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Shri Darshan Singh (97791-02210),
S/o Shri Jaswant Singh,
R/o VPO, Bahiman Dewana,
Tehsil & Distt Bathinda - 151001 **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE),
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (SE), Bathinda. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 1720 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Ranjodh Singh on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Ms. Navjot Kaur, Clerk (98725-92003)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.07.2026.**

2. Shri Ranjodh Singh, is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that he has received partial information from the respondent.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Navjot Kaur, Clerk, states that the list of candidates has already been furnished to the appellant. Further, she states that the certificates constitute third party information and the concerned third party has explicitly denied consent, the documents cannot be disclosed to the appellant.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the respondent PIO is hereby directed to provide the copies of the certificates to the appellant after redacting all personal details through registered post within **15 days** from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the 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.

5. **To come up on 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 27.10.2026

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Ms. Sulochana Devi Bansal (88727-21654),
W/o Shri Brij Lal Bansal,
130, Ward No. 12, Kurali,
Mohali - 140103 **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (EE), Punjab,
Phase – 8, Mohali. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 4615 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Brij Lal Bansal on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Shri Sarabjit Singh, Assistant Director (62844-12461)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.07.2026.**

2. Shri Brij Lal Bansal, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent states that he has brought the reply today to be provided to the appellant. A copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

4. The appellant is given an opportunity to examine the reply during the course of hearing. After examining the reply, the appellant states that he is not satisfied with the provided reply.

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the reply to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent PIO is directed to file a reply in an affidavit **within 15 days** on non-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO. This affidavit should be attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant is not available in the records. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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Date: 27.10.2026

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Jasvir Singh (98143-07240),
S/o Shri Hans Raj,
R/o VPO Rollu Majra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Via Lutheri, Distt Rupnagar - 140102 **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Higher Education,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Higher Education, Punjab Sectt. – 2,
Sector 9, Chandigarh. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 1248 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasvir Singh (98143-07240)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.07.2026.**

2. The appellant states that despite visiting the respondent's office multiple times for inspection, as directed in the previous hearing, the respondent failed to produce any records.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO office of, Director, Higher Education, Phase 8, Mohali, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO O/o Director, Higher Education, Phase 8, Mohali,** 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 **14.08.2025**. **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.**

"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

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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*.**"**

6. The PIO office of, Director, Higher Education, Mohali, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO office of, Director, Higher Education, Mohali, 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 presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. A copy of this order is being sent to **Shri Kulwant Singh, IAS, Director, Higher Education, Mohali,** to ensure compliance with the above order and the presence of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. **To come up on 25.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 27.10.2026

Cc: Shri Kulwant Singh, IAS,
Director, Higher Education,
Phase – 8, Mohali.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Ms. Paramjit Kaur (84376-20004),
W/o Shri Tarsinder Singh,
R/o # 506/07, Shankar Nagar,
Distt Gurdaspur. **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE),
Phase – 8, SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI (SE),
Phase – 8, SAS Nagar. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 1965 OF 2026

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Tarsinder Singh on behalf of the appellant (84376-20004)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **14.07.2026.**

2. Shri Tarsinder Singh, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO office of, DPI (SE), Phase – 8, SAS Nagar, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO O/o DPI (SE), SAS Nagar,** 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 **03.12.2025**. **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.**

"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*.**"**

6. The respondent PIO O/o DPI (SE), SAS Nagar, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO O/o DPI (SE), SAS Nagar, 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 presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

7. A copy of this order is being sent to **Ms. Sonali Giri, IAS, Administrative Secretary, School Education, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh and Shri Sakatar Singh Bal, PCS, Director, DPI (SE), SAS Nagar,** to ensure compliance with the above order and the presence of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. **To come up on 19.01.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. She shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date: 27.10.2026

Cc: **1) Ms. Sonali Giri, IAS,**
Administrative Secretary, School Education,
Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9 Chandigarh.

2) Shri Sakatar Singh Bal, PCS,
Director, DPI (SE), Phase – 8, SAS Nagar,