



Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, S/o Sh. Gurbir Singh,
134, Basant City, Village Dad, Ludhiana (West),
Ludhiana-142022. (M: 7719791331)
RTI Application No 96477.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab,
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 857 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 27.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 27.11.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice for hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 27.08.2025 by the Commission.
2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing. However, an email dated 27.08.2025 has been received from the appellant in the Commission vide which he has mentioned that he slipped at railway station while travelling back from Ambala Cantt, due to which he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also mentioned that nothing has been provided by the respondent PIO in regard to his RTI application.
3. The respondent PIO is also absent at today's hearing. However, an email dated 27.08.2025 has been received from the respondent PIO that due to heavy flood in District Gurdaspur, he is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought another date.
4. Accordingly, one more opportunity is granted to the respondent PIO to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. The same should be sent to the appellant well in time, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 06th November, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th August, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

[Note: The appellant / complainant can attend the Hearing in person at the Commission or through Cisco Webex. The Cisco Webex number of this Bench is 25179803719 and password is 12345. The appellant / complainant is advised to intimate the Commission regarding the mode of Hearing, at least three weeks before the Hearing on official website i.e. psic21@punjabmail.gov.in]



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134, Basant City, Village Dad, Ludhiana (West),
Ludhiana-142022. (M: 7719791331)
RTI Application No 96507.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab,
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 862 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 27.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 27.11.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 27.08.2025 by the Commission.
2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing. However, an email dated 27.08.2025 has been received from the appellant in the Commission vide which he has mentioned that he slipped at railway station while travelling back from Ambala Cantt, due to which he is unable to attend today's hearing. He has also mentioned that nothing has been provided by the respondent PIO in regard to his RTI application.
3. The respondent PIO is also absent at today's hearing. It is also a fact that Notice of hearing was issued to the respondent PIO through registered post even though, he is absent, which shows carelessness and irresponsible behaviour towards the Notice of the Commission.
4. Nevertheless, one more opportunity is granted to the respondent PIO to attend the next Hearing of this Appeal Case in person at the Commission in Chandigarh, along with a written, point wise reply to the RTI application and duly attested copies of all the information requested. The same should be sent to the appellant well in time, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure his presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 862 of 2024

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present 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 and no further adjournment will be given in this case.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 06th November, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th August, 2025

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, S/o Sh. Ajudhia Parshad Rattan,
H.No 78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District: Sangrur,
(M: 8509580002)(9041352039)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub-Divisional Magistrate,
Dhuri, District: Sangrur.

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

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 819 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant.
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 17.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.11.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 27.08.2025 by the Commission.
2. The appellant states that satisfactory reply has still not been provided to him by the respondent PIO till date.
3. The respondent PIO is absent at today's hearing. However, a letter dated 25.07.2025 has been received from the respondent PIO wherein he has addressed all the points of the RTI application.
4. A copy of the same is handed over to the appellant for his perusal, during the course of hearing. After going through the reply, the appellant states that some more time be given to him to file a rebuttal in this regard. The appellant is advised to go through the information and revert back to the authorities, in case of any deficiency found in the information, so provided. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondents are directed to remove the deficiencies before the next date of hearing. Non-furnishing or dilly-dallying will cause disobedience and penalty provisions under Section 20 (1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 will be invoked against the concerned official.
5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present 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 and no further adjournment will be given in this case.

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Appeal Case No. 819 of 2024

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th August, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Council,
Dhuri, District: Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (General),
Sangrur.

