



Sh. Sahib Singh, S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh,
R/o Village JalloKe , PO Bare Ke Block,
Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur.-152002.
M: 9417626662

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer
Ferozepur.

Appellant

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer
Ferozepur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5600 OF 2022

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.12.2025 vide which the respondent was absent hence bailable warrant was issued against the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. On the last date of hearing i.e. 02.12.2025 , bailable warrant were issued against the respondent-PIO for his appearance on the hearing fixed for today. However, the respondent-PIO did not appear before the Commission today despite issue of several reminders and a bailable warrant. Since, he did not appear before the Commission even today a telephonic call was made to Sh. Pankaj Singh, BDPO on his mobile number i.e. 9463047947. Instead of giving a positive response, he rebuked and misbehaved with the official of the Commission. This attitude on part of the BDPO cannot be tolerated. Hence, Sh. Pankaj Singh, BDPO is directed to come present on the next date of hearing.



APPEAL CASE NO. 5600 OF 2022

3. Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats with these directions that to take action against the delinquent official. He is also directed to ensure compliance of the orders passed by the Commission. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer and Sh.Pankaj Singh, BDPO will be procured by recommending disciplinary action in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. To come up on **02.04.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :29.01.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: (i) Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab Civil Sectt-2, Sector 9, Chandigarh



Sh.YogeshMahajan, S/o Late Sh
Kuldip Raj Mahajan, President of Anti
Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No 1,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Water Supply and Sanitation, Circle,
Ludhiana.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5018 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He adds that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

4. Since both the parties are not present hence **one last and final opportunity** is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.



APPEAL CASE NO. 5018 OF 2023

5. To come up on **24.03.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :29.01.2026

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**



Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Mahil Singh,
R/o Village Peere Ke Uttar, Tehsil Jalalabad (West),
Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, *Guruharsahai*,
NOW Block Jalalabad, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 383 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Balwinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.11.2025 vide which the appellant was not present.

2. Today the appellant Sh.Balwinder Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

3. To come up on 09.04.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings **through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC Fazilka**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Date :29.01.2026

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur
Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh, Distt. Ludhiana - 141123

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.4736 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2025 vide which the respondent was not present and the appellant stated no information has been given to him so far.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing. He adds that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent a letter dated 28.01.2026 vide which he has sent information in the Commission office.

4. Copy of the information as sent by the respondent be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders with these directions to point out deficiencies if any. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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APPEAL CASE NO.4736 OF 2023

5. To come up on **18.03.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :29.01.2026

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**



Sh Manjot Singh, (M-9872751515)
S/o Sh Jagdish Singh, C/o Sh Jagbir Singh,
R/o SCO No. 45, Feroze Gandhi market,
Near titan showroom,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana-141002

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, Zone A,
MC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No 5302 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.10.2026 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing as he is not well. Respondent is also absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.



AC No 5302 of 2024

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

4. To come up on **24.03.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date :29.01.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



ShJasbir Singh, (M-9888296107)
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt of Punjab,
Department of Health and Family Welfare,
Punjab Civil Secretariate, Chandigarh

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Food and Drugs Administration,
Near Civil Hospital, Kharar,
Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Civil Hospital, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt of Punjab,
Department of Health and Family Welfare,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

AC.No. 5969 of 2023

Present :- (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh.Sukhjit Singh, Clerk,o/o Food and Drugs,Kharar (9855824169)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.09.2025 passed by the Commission vide which last opportunity was given to the respondents to appear before the Commission.

2. Today the appellant is not present. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend todays hearing. He further adds that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Sh.Sukhjit Singh, Clerk ,o/o Food and drugs , Kharar is appearing and states that the information is related with the Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.



AC.No. 5969 of 2023

4. The perusal of the case file shows that during the last hearing last and final opportunity was given to the above three respondents to appear before the Commission. But today only PIO,o/o Food and Drugs , Kharar appeared before the Commission and states that the information is related with the PIO, o/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana. PIO,o/o Civil Surgeon is absent today. He has even not bothered to inform the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

5. PIO, o/o Principal Secretary to GOP and PIO,o/o Food and Drugs, Kharar are also directed to come present on the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on **19.05.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated :29.01.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Naresh Kumar, Section Officer
2190, Sector 44C, Chandigarh – 160047

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Sector 36, Punjab Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Sector 36, Punjab Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4727 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Naresh Kumar, appellant
(ii) For the respondent :Dr Jasdeep Kaur, Dy director(A) cum PIO
(7700008105) and Ms Gurwinder Kaur, JA (82646-80432)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2025 vide which the respondent was directed to provide complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Accordingly, the said case was adjourned to be heard on 06.01.2026. However, on 06.01.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 28.01.2026 i.e today.

