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Shri Dilbagh Singh (76961-15093),
Panch, S/o Shri Surjit Singh,
R/o Village DholKhurd, P.O Lahil, Tehsil Payal,
District Ludhiana – 141117 **…Appellant**

Versus

Ms. Sumrita (98767-06474)
Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Malaudh, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana. **…Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 1849 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Dilbagh Singh (76961-15093)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **22.07.2026.**

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

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, which shows her 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, she 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-cum-BDPO, Malaudh, District Ludhiana, Ms. Sumrita, with this Show Cause Notice.

5. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Malaudh, District Ludhiana, Ms. Sumrita,** is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon her 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 **24.11.2022**. **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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"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. She may take note that in case she does not file his written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against her *ex parte*.**"**

6. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Malaudh, Ms. Sumrita, 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-cum-BDPO, Malaudh, Ms. Sumrita, 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 Hiten Kapila, DDPO, Ludhiana**, to ensure compliance of the above order and the presence of the concerned respondent PIO.

8. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically.

9. **To come up on 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Date: 28.10.2026

Cc: Shri Hiten Kapila (97807-80000),
DDPO, Ludhiana,

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Dr. Anand Pawar (97810-29799),
(Prof.), RGNUL Campus Sidhuwal,
Bhadson Road, Patiala. **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law,
Sidhuwal, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law,
Sidhuwal, Distt Patiala. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 3895 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Pranshu Goyal, Advocate on behalf of appellant (94172-33339)
Respondent: Shri Harkirat Singh Sakrali, Advocate (98762-00125)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **22.07.2026.**

2. Shri Pranshu Goyal, learned counsel appearing for the appellant, seeks an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Harkirat Singh Sakrali.

4. The request of the appellant is acceded to. Accordingly, the matter is adjourned with directions to both the parties to submit their submissions, if any, before the next date of hearing, otherwise the case will be decided on the basis of the documents available in the case file. 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 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Tarsem Lal (98720-41971),
S/o Shri Praksh Ram,
Village Mander, Tehsil Banga, Distt S.B.S Nagar. **….Appellant**

Versus

Shri Aadesh Kumar (94173-64266),
Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Banga,
Distt SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
SBS Nagar. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 7825 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Tarsem Lal via mobile (98720-41971)
Respondent: Shri Sukhwinder Singh, PS (81466-76713)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **23.07.2026.**

2. The appellant, Shri Tarsem Lal, attended the hearing via mobile phone and states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Sukhwinder Singh, PS, states that the information sought by the appellant is in the question form and requests some time to file the reply.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to provide the point wise reply along with information to the appellant through registered post **within 15 days** after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him. The respondent PIO is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of **23.07.2026**.

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 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Daljit Singh (99149-77731),
R/o House No. 23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite DAV College, Jalandhar. **…Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar. **…Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 4590 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Daljit Singh (99149-77731)
Respondent: Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector (97804-43506)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **03.08.2026.**

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Further, he requests that penalty be imposed on the respondent PIO for delaying the information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, has sought some time to provide the information.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, **within 15 days** of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

5. The respondent is directed to appear in person at Commission office 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 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069),
2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector - 125, Kharar, Distt Mohali – 140301 **….Appellant**

Versus

Ms. Kamlesh Kumar (98886-37082),
Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,
Jalandhar.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 8087 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.08.2026.**

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 is absent. However, an email has been received from the respondent this morning i.e. 28.10.2026 mentioning therein that she is unable to attend the hearing due to CM visit and requested an adjournment.

4. After hearing the appellant and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to her to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, **within 15 days** of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

5. The respondent is directed to appear in person at Commission office 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 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Sawinder Singh (98148-24772),
S/o Shri Bal Singh,
VPO Shutrana, Tehsil Patran,
Distt Patiala – 147105 **….Appellant**

Versus

Shri Baghel Singh (79730-71711),
Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Patran, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Patiala. **….Respondent**

APPEAL CASE NO. 358 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sawinder Singh (98148-24772)
Respondent: Shri Baghel Singh, PIO-cum-BDPO (79730-71711) and
Shri Jarnail, Panchayat Secretary

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **04.08.2026.**

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. Further, he states that the requisite compensation amount remains unpaid by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent states that the appellant was duly contacted with a request to furnish their account details to facilitate the disbursement of the compensation amount. However, no response or communication was received from the appellant. Further, he states that he has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the information is handed over to the appellant.

4. The appellant requests that some time be given to him to go through the information provided. The appellant further requests that the compensation amount be disbursed to him via cheque.

5. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to go through the information provided and point out deficiencies, if any to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

6. The respondent PIO is further directed to consider the appellant's request for **payment via cheque** and present the status of disbursement on the next date.