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 822 of 2024
Clubbed
Appeal Case No.823 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Gurdip Singh, E.O-cum-PIO, the respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI applications are dated 13.10.2023 and 24.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeals were filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 12.11.2023 and 24.11.2023 and the second appeals were filed in the Commission on 09.01.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today's hearing i.e.27.08.2025 by the Commission.
2. The appellant filed two appeals with the Commission seeking information from respondent PIO O/o Nagar Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur, as in these two appeals, the appellant and the respondent PIO is the same. Since, these two appeal cases are being clubbed together.
3. The appellant states that after the lapse of more than a year, no information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the sought for information.
4. The respondent PIO is present in person and requested that if it is convenient to the appellant, he can visit their office on any working day and inspect the record. The appellant gives his consent that he is willing to inspect the records.
5. Accordingly, the appellant Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is given an opportunity to inspect the record and procuring any specific information that he requires. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to arrange for inspection of the concerned record pertaining to the RTI applications Dated 13.10.2023 and **24.10.2023 on 09.09.2025 at 11.00 AM**, as mutually agreed today, during course of hearing. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under the intimation to the Commission on or before the next Hearing.

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Appeal Case No. 822 of 2024
Clubbed
Appeal Case No.823 of 2024

6. Both the parties are also directed to remain present 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 and no further adjournment will be given in this case.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th August, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
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Sh. A.K. Bansal, Chief Engineer(Retd.),
#404, Sector-7, Panchkula.
(M: 9815496888)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary, (Finance),
Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary, (Finance),
Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 773 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. A.K.Bansal, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Manpreet Singh, Sr. Assistant-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.07.2025 passed by the Commission.
2. The appellant files written submission dated 27.08.2025 that despite of the directions of the Commission, complete information has still not been provided to him. He states that as directed by the Commission, during the last hearing, he visited the office of the respondent but no record was shown to him. He requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the sought for information.
3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Manpreet Singh, Sr. Assistant-cum-APIO files a written reply dated 28.07.2025 mentioning therein that during the meeting, the appellant pointed out that as per the notification issued on 31.10.2006, the rate of interest on Commutation of pension was reduced from 8% to 4.75%. The appellant has demanded a notification regarding the determination of the rate of interest on Commutation, issued after this date. Apart from this, the appellant has demanded information regarding how the interest on Commutation has been calculated. During the meeting the Section Officer/DCFA (Finance) informed that the action regarding Commuted pension is taken as per the rules mentioned in Part-2 of Punjab Civil Service Rules. The respondent has also made a submission that the appellant has sought information how the interest on Commutation has been calculated is in the shape of clarification /query and the same is exempted under Section 2(F) of the RTI Act, 2005, so the same cannot be provided to him.

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Appeal Case No. 773 of 2024

4. Post deliberations at this hearing, it is ascertained that the respondent PIO has not complied with the directions of the Commission, which indicates the callous and irresponsible attitude of the PIO which has caused harassment to the appellant. Further the information sought by the appellant in this case is very clear which is reproduced as under-

(i) Please supply the certified copy of the method of commutation with which my commuted portion of pension is recovered from the monthly pension.

(ii) Please inform the rate of interest at which the portion of commuted pension is recovered from my monthly pension.

(iii) Please supply the certified copy of instructions/orders from Pb. Govt., under which rate of interest the commuted portion of pension is to be deducted from the monthly pension of the pensioners.

5. In case any recovery is made from the pension of any pensioner he has right to know about the method of computation according to which the recovery is affected and the rate of interest at which recovery amount is calculated. The submission of the PIO that this procedure is available in Civil Service Rules is not convincing as nothing is clear from the wording of these rules. It is a financial matter and the recovery is being affected from the pension of the pensioner without intimating him the procedure of calculations and rate of interest being levied for this calculation. Information sought by the appellant relates to his own case.

6. During the hearing of this case, the PIO also stated that this information is not available in official record and requested to close this case on the basis of his submissions. Accordingly, the option of taking an affidavit in this regard was also discussed but the appellant shown his dissatisfaction in this regard.

7. In view of the circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the appellant the PIO is directed to provide correct/point wise information to the appellant within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission, failing which further action as per provisions of RTI Act 2005 will be taken against the concerned authorities.

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Appeal Case No. 773 of 2024

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 13th November, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th August, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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