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Shri Jaswant Sarpal, (94654 77771)

S/o Shri Darbari Lal Sarpal,

R/o House No. 2220/2, Gali Arian,

I/s Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1074 OF 2022

Present:

Appellant: Shri Jaswant Sarpal

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This case pertains to an RTI application filed by the appellant seeking certain information from the respondent PIO. Upon multiple hearings, the Commission has noted the complexities involved in the matter, which require detailed examination and adjudication by a **Larger Bench** of the Commission.

2. Accordingly, in the interest of justice and for a comprehensive review, this case is **transferred to a Larger Bench**, as per the provisions of the **Right to Information Act, 2005**. The Registry is directed to place the case file before the **Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner** for further necessary action and allocation of the case to an appropriate bench.

Both parties shall be duly informed of the next date of hearing before the **Larger Bench**.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

26.03.2025

CC: The Deputy Registrar (ALONG WITH CASE FILE)

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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, (85095 80002)

R/o H. No. 78/8, Park Road,

Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Manager,

Markfed, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Manager,

Markfed, Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0227 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

Order :

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 04.03.2025.

2. Both parties were absent for the second time before the Commission. However, the Respondent PIO has submitted a written statement to the Commission vide Diary No. 4557 dated **26.03.2025**, explaining the reason for his absence and providing details regarding the information sought by the appellant.

3. As per the written submission, the appellant had requested information regarding a **petition filed under Sections 55/56 of The Punjab State Cooperative Societies Act, 1961, for the recovery of ₹1,68,84,653 along with interest at 13% per annum from the date of loss till its realization.** The PIO stated that the appellant was informed through multiple communications, including letter No. 1036 dated **04.08.2023**, that no additional status regarding the case exists in the records of his office. The information sought by the appellant was last provided through letter No. **1383 dated 13.09.2023.**

4. However, the appellant, through an email dated **24.03.2025**, has stated that the information provided by the PIO is not legible.

5. In view of this, the **Respondent PIO is directed to bring a clear and legible copy of the information to the Commission on the next date of hearing.** Additionally, the appellant is given a **last and final opportunity** to appear before the Commission; failing which, the case will be decided on merits.

5. **Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Baljit Singh, (98147 96395)

S/o Shri Jora Singh,

R/o Village Kular, Tehsil Jagraon,

District Ludhiana-142023

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Sudhar, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0378 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Shri Baljit Singh

Respondent: Baldev Singh (Panchayat Secretary)

Order :

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 04.03.2025.

2. Both parties were present for the hearing today. The Respondent PIO, represented by Baldev Singh, Panchayat Secretary, stated that the information sought by the appellant has already been provided. However, the appellant has denied receiving the same.

3. In view of this, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the Respondent PIO on **11.04.2025** for record inspection and to collect copies of the requested information. The Respondent PIO is directed to facilitate the appellant accordingly and submit a compliance report within **20 days** from the issuance of this order.

4. **Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Ankit Sehgal,
C/o Bombay Studio
Near Post Office Chowk
Pathankot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Provisional Division
Public Works Department (B&R),
Amritsar .

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle No. 1,
Public Works Department (B&R), Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 0969 OF 2023

Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER (4th Hearing):


1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **18.02.2025**, wherein it was noted that, as per the emails received, the **PIO had already provided point-wise information** to the appellant vide letter **Ref. No. 1738 dated 22.08.2023**. However, the appellant stated that there were **deficiencies** in the information provided. Accordingly, another opportunity was granted to both parties to represent their case, and the **PIO was directed to rectify the deficiencies** and provide an **updated reply** to the appellant, with a copy to the Commission.

2. In **today's hearing, both parties are absent**. However, an email dated **25.03.2025** has been received from the **PIO**, the relevant portion of which is reproduced below:

ਨੰਬਰ:2386 ਮਿਤੀ:25-03-2025
ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ.ਐਕਟ 2005 ਅਧੀਨ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ। (ਅਪੀਲ ਕੇਸ ਨੰ:0969 ਆਫ 2023).
ਹਵਾਲਾ:- ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ:3013 ਮਿਤੀ 21-02-2025.