2. Today the respondent states that information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that the information provided to him is not complete.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the complete information has not been provided to the appellant. Hence, the respondent is directed to provide complete information to the appellant and in case no other information is available then Respondent-PIO is directed to file an affidavit that the information 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 and notarized by the notary public.



APPEAL CASE NO. 4727 OF 2023

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. To come up on **24.03.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :29.01.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Ashutosh Bansal, S/o
Pritam Chand, SCF 46 A, Mall Road
Hanuman Chowk, Teshil and Distt. Bathinda-151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO Improvement Trust,
Bathinda
First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4716 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent :Sh Amanjot Singh, JE (79865-70212)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to be heard on 06.01.2026. However, on 06.01.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 28.01.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant is not present today. He was not present on the previous date of hearing also.

3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.10.2025. He has also filed copy of the same.

4. In view of the above an opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies if any in the information provided, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission office. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4716 OF 2023

6. To come up on **24.03.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :29.01.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Ms. Neetu Rani, S/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar,
19059, Street No. 13, Near Dhillon
GYM BibiWala Road, GTB Nagar,
Tehsil and Distt.Bathinda- 151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
0/o DC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
0/o DC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4717 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent :ShAmanjot Singh, JE (79865-70212)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Accordingly, this case was adjourned to heard on 06.01.2026. However, on 06.01.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 28.01.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant is not present today. She was not present on the previous date of hearing also. She has not informed the Commission about her absence.
3. The respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 16.10.2025. He has also filed copy of the same.
4. In view of the above and in the interest of justice, one last and final opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. In case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate orders in her absence shall be passed.
5. To come up on **24.03.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :29.01.2026



Sh Ravinder Kumar, (M-78375-17939)
S/o Sh Shiv Nath,
Ward No 1, Basoli Road, Rakkar Colony,
Una, Himachal Pradesh-174303

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
0/o Chief Vigilance Officer,
Local Govt, Pb, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Sector -35A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

0/o Under Secretary, Local Govt, Pb
Pb Municipiial Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Sector -35A, Chandigarh

..... Respondent

AC No.299 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Ravinder Kumar, appellant (through cisco-Webex)
(ii) for the respondent : None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2025 vide which copy of reply as submitted by the respondent was sent to the appellant and he was given an opportunity to file his reply/rejoinder regarding the same. Accordingly, the said case was adjourned to be heard on 06.01.2026. However, on 06.01.2026 the abovementioned case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 28.01.2026 i.e today.

2. The appellant was present through CISCO-Webex but could not present his case as the CISCO-Webex was not working properly.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today nor they have informed the Commission about their absence.
4. After perusing the documents placed on record, it has also been observed that the appellant has failed to file any reply/rejoinder. Hence, the appellant is again given an opportunity to file his reply/rejoinder to the reply provided by the respondent.



AC No.299 of 2024

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **20.05.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :29.01.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, (M : 7814322100)
C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A,
Shastari Nagar Model Town,
Ludhiana.

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer, Construction Division,
PWD B&R, Batala, Distt Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction PWD B&R Circle,
Pathankot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2266 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh Rajbir Singh, JE (7508449277)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. Today the respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant states that the information provided to him is irrelevant. He adds that he has demanded 79 comparative statements, but the respondent has not provided him the same. He returns the irrelevant copy of information to the respondent.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided irrelevant information to the appellant. Hence, PIO- Sh Nirmal Singh, XEN is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and also file his reply failing which appropriate action shall be initiated against the respondent-PIO.



APPEAL CASE NO. 2266 OF 2023

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **05.05.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :29.01.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: PIO- Sh Nirmal Singh, XEN
O/o Executive Engineer, Construction Division,
PWD B&R, Batala, Distt Gurdaspur



ShAvinashGoyal,
S/o ShRajinderGoyal,
H.No 341, Sector-4, Tehsil Amloh,
MandiGobindgarh,
DisttFatehgarh Sahib-147301
(RTI application no. 90450)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o General Manager,
Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 10 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh Avinash Goyal, appellant
(ii) For the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.10.2025 vide which the affidavit, as filed by the respondent was sent to the appellant along with the orders and the case was decided. However, the appellant filed an application for review of the orders submitting that wrong affidavit was provided to him. Accordingly, fresh notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.01.2026. However, on 06.01.2026, this case could be heard and was postponed to be heard on 29.01.2026, i.e today.

2. Today the appellant states that the affidavit provided to him is not correct.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
4. In view of the above, the appellant is directed to file in writing the discrepancies in the affidavit, to the respondent, under intimation to the Commission office.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 10 OF 2024

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. To come up on 12.05.2026 at 11:30 AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :29.01.2026

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**