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Sh.D.R.Singla, (M.7087079234)
654, Phase-6, Mohali.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.716 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Building Inspector on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 10.07.2024 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 Nil and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.01.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Building Inspector files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 21.08.2024. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. In view of the above, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to go through the reply and file a rebuttal, if any, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order with a copy to the respondent PIO. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. **A copy of reply dated 21.08.2024 is being sent to the appellant along with the Orders of the Commission.**

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 27th April, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Enclosed: A reply dated 21.08.2024

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(M.9918896100)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Lalru, District Mohali.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.758 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant.
(ii) Advocate Gulshan Mehta on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.11.2023 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 26.12.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.01.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that he has received a reply dated 26.12.2023 vide which the respondent PIO has denied that no Group Housing Projects exist in the official records of the respondent PIO with which he is not satisfied.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Advocate Gulshan Mehta files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 26.12.2023 mentioning therein that no Group Housing Projects exist in the official records of the respondent PIO as asked for by the appellant.

4 After having detailed deliberations, at this hearing, it is ascertained that the information as sought by the appellant does not exist in the official records of the respondent PIO. The Bench now directs the respondent PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that no Group Housing Projects exist in official records of the respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Lalru, Mohali in respect to the RTI application of the appellant. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the supplied information is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be submitted in the Commission, on next date of hearing. Meanwhile, the appellant is also advised to demonstrate the larger public interest in seeking the information.

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Appeal Case No. 758 of 2025

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th April, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Nayagaon, District Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Mohali

....Respondents

Appeal Case No.757 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Venus Kumar, Accountant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 29.11.2023 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 23.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.01.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that he has received a reply dated 29.12.2023 vide which the respondent PIO has denied that no Group Housing Projects exist in the official records of the respondent PIO with which he is not satisfied.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Advocate Gulshan Mehta files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 29.12.2023 mentioning therein that no Group Housing Projects exist in the official records of the respondent PIO as asked for by the appellant.

4. After having detailed deliberations, at this hearing, it is ascertained that the information as sought by the appellant does not exist in the official records of the respondent PIO. The Bench now directs the respondent PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that no Group Housing Projects exist in official records of the respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Nayagaon, Mohali, in respect to the RTI application of the appellant. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the supplied information is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be submitted in the Commission, on next date of hearing. Meanwhile, the appellant is also advised to demonstrate the larger public interest in seeking the information.

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Appeal Case No. 757 of 2025

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th April, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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(M.9918896100)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Banur, District Mohali.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.737 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.11.2023 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 23.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.01.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that he has received a reply dated 16.10.2024 vide which the respondent PIO has denied that no Group Housing Projects exist in the official records of the respondent PIO with which he is not satisfied.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present. However, an email dated 15.04.2026 has been received from the O/o E.O, Municipal Council, Banur wherein they have mentioned that reply in response to the RTI application has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 16.10.2024.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that no Group Housing Projects exist in official records of the respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council Banur, Mohali, in respect to the RTI application of the appellant. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the supplied information is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be submitted in the Commission, on next date of hearing. Meanwhile, the appellant is also advised to demonstrate the larger public interest in seeking the information. Both the parties are also directed to remain present in person for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 737 of 2025

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 27th April, 2026

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....Appellant

V/s

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O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Kurali, District Mohali.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.720 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant.
(ii) Advocate Gulshan Mehta on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 29.11.2023 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 23.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.01.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that he has received a reply dated 03.03.2026 vide which the respondent PIO has provided partial information pertaining to point no.6 and rest of the points have not been addressed by the public authority.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Advocate Gulshan Mehta files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 03.03.2026 vide which they have supplied the information pertaining to point no.6 and state that information pertaining to point nos. 1 to 5 treated as 'Nil'.

4. After having detailed deliberations, at this hearing, it is ascertained that the information which was available in the official records stands supplied by the respondent PIO. The Bench now directs the respondent PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information relating to point nos. 1 to 5 is not available in official records of the respondent PIO O/o E.O, Municipal Council, Kurali, Mohali in respect to the RTI application. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the supplied information is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be submitted in the Commission, on the next date of hearing. Meanwhile, the appellant is also advised to demonstrate the larger public interest in seeking the information.

