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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg,
S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Distt Faridkot.
M : 9814230616

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jaito, Distt Faridkot.

... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4007 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today, the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4007 of 2023

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Faridkot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2945 of 2022

Present :- (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

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... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4004 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

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First Appellate Authority
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... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4005 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant along with Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4005 of 2023

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... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4006 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant along with Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4006 of 2023

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First Appellate Authority,
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...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2943 of 2022

Present :- (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 2946 of 2022

Present :- (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today, the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing, the respondent had sent a letter that they were busy in Election duty. Today they have sent an email which is as under:-

“ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਜੈਤੋ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਾਰਡਬੰਦੀ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਮਿਤੀਬੱਧ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਇਨਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੇਜਣਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 29-4-26 ਨੂੰ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੇ। ਸੇ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਕਤ ਅਪੀਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ”



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5. In view of the above, 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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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.

6. To come up on **03.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :29.04.2026

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

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab) (M.9814230616)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council,
Jaito, Distt. - Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Faridkot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1373 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant along with Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today, the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing, the respondent had sent a letter that they were busy in Election duty. Today they have sent an email which is as under:-

“ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਜੈਤੋ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਾਰਡਬੰਦੀ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਮਿਤੀਬੱਧ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਇਨਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੇਜਣਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 29-4-26 ਨੂੰ ਹਾਜਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੇ। ਸੇ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਕਤ ਅਪੀਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ”



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The perusal of the case file shows that a show cause notice was also issued to the respondent on 03.05.2023 before the bench of former SIC Sh.Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon.

5. In view of the above, 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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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. Further, it is also observed that the respondent has also failed to file his reply to the show cause notice. Hence one last opportunity is also given to the respondent to file his reply on the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on **03.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :29.04.2026

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

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they

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have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Faridkot (Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6176 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant along with Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far. He further states that he has received the compensation amount i.e. Rs. 2000/-

3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent an email dated 28.04.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing, the respondent had sent a letter that they are busy in Civil Judge Senior Division Jaito. Today they have sent an email which is as under:-

“ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਜੈਤੋ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਾਰਡਬੰਦੀ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਮਿਤੀਬੱਧ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਇਨਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੇਜਣਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 29-4-26 ਨੂੰ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੇ। ਸੇ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਕਤ ਅਪੀਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ”



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5. In view of the above, 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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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.

6. To come up on **18.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :29.04.2026

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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District – Faridkot (Punjab) (M.9814230616)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2717 of 2022

Present :- (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today, the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that he has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent, but no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing , the respondent had sent a letter that they were busy in Election duty. Today the respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence.

5. In view of the above, 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



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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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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.

6. To come up on **26.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :29.04.2026

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appellant

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Faridkot (Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6179 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant along with Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far. He further states that he has received the compensation amount i.e. Rs. 2000/-
3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent an email dated 28.04.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing, the respondent had sent a letter that they are busy in Civil Judge Senior Division Jaito. Today they have sent an email which is as under:-

“ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਜੈਤੋ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਾਰਡਬੰਦੀ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਮਿਤੀਬੱਧ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਇਨਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੇਜਣਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 29-4-26 ਨੂੰ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੇ। ਸੇ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਕਤ ਅਪੀਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ”



APPEAL CASE NO. 6179 of 2022

5. In view of the above, 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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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.

6. To come up on **18.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :29.04.2026

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that in spite of repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Faridkot (Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6177 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far. He further states that he has received the compensation amount i.e. Rs. 2000/-
3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent an email dated 28.04.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing, the respondent had sent a letter that they are busy in Civil Judge Senior Division Jaito. Today they have sent an email which is as under:-

“ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਜੈਤੋ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਾਰਡਬੰਦੀ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਮਿਤੀਬੱਧ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਇਨਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੇਜਣਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 29-4-26 ਨੂੰ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੇ। ਸੋ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਕਤ ਅਪੀਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ”



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5. In view of the above, 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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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.