7. 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.

8. **To come up on 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069),
#2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
District Mohali - 140301 **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 859 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)
Respondent: Shri Vishal Goyal, PIO-cum-ATO (99154-08202)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.08.2026.**

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goyal, states that the information sought in this RTI application is not available in the official record.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. In view of the submission made by the respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goyal, that the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, the Commission directs the PIO to **file an affidavit** to this effect. The affidavit must explicitly depose that the requested records are not available, have not been withheld, and that a due, diligent search was conducted to trace them. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

5. The respondent PIO is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of **25.02.2026**.

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 17.03.2027 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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Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069),
#2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
District Mohali - 140301 **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 860 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)
Respondent: Shri Vishal Goyal, PIO-cum-ATO (99154-08202)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.08.2026.**

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goyal, states that the information sought in this RTI application is not available in the official record.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. In view of the submission made by the respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goyal, that the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, the Commission directs the PIO to **file an affidavit** to this effect. The affidavit must explicitly depose that the requested records are not available, have not been withheld, and that a due, diligent search was conducted to trace them. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

5. The respondent PIO is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of **25.02.2026**.

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.

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Sector 125, Kharar,
District Mohali - 140301 **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 3243 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)
Respondent: Shri Vishal Goyal, PIO-cum-ATO (99154-08202)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.08.2026.**

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goyal, states that the information sought in this RTI application is not available in the official record.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. In view of the submission made by the respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goyal, that the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, the Commission directs the PIO to **file an affidavit** to this effect. The affidavit must explicitly depose that the requested records are not available, have not been withheld, and that a due, diligent search was conducted to trace them. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

5. The respondent PIO is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of **25.02.2026**.

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 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069),
#2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
District Mohali - 140301 **….Appellant**

Versus

Shri Gurtej Singh (99156-16771),
Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Bathinda.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 3543 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Shri Gurtej Singh, PIO-cum-ATO (99156-16771) and
Shri Rajiv Kumar, JA (79860-74289)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.08.2026.**

2. The appellant states that the information sought at point no. 5 is still pending.

3. The respondent states that the information cannot be provided to the appellant as the same is third party information.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the information sought at point no. 5 by the appellant does not constitute personal or confidential information of any third party but is, in fact, a matter of public record. The law is meant to be accessible to all citizens, as it directly impacts their rights and responsibilities. In light of the above, the respondent's argument is overruled. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to provide the information to the appellant after redacting all personal details within the stipulated time frame as per the provisions of the Act.

5. The respondent PIO is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of **23.07.2026**.

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 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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District Mohali - 140301 **….Appellant**

Versus

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Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Bathinda.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 5426 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)
Respondent: Shri Gurtej Singh, PIO-cum-ATO (99156-16771) and
Shri Rajiv Kumar, JA (79860-74289)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.08.2026.**

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.

3. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, **within one week** of receiving these orders, 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 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.

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Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali - 140301 **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-ATO,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO : 177 - 178, Sector : 17 – C, Chandigarh.
Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 4906 OF 2021

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)
Respondent: Shri Vishal Goyal, PIO-cum-ATO (99154-08202)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.08.2026.**

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

3. The respondent states that the information cannot be provided to the appellant as the same is third party information.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the information demanded by the appellant does not constitute personal or confidential information of any third party but is, in fact, a matter of public record. The law is meant to be accessible to all citizens, as it directly impacts their rights and responsibilities. In light of the above, the respondent's argument is overruled. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to provide the information to the appellant within the stipulated time frame as per the provisions of the Act.

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.

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Versus

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Ferozepur.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 2928 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)
Respondent: Shri Vishal Goyal, PIO-cum-ATO (99154-08202)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **19.08.2026.**

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goyal, states that the information sought in this RTI application is not available in the official record.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. In view of the submission made by the respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Vishal Goyal, that the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official records, the Commission directs the PIO to **file an affidavit** to this effect. The affidavit must explicitly depose that the requested records are not available, have not been withheld, and that a due, diligent search was conducted to trace them. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Date: 28.10.2026

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RTI Application No. 92538 **….Appellant**

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka. **….Respondents**

APPEAL CASE NO. 7979 OF 2023
Through Cisco Webex

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **23.07.2026.**

2. The appellant is absent despite the matter being taken up via virtual hearing through Cisco Webex at his own request. However, an email dated 27.10.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that the sought information is still pending.

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. It is felt that conduct of respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act, 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give another opportunity to the respondent PIO to provide the reply/information to the appellant through registered post within 20 days after receipt of this order, 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 attend the next hearing on 17.03.2027 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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