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Appeal Case No. 720 of 2025

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Dated: 27th April, 2026

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Kharar, District Mohali.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.617 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant.
(ii) Advocate Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Ganesh Singh, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.11.2023 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 20.2.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.01.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that after the lapse of three years, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Advocate Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Ganesh Singh, Draftsman request that some additional time be given to him to file a written point wise reply.

4. The request of the respondent PIO is acceded to with the directions to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 617 of 2025

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 27th April, 2026

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....Appellant

V/s

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O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Dera Bassi, District Mohali.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.616 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant.
(ii) Advocate Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.11.2023 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 21.02.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.01.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that he has received a reply dated 13.02.2023 vide which the respondent PIO has provided the information pertaining to point no.1 and rest of the points have not been addressed by the public authority.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Advocate Gulshan Mehta files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 13.02.2023 mentioning therein that the information which was available in the official records stands supplied and nothing more is pending that could be provided to him.

4. After having detailed deliberations, at this hearing, it is ascertained that the information which was available in the official records stands supplied by the respondent PIO. The Bench now directs the respondent PIO either to provide the remaining information pertaining to point nos. 2 to 6 to the appellant or to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information relating to point nos. 2 to 6 is not available in official records of the respondent PIO O/o E.O, Municipal Council, Dera Bassi, Mohali. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the supplied information is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be submitted in the Commission, on the next date of hearing. Meanwhile, the appellant is also advised to demonstrate the larger public interest in seeking the information.

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Appeal Case No. 616 of 2025

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 27th April, 2026

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Zirakpur, District Mohali.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.598 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajnish Bharara, the appellant.
(ii) Advocate Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 28.11.2023 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 17.02.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.01.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that he has received a reply dated 07.12.2024 with which he is not satisfied.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Advocate Gulshan Mehta along with Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman files a reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 07.12.2024 and no deficiencies have been received from the appellant, so far.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is awarded to go through the information and revert back to the respondent PIO in writing, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing. The appellant is also advised to demonstrate the larger public interest in seeking the information. 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.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 27th April, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
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Sh. Gurcharan Singh Saggu,(M.8360314034)

11858, Ram Nagar, Street No.26,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Officer,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.948 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Gurcharan Singh, the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 24.10.2024 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 30.11.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.02.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that after the lapse of more than a year, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present. They have also not intimated about their non appearances for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Notice of the Commission.

4. Nevertheless, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

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Appeal Case No.948 of 2025

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th May, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th April, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Vinod Kumar, S/o Sh.Om Parkash,
Jyoti Garments Opposite Shivala Mandir,
Gurdaspur. (M.9780065338) RTI application No.160065.

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Council,
Gurdaspur.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.963 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Vinod Kumar, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Manjinder Singh, Draftsman on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 27.12.2024 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 02.01.2025 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.02.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that complete and correct information has still not been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions be given to the respondent PIO to provide the complete information. The appellant has also submitted a copy of the deficiencies, today in the Commission.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Manjinder Singh, Draftsman, states that complete information as per its availability in the official records stands supplied. Copy of the deficiencies is handed over to the respondent PIO, during the course of hearing.

4. Nevertheless, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to remove the deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant before the First Appellate Authority and copy of the same is also handed over to him, during the proceedings. The same be sent to the appellant before the next date of hearing, with a copy to the Commission. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end, failing which penal consequences shall follow as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th April, 2026

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Sh. Sanjeev Thakur (journalist),
S/o Sh. Baldev Singh, R/o Village Gurha Khurd,
Post Office Madhopur, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot.
(M.9814289764)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN,
Mandi Board, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary/Director,
Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.979 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Akshay Sharma, Jr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 18.10.2024 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 02.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, a letter dated 16.04.2026 has been received from the appellant wherein, he has mentioned that due to some unavoidable reasons, he is unable to attend today's hearing.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Akshay Sharma, Jr. Assistant states that the appellant was asked to deposit the copying cost of Rs. 10080/- vide letter dated 12.11.2024 but he did not turn up, so far.