6. To come up on **18.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :29.04.2026

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Appellant

Versus

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O/o SDM, Jaito, Distt.Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Jaito
Faridkot (Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4024 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh.Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today, the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing , the respondent had sent a letter that they were busy in Election duty. Today the respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence.

5. In view of the above, 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



APPEAL CASE NO. 4024 of 2023

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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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.

6. To come up on **26.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date :29.04.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005

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Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab) (M.9814230616)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Jaito
Faridkot (Punjab)

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4205 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant along with Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today, the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing, the respondent had sent a letter that they were busy in Election duty. Today the respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence.

5. In view of the above, 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



APPEAL CASE NO. 4205 of 2023

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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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.

6. To come up on **26.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date :29.04.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
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District – Faridkot (Punjab) (M.9814230616)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (G). Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (G). Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 623 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today, the appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing, the respondent had sent a letter that they were busy in Election duty. Today the respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence. The perusal of the case file shows that a show cause notice was also issued to the respondent on 03.04.2023 before the bench of former SIC Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon.

5. In view of the above, 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



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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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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. Further, it is also observed that the respondent has also failed to file his reply to the show cause notice. Hence one last opportunity is also given to the respondent to file his reply on the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on **26.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :29.04.2026

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they

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have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sd/-

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District – Faridkot (Punjab) (M.9814230616)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DC, Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3448 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg the appellant alongwith Sh. Bharat Goyal
(ii) None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent an email dated 28.04.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing.

4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that the neither the respondent –PIO has attended the hearing nor he has sent any representative to attend the hearing. He was even not present on the last date of hearing. During the last hearing, the respondent had sent a letter that they are busy in Civil Judge Senior Division Jaito. Today they have sent an email which is as under:-

“ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਜੈਤੋ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਾਰਡਬੰਦੀ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਮਿਤੀਬੱਧ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਇਨਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੇਜਣਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 29-4-26 ਨੂੰ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੇ। ਸੋ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਕਤ ਅਪੀਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ”



APPEAL CASE NO. 3448 of 2023

5. In view of the above, 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. The respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

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.

6. To come up on **26.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :29.04.2026

Deputy Commissioner, Faridkot : It is brought to his personal notice that inspite repeated notices of hearings conveyed by various orders of the Commission, neither the PIO is coming present nor they have deputed any junior official of the department to represent them. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by issuing BAILABLE WARRANTS and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. HarbansLal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab) (M.9814230616)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council,
Jaito, Distt. - Faridkot(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development),
Faridkot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2944 of 2022

Present :- (i) LajpatRaiGarg, appellant along with Sh Bharat Goyal
(ii) For the respondent- PIO-ShAmritLal, EO (96460-60808)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.
3. The respondent states that the appellant has not deposited the copying cost of Rs 5000/-, as demanded from him, hence the information has not been provided.
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 demanded the requisite fee from the appellant but not within the stipulated time period, as determined under the Act. Hence, the respondent is given an opportunity to provide complete information to the appellant free of cost, as demanded through his RTI application, 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. To come up on **11.08.2025 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :29.04.2026

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o IGP, Faridkot Range,
Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2715 of 2022

Present :- (i) LajpatRaiGarg, appellant along with Sh Bharat Goyal
(ii) Sh.Manpreet Singh, 9780277472 and Sh.Lakhwinder Singh, 9463722631

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant on 13.12.2022.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has failed to file their fresh reply. Hence, the respondent is given an opportunity to file their fresh reply pertaining to the RTI of the appellant, on the next date of hearing with a copy to the appellant. 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. To come up on **09.09.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date :29.04.2026

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ShAnkitSehgal, C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Nangal

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (urban Development) Roopnagar

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 1710 OF 2023

Present :- (i) ShAnkitSehgal, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShRakesh Kumar, JE (99149-43877)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2026 vide which one last opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. However, on 25.03.2026 the case could not be heard and hence, was postponed to be heard on 29.04.2026, ie. today.

