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Sh.Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh
Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib
Distt.Ropar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner
Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o State Transport Commissioner
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4705 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Ms Raj Kumari, Sr Asst. (98150-45082)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.09.2025 vide which the RTI application of the appellant was handed over to the respondent, to provide information to the appellant.

2. The appellant is not present today.
3. The respondent states that he has brought the information today to be provided to the appellant.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has brought the information today. Since the appellant is not present, therefore, the respondent is directed to send the copy of information, to the appellant through registered post, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any in the information to the respondent, on receiving the same, with a copy to the Commission.
5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **27.11.2025 at 11:30** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :26.09.2025

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Bhupinder Singh Secretary,
House No. 636, Part 3,
VPO Bhamana, Tehsil Samana,
Distt Patiala.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Divisional Commissioner,
Patiala Division, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 265 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) for the respondent- Sh Rajinder Singh, Kanungo (98722-44611)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.09.2025 vide which the information, as filed by the respondent was sent to the appellant, with directions to file deficiencies, if any.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has filed his submissions through Commission diary no. 15686 dated 23.09.2025, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the information on point no. 1 will be provided to the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **27.11.2025 at 11:30 in** the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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ShManjeet Kumar Sunam, (M-96501-74523)
35, Near ShriRavidasGurudwara,
Village Badshahpur, Jalandhar-144023

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Jalandhar (Rural)

First Appellate Authority
O/o SSP, Jalandhar (Rural)

.....Respondent

AC No.319 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Manjeet Kumar Suman, appellant (*in the Commission office*)
(ii) For the respondent- Ms Gurpreet Kaur, (*through CISCO-Webex*)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.09.2025 vide which last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that he has not received any information till date. Further, the appellant demands that the copy of information may again be sent to him on his e-mail.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents on record, it is ascertained that the appellant has not received the information. Hence, as desired by the appellant, his e-mail ID was provided to the respondent with directions, to send the copy of information to the appellant on his e-mail. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to file deficiencies if any, to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office.
6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
7. To come up on **27.11.2025 at 11:30 in the** Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :26.09.2025

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Sh. Harvinder Singh Advocate,
Chamber No 7009, District Court,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Ludhiana.

2.Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Divisional Commissioner,
Patiala Division, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 73 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Harvinder Singh, Appellant (*through CISCO-Webex*)
(ii) For the Respondent- Sh Manjinder Singh, Jr Asstt. (9888-466879)
Sh Jaswinder Singh, Clerk (62849-04668) ShRajwinder Singh, BDPO,
Ludhiana II (98883-94767) and ShGagandeep Singh, PanchayatSecy (97797-50953)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.09.2025 vide which last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any information till date. However, the appellant could not present his case completely as the Cisco-Webex meeting was disconnected abruptly due to a technical glitch.

3. Sh Manjinder Singh, Jr Asstt is appearing on behalf of PIO O/o DC Ludhiana. He states that the RTI of the appellant has been transferred to PIO O/o DDPO, Ludhiana u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act. He has filed his reply regarding the same.

4. Further, Sh. Rajwinder Singh, BDPO, Ludhiana-II is appearing on behalf of PIO O/o DDPO Ludhiana. He states that he has brought the information today to be provided to the appellant.



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5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information sought by the appellant is lying with PIO O/o DDPO Ludhiana. Therefore, PIO O/o DDPO, Ludhiana is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Further, Sh. Rajwinder Singh, BDPO, Ludhiana-II has brought the information today. Hence, copy of the information, as brought by the respondent is sent to the appellant along with these orders, with directions, to file deficiencies if any, to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. *Also, PIO O/o DC, Ludhiana is exempt from further hearings.*

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

7. To come up **on 27.11.2025 at 11:30** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Date :26.09.2025

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CC:Sh Rajwinder Singh, BDPO, Ludhiana-II (*through registered post*)

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ShKarnail Singh,
S/o ShJoginder Singh,
VPO Ekolaha, Tehsil-Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana (M-9316956000)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/oSDE, Provincial Sub Division,
PWD (B&R) Khanna

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer
PWD (B&R) Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No.244 of 2024

Present :- (i) ShKarnail Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent – ShChannpreet Singh, SDO (70097-43124)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.09.2025 vide which last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. The respondent has also filed copy of the same.

3. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him. He demands that the complete information be provided to him.

4. Today all the points pertaining to the RTI of the appellant have been discussed between both the parties. Accordingly, it has been ascertained that the respondent has adequately addressed the RTI of the appellant pertaining to point no. 1, 3 and 4. The appellant has also expressed his satisfaction over the same. However, regarding point no's 2 and 5, the appellant is not satisfied. Hence, the appellant is directed to visit the office of the respondent on **06.10.2025 at 11:00AM**, inspect the relevant record pertaining to point no's 2 and 5, and obtain the information.

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AC No.244 of 2024

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **27.11.2025 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Suresh Kumar, (M : 9814320767)
H No 175/1628, Street No 1,
Sharifpura, Near Gol Masjid,
Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 279 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Suresh Kumar, Appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.09.2025 vide which the appellant was directed to visit the O/o respondent on 15.09.2025 and inspect the record.

2. Sh Suresh Kumar- appellant states that as directed, he had visited the o/o respondent to inspect the record but the respondent did not facilitated him regarding the inspection.

3. The respondent is not present today.

3. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file , it is ascertained that the respondent is absent today in the Commission before the undersigned. He has even not bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The respondent has not even complied with the orders of the Commission regarding inspection of the record. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission.

5. Respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done



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behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

6. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the Commission comes to a logical conclusion that the appellant is entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.2000/- (Rupees two Thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

7. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **11.12.2025 at 11:30AM through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC, Amritsar.** Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :26.09.2025

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