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Ms. Gagandeep, (98145-31733)

Advocate, Volunteers for Social Justice
Regd. Office Near MandirPassian, New Bazar,
Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar - 144410

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Magistrate,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Magistrate,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 783 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Hardeep on behalf of the appellant
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.03.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **19.06.2025** but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **28.08.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has received information pertaining to point no. (ੳ) and (ਅ).

Further, he states that the information sought at point no. (ੲ) is still pending and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the pending information.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices and orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing and copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one last opportunity** is awarded to the respondent to supply the information sought at **point no. (ੲ)**, to the appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

5. Both parties are directed to appear before the Commission 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 13.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 28.08.2025

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Shri Satpal,
S/o Shri Chanan Ram,
Ward No. 19, Roop Nagar, Cineme Wali Gali,
Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 837 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Deven Munjal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant(98149-92468)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.03.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **19.06.2025** but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **28.08.2025**.

2. Shri Deven Munjal, Advocate is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that the sought information is still pending. Further, he states that the respondent be penalized for the delay in providing the information.

3. The respondent PIO is absent, but submitted a reply to the Commission via email dated 27.08.2025. The said reply was discussed with the representative of the appellant during the course of hearing, but he is not satisfied with it.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the representative of the appellant and examining the case file, the respondent PIO is directed to file an affidavit that the reply that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO.

5. The respondent PIO O/o Commissioner of Police, is further directed to appear in person before the Commission 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 13.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Gurmeet Singh, (95014-21959)

S/o Shri Surmukh Singh,
2072, Bhai Mastan Singh Nagar,
Sri Muktsar Sahib – 152026

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN, Central Works Division No. 2, PWD,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o S.E, Construction Circle, PWD B&R,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 866 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.03.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **19.06.2025** but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **28.08.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing and copy of the previous order was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.

3. Keeping in view of the above and examining the case file, in the interest of natural justice, it is very essential to procure the presence of both the parties to take the matter to its logical end. Accordingly, **one last opportunity** is given to both the parties to remain present on the next date of hearing to assist the Commission. It is also clarified that in case of absence of any party, the case will be decided on merit, ex parte.

4. **To come up on 13.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Thakar Singh (94637-56626)

S/o Shri Sardara Singh,
VPO Chhajli, Tehsil Sunam,
District Sangrur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Sunam.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Sunam.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3631 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Thakar Singh (94637-56626)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **26.03.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **19.06.2025** but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **28.08.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has sent a typed RTI application to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission, but the sought for information is still pending 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 is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices and orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing and copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant has submitted the typed RTI application as directed at the last hearing, which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 6596 dated 07.05.2025.

5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one last opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to supply point wise reply along with sought information to the appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing, 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.

6. The respondent PIO O/o SDM, Sunam, is further directed to appear before the Commission 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 13.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Gurjeet Singh, (94631-38069)

S/o Shri Gurdev Singh,
R/o Giana, Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Talwandi Saboo,
Distt Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3566 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Gurjeet Singh (94631-38069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **26.03.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **19.06.2025** but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **28.08.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he had inspected the official record in the office of the respondent as directed at the last hearing. Further, he states that the respondent PIO has states in writing that the information requested in the RTI application is not available in the office.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices and orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing and copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant, the respondent PIO is directed to file his reply on affidavit, duly notarized, to the appellant before the next date of hearing, with a copy to the Commission office, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

5. The respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar, Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda, is directed to appear in person before the Commission 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 13.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Gursewak Singh (94173-37502),

S/o Shri Pritam Singh,

R/o Salabatpura, Near Bus Stand,

Tehsil Phul, Distt Bathinda - 151108

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Dharampal Sharma (92368-00001)

Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,

Bhagta Bhai, Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DDPO,

Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2442 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Gursewak Singh (94173-37502)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.03.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **19.06.2025** but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **28.08.2025**.

2. The appellant states that the sought information is still pending and requests the court for complete requisite information.

3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices and orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing and copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the sought information has not been supplied to the appellant as directed at the last hearing on 19.03.2025. Neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present, at today's hearing. The respondent PIO has failed to comply with aforesaid directions. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue the Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Dharampal Sharma, Bhagta Bhai, District Bathinda.

5. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Dharampal Sharma, Bhagta Bhai, District Bathinda**, 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 **28.08.2023**. **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.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2442 OF 2024

“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*.”

7. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Dharampal Sharma, is directed to supply the complete requisite information to the appellant, through registered post, under intimation to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

8. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Dharampal Sharma, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

9. **To come up on 13.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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[Note: After the hearing was over, Shri Amandeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary (97802-58990), is came present on behalf of the respondent. He was briefed out the proceedings of the case.]

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Shri Satwant Bir Singh, (95306-00151)

S/o Shri Kartar Singh,
R/o B07/1131, Near New Ashoka Model School,
Bathinda Road, Kotakpura, Distt Faridkot – 151204

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Kotkapura,
Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC (G), Faridkot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2504 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balwinder Singh, Advocate (99924-19070)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.03.2025**. During the said hearing, the case was fixed for hearing on **19.06.2025** but due to administrative reasons, the case was adjourned and further fixed for hearing today, i.e. **28.08.2025**.

2. Shri Balwinder Singh, Advocate, is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that he has already pointed out the deficiency in the supplied information as directed at the last hearing, but the sought information is still pending and requests the court for complete information.

3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices and orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing and copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

4. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one last opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to remove deficiencies pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing, 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. The respondent PIO O/o EO, Nagar Council, Kotkapura, District Faridkot, is further directed to appear in person before the Commission 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 13.01.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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