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**Shri Rajiv Sharma, (62395-09191)**

Kothey Bhim Sain, Dinanagar,  
Distt Gurdaspur - 143531  
RTI Application No. 94556

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DEO (EE),  
Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Pathankot.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 8008 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri DG Singh, PIO-cum-Deputy DEO via mobile (94636-06388)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **13.10.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.11.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-Deputy DEO, Shri DG Singh, attended the hearing via mobile. He states that the information sought in this RTI application is similar as in another Appeal Case no. 6973 of 2023, which was disposed of on 22.04.2026 by the bench of Hon'ble SIC Shri Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed. The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this present appeal case.

5. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Sandeep Kumar, (92613-30007)**

# 3035, Street No. 7, Guru Nanak Colony,  
Near Sharma Colony, Tarn Taran Road,  
Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DEO (EE),  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o DEO (EE),  
Amritsar.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 8020 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Sandeep Kumar via mobile (92613-30007)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **03.07.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **21.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Sandeep Kumar, attended the hearing via mobile. He states that the sought information is still pending. Further, he states that the school cited in the RTI application is Government Aided, School and requested the court for complete requisite information.

3. The respondent is absent. However, he files a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Commission diary no. 7757 dated 21.04.2026 mentioning therein that the information sought by the appellant through his RTI application is third party information.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, this Commission directs the appellant to submit a proof that the school cited in the RTI application is funded by the Government, partially or substantially and also demonstrate / enumerate the larger public interest that would be served by disclosing this information to him. This Commission will take a view in this appeal case subsequent to the aforesaid reply by the appellant.

5. Further, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
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**Shri Ramesh Chander Saini, (78379-57450)**

# 234, Bharat Nagar,  
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot - 145001

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o DEO (EE),  
Gurdaspur.

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

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 8049 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **02.05.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **15.06.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
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**Shri Gurcharan Singh, (94176-17432)**  
S/o Shri Darbara Singh,  
Village Mohare Wala, P.O Dhira Patra,  
Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Environment Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Sr. Environment Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Zonal Office, Bathinda.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 8053 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **28.06.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.11.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, an email has been received from the respondent today morning i.e. 28.04.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment. He also appended the reply sent to the appellant vide letter dated 23.04.2026, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

5. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

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**Shri Dilbagh Chand, (94632-67669)**

S/o Shri Ramji Dass,  
Village Hiyatpur, P.O Habowal,  
Tehsil Samrala, Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o SDM, Samrala,  
Distt Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o SDM, Samrala, Distt Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 8062 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Kamaljeet Singh, Clerk (81958-78632)

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **18.09.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **17.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.12.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Kamaljeet Singh, Clerk, states that the sought information has already been furnished to the appellant and further, he submits the covering letter of the furnished information during the course of hearing.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiency, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondent is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-  
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**Shri Shubham Kumar, (88472-61712)**

S/o Shri Sunil Kumar,

Tezab Wali Gali, Anngarh, Amritsar.

RTI Application No. 83064

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o Environmental Engineer,**

Punjab Pollution Control Board,

Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**

**O/o Sr. Environmental Engineer,**

Zonal Office, Amritsar.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 8079 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Lakhwinder Kumar, SDO (84373-53149)

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **15.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **29.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.12.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Lakhwinder Kumar, SDO, files a reply to the Commission's Notice of Hearing vide letter dated 27.04.2026 mentioning therein that the sought information has already been furnished to the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post has received back in the Commission office by the postal authorities as "undelivered".

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed. The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this present appeal case.

5. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Sukhjinder Singh Sandhu, (70099-10054)**

S/o Shri Gurmail Singh,  
R/o Village Manuke, Sua Patti, Tehsil Jagraon,  
Distt Ludhiana - 142034

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o SDM, Jagraoan,  
Distt Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 8109 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Sukhjinder Singh Sandhu via mobile (70099-10054)

Respondent: Ms. Navneet Kaur Preeti, Clerk (98787-04933)

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **11.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **20.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.12.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Sukhjinder Singh Sandhu, attended the hearing via mobile. He states that he is not satisfied with the reply furnished at point nos. 1 and 3 of his RTI application by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Navneet Kaur Preeti, Clerk, states that the reply has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 24.04.2026. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. After hearing both the parties, the Commission has examined the RTI application and is of the view that PIO's reply adequately addresses the RTI application. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear in person before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. 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.

6. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
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**Ms. Renu Sood, (98143-61083)**

# 746, Sector - 43 A,  
Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 8116 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Ms. Daljeet Kaur, SA (81685-54858)

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **18.07.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.12.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Daljeet Kaur, SA, states that the reply has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 09.04.2026 wherein the sought information was denied under section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to her through registered post but even though she is absent, which seems her absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has she opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and going through the case file, the Commission is of the view that all the points of the RTI application is not exempted under section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. The respondent PIO is directed to provide a point wise reply along with information to the appellant through registered post within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed.

6. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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**Shri Anil Kumar, (94174-60706)**

S/o Shri Krishan Kumar,  
R/o P.A 11, Street No. 1, Basant Vihar,  
Noorwala Road, Tehsil & Distt Ludhiana.  
RTI Application No. 87788

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 8136 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **06.09.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.12.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

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**Shri Jasdev Singh, (94173-94892)**

S/o Shri Karnail Singh,  
C/o Kisan Sewa Kendar, Goniana Mandi,  
Distt Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,  
Phase – 8, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Phase – 8, Mohali.

....Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 8142 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Jasdev Singh, (94173-94892)  
Respondent: Ms. Parminder Kaur, SA (62832-36987)

**ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **07.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **11.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **12.12.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Parminder Kaur, SA, states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the instant matter pertains to a claim for reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by the appellant. This Commission directs the respondent PIO to provide complete requisite information to the appellant through registered post within 20 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

5. 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.

6. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
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**Shri Vijay Walia, (75082-93023)**

S/o Late Shri S Walia,  
Kothi No. 42 A, Raghbir Nagar,  
Near Children Memorial School, Patiala - 147001  
RTI Application No. 81107

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o BOCW Board (Head Office), Punjab,  
Sector – 64, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Labour Commissioner, Punjab,  
Sector – 64, Mohali.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7876 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Ashok Kumar, Superintendent (98722-72237) and  
Shri Jaswinder Singh, Technical Assistant (78887-10234)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **05.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO states that the sought information has already been furnished to the appellant as available in the official records.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post has received back to the Commission vide diary no. 3698 dated 18.02.2026 with the remarks “No such person in the address”.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

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**Shri Makhan Singh, (94783-81155)**

S/o Shri Balvir Singh,  
# 44, Dargapur, Tehsil Nabha,  
Distt Patiala - 147202  
RTI Application No. 86238

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7879 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **29.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

4. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
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....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Astt. Town Planner, Zone C, MC,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Astt. Town Planner, Zone C, MC,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7947 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Rishi, Draftsman (97800-39455)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **19.08.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **03.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Rishi, Draftsman, states that the reply has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 17.03.2026 and also submitted a copy of the same to this Commission vide diary no. 5999 dated 24.03.2026, which is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one last opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

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....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Commissioner, MC,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7975 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Shri Shubam Gupta, JE from O&M Cell (83606-64996) and  
Shri Varinder Kumar, Clerk from Health Branch (62809-52880)

### **ORDER:**

The RTI application is dated **28.07.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.08.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **28.11.2023** 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. **28.04.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Shubam Gupta, JE from O&M Cell, states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 27.04.2026 wherein the sought information was denied as third party information. Copy of the same is taken on record. Shri Varinder Kumar, Clerk from Health Branch, states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant whereby the only number of employees informed and also submits the same during the course of hearing.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to provide the sought for information to the appellant, after **redacting** all personal details, within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Further, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed.

5. **To come up on 08.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 28.04.2026**

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