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ:1738 ਮਿਤੀ 22-08-2023 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜੋ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ ਸੀ, ਉਹ ਬਿਲਕੁਲ ਸਹੀ ਅਤੇ ਦਰੁਸਤ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਉਕਤ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਕਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੇਸ ਨੂੰ ਖਾਰਜ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ।

ਨੱਥੀ/×


ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ,
ਪ੍ਰਾਂਤਕ ਮੰਡਲ, ਲੋਕ ਨਿਰਮਾਣ ਵਿਭਾਗ,
ਭਵਨ ਤੇ ਮਾਰਗ ਸਾਖਾ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ।

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3. In view of the above, the **appellant is granted a final opportunity** to appear before the Commission and present his case. **Failure to do so will result in an ex parte decision.** The **PIO is also directed to be present before the Commission without fail** on the next date of hearing.

4. **Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Gagandeep Singh Threeke, (93166 11011)
R/o H. No. 208, Aryan Enclave,
Main Sua Road, Near Geeta Mandir Chowk,
Village & Post Office Threeke, District Ludhiana-141012

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block Ludhiana-1, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1076 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. Both the parties are absent.

3. **Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Nirmal Singh, (84275 66344)

Naib Tehsildar (Retd.)

R/o House No. 1100, Sector-69,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Tehsildar,

Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1078 OF 2020

Present:

Appellant: Shri Nirmal Singh

Respondent: Sh. Harjit Singh (Clerk)

ORDER:

1. This case pertains to an RTI application dated **06.06.2019**, wherein the appellant sought information regarding **Sh. Kashmir Singh, Kanungo/Patwari (2017-2019)**. The appellant filed the **First Appeal on 06.08.2019** and the **Second Appeal on 17.03.2020** under Section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005. The matter was last heard on **19.09.2022**, when the case was disposed of with a **penalty of ₹10,000** imposed on the PIO, O/o **Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib**, and **compensation awarded to the appellant**. However, due to non-compliance, the case was reopened.

2. Despite the issuance of notices, the respondent PIO **failed to submit a compliance report** regarding the Commission's Final Order dated **19.09.2022**. The Commission had recommended **disciplinary action** under **Section 20(2) of the RTI Act, 2005**, and directed the **SDM, Khadoor Sahib, and the Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran**, to ensure compliance within **30 days**. The case was subsequently reassigned for hearing.

3. In **today's hearing**, both parties are present. The respondent PIO's representative, **Sh. Harjit Singh (Clerk, O/o Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib, Tarn Taran)**, submitted that the concerned officer, **Sh. Kashmir Singh**, has been **arrested in a fraud case**, and therefore, compliance with the Commission's orders has not been carried out.

4. Considering the facts of the case, the matter is **adjourned**. On the **next date of hearing, the PIO himself or a senior officer is strictly directed to be present** before the Commission to reach a conclusive decision in this case.

5. **Next hearing on 08.07.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Harpreet Singh

S/o Shri Kundan Singh,

R/o Village Gulab Singh Wala,

Block Baghapurana, District Moga.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary,

Gram Panchayat Gulab Singh Wala,

Block Baghapurana, District Moga.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Moga.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1088 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. Both the parties are absent.

3. **Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Advocate Harvinder Singh Sandhu, (94172 85539)

Chamber No. 7009,

District Courts, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Ludhiana-2

Zila Parishas Complex, Near Phuara Chowk,

Civil Lines, Ludhiana-141001

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1090 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Advocate Harvinder Singh Sandhu

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. In today's hearing, the **appellant** is present and has stated that **no information has been provided** to him as per his RTI request. However, the **PIO is absent** without any intimation.

3. The Commission **takes a serious view** of the non-compliance of its earlier orders and the **failure of the PIO** to provide the required information to the appellant.