2. Today the appellant states that the information pertaining to point no. 2 has not been provided to him till date.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that, as directed, the information pertaining to point no. 2 has not been provided to the appellant. Sh Rakesh Kumar, JE, is appearing on behalf of the respondent today. He is not aware of the facts of the case. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear. Appearance of officials other than PIO/APIO will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

4. 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 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



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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. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to ***PIO - ShGurdipSingh,EO, MC, Nangalas*** 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.

6. 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. To come up **on 12.08.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :29.04.2026

CC- PIO-Sh Gurdip Singh, EO, MC, Nangal

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Sh. Mandeep Singh, S/o Sh. Bawa Singh,
Village Majha, Tehsil Bhawanigarh,
Distt Sangrur-148026.
M : 9988277636

complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Bhawanigarh,
DisttSangrur.

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO. 349 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh. Mandeep Singh, complainant along with ShAjaib Singh
(ii) For the respondent :-None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.01.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The Complainant states that no correspondence has been received from the respondent. He demands that action be taken against the Respondent-PIO. He has also filed his submissions regarding the same through e-mail, which is taken on record.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent. However, the Respondent-PIO has filed an e-mail through which he has sought an adjournment.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has sought an adjournment today. They have failed to file their reply to the show-cause notice. This shows that the respondent-PIO has no regard for the orders of the Commission. However, taking a lenient view, one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and file his reply, failing which the Commission shall initiate penalty proceedings against the Respondent-PIO. To come up on **11.06.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :29.04.2026

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ShChander Kant, (M-8146177736)
S/o Sh Mohan Lal,
VPO Nagran, Tehsil & Distt- Una,
Himachal Pradesh-174315

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Sangrur

Public Information Officer,
O/o RTA, Sangrur

..... Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 320 OF 2024

(through Cisco-Webex)

Present :- (i) Sh Chander Kant, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShGurjeet Singh, ATO (80540-59009)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.01.2026 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the PIO O/o RTA, Sangrur. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. However, on 25.03.2026 the case could not be heard and hence, was postponed to be heard on 29.04.2026, ie. today.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that the information provided to him is not attested.
4. In view of the above, the respondent is directed to provide attested copy of the information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Further, it has also been observed that the respondent has failed to file his reply to the show-cause notice. Hence, he is given a **last opportunity** to file his reply, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed.
5. To come up on **25.06.2026 at 11:30 AM** through **CISCO Webex (online video conferencing)** (*The meeting number of this bench is 25154060883 and password-12345*).
Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :29.04.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SHO, Police Station, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o IGP Faridkot Range
Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2714 of 2022

Present :- (i) ShLajpatRaiGarg, appellant along with Sh Bharat Goyal
(ii) For the respondent- S/CT Manpreet Singh, 97802-77472 and
S/CT Lakhwinder Singh (94637-22631)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that he has already pointed out the deficiencies to the respondent on 18.05.2023 but the complete information has not been provided to him.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant are not specific. Hence, the appellant is again given an opportunity to *point-out case wise specific deficiencies, in a proper typed manner, to the respondent, within a week of receiving these orders, 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.
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. To come up on at

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09.09.2026 11:30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Date :29.04.2026

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District – Faridkot (Punjab) (M.9814230616)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DSP, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SSP, Faridkot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1166 OF 2022

Present :- (i) Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant
(ii) for the respondent- S/CT Lakhwinder Singh (94637-22631)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2025 vide which the appellant was given an opportunity to point out deficiencies.

2. Today the appellant states that he has pointed out deficiencies to the respondent but the complete information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant are not clear.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant are not specific. Hence, the appellant is again given an opportunity to point-out case wise specific deficiencies, in a proper typed manner, to the respondent, within a week of receiving these orders, 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. *It is also made clear that the respondent shall provide information according to the new deficiencies, which will be pointed out by the appellant as per these orders. The deficiencies pointed out by the appellant vide orders dated 31.01.2026, shall not be taken into consideration.*

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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. To come up on **09.09.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :29.04.2026