant states that he has received information from the seven Depots only and the information from the Depots of the following districts is still pending:

“Ferozepur, Amritsar-1, Amritsar-2, Jalandhar-1, Chandigarh, Hoshiarpur, SBS Nagar, Nangal, Batala, Tarn Taran, and Pathankot”.

3. The representatives from the various Depots, are present and state that information has already been supplied to the appellant. The representatives of the respondent have also brought the information at today's hearing and handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to point out deficiency, if any, in writing to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent is also directed to remove deficiency, if any, pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

5. The respondent PIOs of the district of **Ferozepur, Amritsar-1, Amritsar-2, Jalandhar-1, Chandigarh, Hoshiarpur, SBS Nagar, Nangal, Batala, Tarn Taran, and Pathankot**, are directed to supply the sought information to the appellant directly, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.

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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 19.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.03.2025

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Shri Thakar Singh (94637-56626)

S/o Shri Sardara Singh,
VPO Chhajli, Tehsil Sunam,
District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Sunam.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Sunam.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3631 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.12.2024**.

- The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
- The appellant is absent, but an email dated 25.03.2025 has been received from him, along with a hand written RTI application, which is taken on record. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant has not submitted typed readable copy of the RTI application, as directed at the last hearing.
- Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, the appellant is awarded **one last opportunity** to submit a Punjabi (matra bhasha) typed RTI application of this present appeal case to the respondent with a copy to this Commission.
- 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.
- To come up on 19.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.03.2025

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Shri Amritpal Singh (7837932299)

S/o Shri Major Singh,
VPO Abdal,
Tehsil and District Amritsar (143502)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
State Transport , Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
State Transport , Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 884 OF 2023

PRESENT:

Appellant: Shri Amritpal Singh (7837932299)
Respondent: Shri Narinder Kumar, Clerk O/o Nangal Depot (8146899146),
Smt. Beant Kaur, JA O/o Muktsar Depot (8360511949),
Shri Paramjit Singh, SA O/o Ferozepur Depot (9876119978),
Shri Dilbhag Singh, SA, Ropar Depot (9417716585),
Shri Indu Shekhar, Ludhiana,
Shri Harmeet Singh, Clerk (8567900079),
Shri Rajpal Singh, APIO (9876895105)
Shri Harsh Luthra, Clerk O/o Batala (9876294196), and
Shri Vinor Sagar, Clerk O/o Jalandhar-1 (7696638009),

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.12.2024**.

2. The appellant states that he has received incomplete information from the respondent and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.
3. The representatives from the various Depots are present and state that the requested information has already been supplied to the appellant as available in the records.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent is herewith directed to submit a written point wise reply to the RTI application along with the requested information. For any information he wants to withhold, the respondent PIO must cite the specific provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 to do so. Said reply along with information after duly attesting each page must be sent to the appellant by registered post, with a copy to this Commission.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 884 OF 2023

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 19.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.03.2025

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Shri Madan Lal, (9872367068)

S/o Shri Om Parkash,
10803, MCB Zone - 2, Street No. 18,
Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Parinda Road,
Bathinda – 151001

....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3526 OF 2023
Through Cisco Webex

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Sahil Sharma, JA (9803400022)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **20.11.2024**.

2. The appellant is absent. The appellant has meanwhile pointed out in his email of 25.03.2025 that only partial information has been supplied, and the remainder is still pending. He further submitted that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that information has already been supplied to the appellant as available in the records.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the respondent PIO is herewith directed to furnish pending information at the earliest. In case he wants to seek exemption from disclosing some specific information, he must cite specific section(s) of the RTI Act 2005. If the information relates to other section / branch, the PIO may seek the assistance of officers of the concerned branch under Section 5(4) of the RTI Act.2005. In such a case, if the information is denied or delayed further by the concerned branch, this Commission shall deem the concerned officer as PIO to impose penalties as per 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. **Parties are directed to attend the hearing on 17.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. through ciscowebeX. (Webex Meeting Number :25180667401 and Password : 12345)** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 26.03.2025

Sd/-
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