4. It is therefore **directed** that the **PIO** must be present in the Commission on the **next date of hearing** and provide the **complete and legible information** sought by the appellant, as per the provisions of the **Right to Information Act, 2005**, without fail. Failure to comply with this order will result in **strict action**, including the possibility of imposing a penalty.

5. Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Shri Balwinder Singh,
S/o Shri Gurbaksh Singh,
R/o Village Chanan Wala,
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Block & District Fazilka.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1109 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. Both the parties are absent.

3. Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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26.03.2025

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Advocate Vikram Grover,
Chamber No. 7009, 7th Floor,
GAD Complex, District Courts, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Naib Tehsildar,
Sahnewal, District Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1114 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. Both the parties are absent.

3. Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Rajinder Kumar Gupta, (82888 55289)

R/o # 33, New Vishvas Nagar,

Baltana, Zirakpur, District S.A.S Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,

Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Punjab,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,

Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Punjab,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1153 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Shri Rajinder Kumar Gupta

Respondent: Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur (Sr. Assistant)

ORDER:

1. This case was initially heard by the Learned Bench of Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi and was subsequently transferred to the undersigned Bench following his retirement. Accordingly, the case was scheduled for hearing today.

2. In today's hearing, both parties were present. The respondent PIO represented by Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur (Sr. Assistant), handed over to the appellant the requisite information before the Commission. However, after reviewing the documents, the appellant stated that the information is not attested and has pointed out certain deficiencies. The appellant requires additional time to review the submitted information properly.

3. Accordingly, it is directed that the appellant submit a detailed list of the deficiencies identified in the information to the PIO within **10 days** from the issuance of this order. The PIO is further directed to make good the deficiencies and submit a complete compliance report without fail at the next hearing.

4. Next hearing on 04.06.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

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Shri Avtar Singh, (94635 95609)

S/o Shri Ballu Ram,

R/o Village Moosa, Post Office Nurpur Bedi,

District Ropar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1345 OF 2023

RTI application filed on	:	03/08/2022
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	26/08/2022
First Appellate Authority order	:	-
Second Appeal dated	:	14/02/2023

Present :

Appellant: Shri Avtar Singh

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 18.02.2025.

2. In today's hearing, both parties were present. The appellant stated that incomplete information has been provided by the PIO to date, noting that attendance records for the months of June, July, and August are still pending. In response, the PIO present at the hearing assured that the pending attendance records, along with the relevant salary slips, will be provided. The Commission also notes that a compensation amount of **Rs. 10,000/-** was awarded to the appellant on **18.02.2025**, which remains pending.

3. Accordingly, the PIO is directed to provide the following within **15 days** from the issuance of this order:

- The pending attendance records for June, July, and August.
- The relevant salary slips.
- The pending compensation amount of Rs. 10,000/-.

Furthermore, the PIO is to submit a complete compliance report on the above within the stipulated time.

4. Next hearing on 28.04.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Shri Sandeep Khosla, (94170 67988)

R/o H. No. 25, Mohan Vihar,

Ladhewali, Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Improvement Trust,

Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Improvement Trust,

Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2225 OF 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
11.03.2020	--	13.07.2020	--	03.04.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 18.02.2025.

2. Both the parties are absent.

3. **Next hearing on 08.07.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

26.03.2025

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Shri Sulakshan Sharma, (88724 36540)

R/o E K 112, Shivrajgarh,

Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Improvement Trust,

Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,

(Urban Development), Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2705 O23F 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
26.12.2022	--	27.01.2023	07.03.2023	24.04.2023

Appellant: Shri Sulakshan Sharma

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 18.02.2025.

2. In today's hearing, the appellant was present while the PIO was absent for the **fifth time** without any intimation. In the last hearing, a show-cause notice was issued to the PIO for his repeated non-appearance, and despite that, no information has been provided to the appellant. Furthermore, the compensation amount awarded to the appellant on **10.12.2024** remains pending.

3. In view of the foregoing, the **FAA Authority is directed to appear before the Commission** at the next hearing and demonstrate the facts of the case, without fail.

4. Next hearing on 08.07.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

26.03.2025