



Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
Post Office Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana (East),
Ludhiana-141123

....Appellant

V/s

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

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3781 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO, the respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 02.03.2023 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 12.04.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.06.2024 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. 28.08.2025 by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the desired information.

3. Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO is appearing in person and files a reply to the Commission's Notice of hearing, mentioning therein that this information is to be supplied by the different public authorities i.e. Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, Sangrur and Mohali. She further states that she had already transferred the same to the concerned authorities vide letter dated 11.03.2024 under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, with a copy to the appellant. She further requests that the appellant may be asked to obtain information from the concerned PIOs on his own.

4. After hearing both the parties, it is ascertained that the information sought by the appellant pertained to about 03 PIOs of Regional Transport Authorities. The Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab in [Complaint Case No. 2903 of 2011](#) had decided vide its order dated 13.01.2012 as under:-

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(We hold that under Section 6(3) of the Act *ibid* the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that holds the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple public authorities.)

5. In view of the above, I, therefore, order that the respondent PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana be impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to file a point-wise written reply 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. Also, the appellant is directed to file the deficiencies, if any, in an annotated form to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 30 days after receipt of the reply from the respondent to enable the respondent to remove the same, if any, before the next date of hearing.
6. All the parties are also directed to remain present personally, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit *ex-parte*.
7. 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: 28th August, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Appeal Case No. 3782 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO, the respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 02.03.2023 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 12.04.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.6.2024 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.28.08.2025 by the Commission.
2. The appellant states that till date, no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the sought for information.
3. Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO is appearing in person and files a reply to the Commission's Notice of hearing, mentioning therein that the requisite information pertaining to point nos. 1 to 3 cannot be provided being third party information, which is exempted as per the provisions of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005 and information pertaining to point no.4, no such documents are available in the official records.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the record as available on the case file, the Commission does not concur with the contentions of the respondent PIO that this information sought by the appellant cannot be supplied inasmuch as it is exempt from disclosure under Section 8(i) (j) RTI Act 2005. According to her, the information is personal information which has no relationship with any public activity or interest. In so far as information demanded by the appellant, the Commission observes that no reason why it should be denied.

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5. In view of the foregoing, I, accordingly, overrule the objection of the respondent PIO and direct that file a proper, point wise written reply, in response to the RTI application, on or before the next hearing, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against the concerned authorities. Both the parties are also directed to remain personally present on the next date of hearing, to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned respondents will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended against them, in this case to the competent authority.

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.

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Appeal Case No. 3783 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO, the respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 10.03.2023 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 12.04.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.6.2024 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.28.08.2025 by the Commission.
2. The appellant states that till date, no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the sought for information.
3. Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO is appearing in person and files a reply dated 10.04.2024 to the Commission's Notice of hearing, mentioning therein that the sought for information, does not available in the official records. Also, a reply in this regard has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 10.04.2024. Copy thereof is taken on record.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and perusing the record as available on the case file, the Commission does not concur with the contentions of the respondent PIO that this information is not available in their official records.
5. In view of the foregoing, I, accordingly, overrule the objection of the respondent PIO and direct that to file a proper, point wise written reply, in response to the RTI application, before the next date of hearing. If it is not available in the official records of the department, the respondent PIO is directed to give on oath stating that the information as sought by the appellant does not exist in their official records. This must be done before the next date of hearing positively. The original affidavit must be submitted in the Commission office along with the photocopy, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against the concerned authorities.

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6. Both the parties are also directed to remain personally present on the next date of hearing, to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned respondents will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended against them, in this case to the competent authority.

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Sector-17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3784 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO, the respondent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 10.03.2023 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 12.04.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.06.2024 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. 28.08.2025 by the Commission.
2. The appellant states that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the desired information.
3. Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO is appearing in person and files a reply to the Commission's Notice of hearing, mentioning therein that this information is to be supplied by the different public authorities i.e. Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, Patiala and Hoshiarpur. She further states that she had already transferred the same to the concerned authorities under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, vide letter dated 18.03.2024, with a copy to the appellant. She further requests that the appellant may be asked to obtain information from the concerned PIOs on his own.
4. After hearing both the parties, it is ascertained that the information sought by the appellant pertained to about 03 PIOs of Regional Transport Authorities. The Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab in [Complaint Case No. 2903 of 2011](#) had decided vide its order dated 13.01.2012 as under:-

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Appeal Case No. 3784 of 2024

(We hold that under Section 6(3) of the Act *ibid* the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that holds the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple public authorities.)