4. Upon perusal of the record, it is ascertained that the appellant has not deposited the prescribed copying charges, therefore, the respondent was unable to furnish the requested information under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to deposit the requisite copying cost as demanded by the respondent PIO and get the sought for information. 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.

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Appeal Case No.979 of 2025

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 15th July, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
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Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 27th April, 2026

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Sh. Jaspal Singh, S/o Sh. Hazara Singh,
R/o H.No.2415, Sultanwind Road, Gali No.2,
Kot Ghania Lal, Amritsar.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer (civil)
Punjab Mandi Board, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab State Agriculture
Marketing Board, Sector:65/A,
Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.991 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Vikram Jeet, Sr. Assistant O/o Ex. Engg., (civil), Pb. Mandi Board, Amritsar on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 29.06.2024 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 05.08.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent, at today's hearing, without intimation.
3. The respondent PIO is absent at today's hearing. However, a letter dated 26.02.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO vide which they have transferred the RTI application to the Executive Engineer (Civil), Punjab Mandi Board, Amritsar, under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 vide letter dated 24.02.2026, as the subject matter was related with them.
4. The respondent PIO O/o Ex. Engg., (Civil), Punjab Mandi Board, Amritsar, represented by Sh. Vikram Jeet, Sr. Assistant states that this RTI application has been received from the O/o District Mandi Officer, Amritsar vide letter dated 24.02.2026 and he has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant today in the Commission.
5. Since, the subject matter is related with the **respondent PIO O/o Executive Engineer (Civil), Punjab Mandi Board, Amritsar. I accordingly, order that the respondent PIO O/o Executive Engineer (Civil), Punjab Mandi Board, Amritsar**, be impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to send the copy of reply to the appellant by registered post within two days, from today, under intimation to the Commission.

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6. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

7. 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. **The respondent PIO O/o Punjab Mandi Board, Amritsar is exempted from further appearances in this appeal case.**

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th April, 2026

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh, H.No.458,
Street No.2, Adjoining Steet No.15/2 L,
Krishna Nagar, Khanna, District Ludhiana.
(M.9464500405) RTI application No.140377.

..Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Council,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Municipal Council,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1003 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 25.08.2024 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 26.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 27.04.2026 has been received from the appellant wherein he has mentioned that due to some unavoidable circumstances, he is unable to attend today's hearing. The appellant has also mentioned that after the lapse of more than a year, no reply/information has been provided to him and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present. However, an email dated 27.04.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO mentioning therein that he has deputed for the preparation of the Elections of Nagar Council and Census duty and requested that some short adjournment may please be granted.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to go

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through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 15th July, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th April, 2026

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Sh. Sushil Bansal, S/o Sh. Kewal Kumar,
Ward No.8, Tehsil Budhiada, District Mansa,
M.8427004381. RTI application No.154812.

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Mansa.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Budhlada, District Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Mansa.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.1004 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Manpreet Singh, SDE on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 20.11.2024 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 20.12.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.02.2025 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.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 16.04.2026 has been received from the appellant wherein he has mentioned that due to some personal reasons, he is unable to attend today's hearing in person and has also mentioned that after the lapse of more than a year, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Manpreet Singh, SDE states that a reply in regard to the RTI application has already been furnished to the appellant online on 20.12.2024 wherein it has been mentioned that the work/action related to street level/height is done/taken by the concerned Municipal Councils at its discretions.

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Appeal Case No.1004 of 2025

4. Since, the subject matter is related with the **respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Budhlada, District Mansa**. I accordingly, order that the **respondent PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Budhlada, District Mansa** be impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed 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.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st June, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th April, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. J.K.Pal, #592, 1st Floor, Sector:12,
Panchkula.

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Council,
Nayagoan.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
SAS Nagar,
...Respondents

Mohali.

Complaint Case No.13 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. J.K.Pal, the complainant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 15.06.2024 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 10.01.2025 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.04.2026 by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the complainant states that no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO, so far and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the information.

3. At today's hearing, neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present. They have also not intimated about their non appearances for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Notice of the Commission.

4. Nevertheless, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply in the Commission with a copy to the complainant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 09th June, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th April, 2026

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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