5. In view of the above, I, therefore, order that the respondent PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana be impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to file a point-wise written reply 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. Also, the appellant is directed to file the deficiencies, if any, in an annotated form to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within 30 days after receipt of the reply from the respondent to enable the respondent to remove the same, if any, before the next date of hearing.

6. All the parties are also directed to remain present personally, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit *ex-parte*.

7. 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: 28th August, 2025

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Sh. Pavitar Singh, (M: 8740025000).
Near Bus Stop, Samadhi Road,
Khanna, District Ludhiana-141401.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Collector,
Land Acquisition, Industries Department,
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Directorate Industry and Commerce, Punjab
Room no 205, 2nd Floor, 17 Bays Building,
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 912 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Pavitar Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Darshan Singh, Sr. Assistant along with Sh. Amit Kumar, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.07.2025 passed by the Commission.
2. The appellant states that despite the directions of the Commission, no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.
3. The respondent PIO states that he has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant today in the Commission. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant for his perusal. After pursuing the reply, the appellant shows his dissatisfaction over the same.
4. The respondent submits that if it is convenient to the appellant, he can come along with him for the inspection of the original records in the department, today. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he is agreed with the same.
5. Accordingly, the appellant Sh. Pavitar Singh 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 application 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. 912 of 2024

6. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned respondents will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended against them, in this case to the competent authority.
7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st October, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
- Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 28th August, 2025

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

V/s

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O/o Collector,
Land Acquisition, Industries Department,
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Director,
Department of Industries & Commerce, Punjab,
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 8121 of 2023

Present: (i) Sh. Pavitar Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Darshan Singh, Sr. Assistant along with Sh. Amit Kumar, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.07.2025 passed by the Commission.
2. The appellant states that despite the directions of the Commission, no information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO.
3. The respondent PIO states that he has brought the information to deliver it personally to the appellant today in the Commission. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant for his perusal. After pursuing the reply, the appellant shows his dissatisfaction over the same.
4. The respondent submits that if it is convenient to the appellant, he can come along with him for the inspection of the original records in the department, today. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he is agreed with the same.
5. Accordingly, the appellant Sh. Pavitar Singh 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 application 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. 8121 of 2023

6. Both the parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned respondents will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended against them, in this case to the competent authority.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st October, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.**
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 28th August, 2025

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Kalra Complex, Village Ramgarh Bhudda(42),
Tehsil Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar-140601
(M: 9485779034). RTI Application No 121175.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Town Planner,
Mohali.

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Town Planner,
Mohali.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3697 of 2024

Present: (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Akul Kaura/DM, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, ATP along with Sh. Puneet, ATP O/o DTP,
Mohali, the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing without intimation for the second successive hearing.

3. At the last hearing, the respondent PIO O/o Nagar Council, Derabassi was impleaded as respondent No.2. At today's hearing, the respondent PIO O/o Municipal Council, Derabassi, files a written reply dated 12.08.2025 mentioning therein that the information sought by the appellant is not specific, no letter number and date are mentioned in it, which makes it unclear which document is required by him. He has also mentioned that for getting a colony pass at the Municipal Council, Derabassi, the file is applied through the e-Naksha portal after which the file is forwarded to the Competent Authority i.e. Additional Deputy Commission (UD), SAS Nagar. Therefore, a few documents related to the colony are available in the office records of the Municipal Council, Derabassi.

4. In view of the foregoing, I, accordingly, overrule the objection of the respondent PIO and direct to retrieve the same from the concerned authority and produce the relevant documents before the Commission on the next hearing, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against the concerned authorities.

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Appeal Case No. 3697 of 2024

5. All 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: 28th August, 2025

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Livestock Complex, Sector – 68,
SAS Nagar (Mohali) .

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab Livestock Development Board,
Livestock Complex, Sector – 68,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2292 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2025 passed by the Commission.
2. Neither the appellant nor the respondent is present at today's hearing. No intimation has been received from either as to the reason of absence.
3. Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the appellant to follow up his case in the Commission failing which it shall be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.
4. 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.

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