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Sh.Yogesh Mahajan, 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, Bari Doab Drainage Division, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining Mining & Geology, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.6561 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was absent and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.

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

3. Respondent is again absent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 01.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO, o/o XEN, Bari Doab Drainage Division, Amritsar as to why penalty be not imposed upon



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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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Dated :29.10.2025

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

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (G), Tarn Taran

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4810 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 10.12.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission i.e. today.

3. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions, which are taken on record. This is the first date of hearing and both the parties are not present. Hence taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case any of the party do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed

4. To come up on **10.03.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Sd/-

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Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Gurchara Singh,
Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur
Sahib, Distt. Ropar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways, Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4711 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Manjit Singh the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Sheetal Kumar, Inspector (9592200368)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 25.01.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. Respondent states that he has brought information today in the Commission.

5. The same is handed over to the appellant with these directions to point out deficiencies within one month from the receipt of this order. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

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.

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Dated :29.10.2025



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Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur
Sahib, Distt. Ropar

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4710 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Manjit Singh the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Ikjot Dhawan, Enquiry Officer-cum-PIO
(7739677758)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.03.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.07.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

4. Respondent states that the information demanded by the appellant is very voluminous. Hence, the appellant can inspect the record.

5. Today, both the parties mutually agreed that the applicant shall visit the office of respondent on any working day with prior appointment, inspect the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by him; and the respondent shall provide copies thereof, according to his RTI application, within a fortnight, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.



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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.

7. To come up on **10.03.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining and Geology Division Punjab
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.93 OF 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 and 05.08.2025 vide which the respondent was absent and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.

2. Today again the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is again absent today.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 01.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO, o/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division, Hoshiarpur as to why penalty be not



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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.
7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Electrical PWD B&R Division
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Electrical PWD B&R,
SAS Nagar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 515 OF 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Punit, Junior Assistant (8968810105)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 and 05.08.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that he has received the information, but he has sought time to point out deficiencies.
3. Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant.
4. Considering the request of the appellant the above said appeal case is adjourned to **19.02.2026 at 11.30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :29.10.2025

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Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology,
Water Resource Department, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology,
Water Resource Department, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5569 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was absent and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 04.06.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law.
5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO,



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o/o XEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology, Water Resource Department, Mohali 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.

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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction PWD B&R Circle, Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6553 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was absent and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 01.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year, no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law.
5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO,



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o/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R Batala Distt. Gurdaspur 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.

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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Construction PWD B&R Circle, Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6554 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was absent and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.

2. Today again, the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 01.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law.



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5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO, o/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R, Batala, Distt Gurdaspur 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. 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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Bari Doab Drainage Division, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining Mining & Geology, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6560 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was absent and the appellant stated that no information has been given to him so far.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 01.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law.
5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to PIO, o/o XEN, Bari Doab Drainage Division, Amritsar as to why penalty be not imposed upon



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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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Canal Division Ground Water, Jandiala,
Distt Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Canal Circle, Water Resource Department,
Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6563 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh.Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent was not present.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. The perusal of the file record shows that the last order dated 20.08.2025 sent to the respondent was received back un-delivered from the postal authorities. Hence taking a lenient view First Appellate Authority, o/o SE, Canal Circle Water Resource Department, Amritsar is directed to ensure the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer on the next date of hearing. 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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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 **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Appellant

Versus

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O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology,
Water Resource Department, SBS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining cum Mining & Geology,
Water Resource Department, Jalandhar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6565 OF 2024

Present:(i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. The appellant states that he has received information only on point no. 5.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file , it is observed that the appellant has not received complete information so far. Neither the respondent is present today nor he has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law. 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



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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.

5. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last and final 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. 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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, PWD B& R, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6567 OF 2024

Present:(i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 01.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law. 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



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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.

5. 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. 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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oPIO O/o XEN, Construction Division,
PWD B&R, Sirhind

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Circle No 2, PWD B&R, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6568 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Harvinder Singh, Je (6280790945) and Sh. Anil Tyagi,
Clerk (6283696364)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 passed by the Commission vide which the information was handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that wrong information has been given to him.

3. All the points have been discussed in the Commission today in the presence of the Respondent and Appellant. Further the respondent is directed to provide copy of work orders to the appellant as per the RTI of the appellant within ten days from the receipt of this order, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated. The respondent has promised that the same will be provided to the appellant.

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4. 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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Appellant

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O/oXEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R,
Sirhind

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Circle No 2, PWD B&R, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.6570 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Harvinder Singh, Je (6280790945) and Sh. Anil Tyagi,
Clerk (6283696364)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the Respondent states that the information has been sent to the appellant but the appellant has not pointed out any deficiencies so far.
3. Appellant states that he has already sent deficiencies to the respondent.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has not received deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant. Hence the appellant is asked to again send deficiencies to the respondent with a copy to the Commission within one month from the receipt of this order. Further the respondent is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

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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.

6. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology
Division, WRD, Roopnagar

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD, PB,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6571 OF 2024

Present:(i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that he has received only copy of log books so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file , it is observed that the appellant has not received complete information so far. Today neither the respondent is present nor he has sent any reply. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law. 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



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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.

5. 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. 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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining and Geology, WRD,
Sri Ananadpur Sahib

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6572 OF 2024

Present:(i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 05.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law. 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



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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.

5. 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. 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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Draining cum Mining or Geology Division,
WRD, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD,
Ferozepur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6665 OF 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Rakesh Kumar, (9779406543)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Yogesh Mahjan states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Sh. Rakesh Kumar is appearing before the Commission on behalf of the respondent.
4. After hearing both the parties , it is observed that no information has been given to him so far. Sh. Rakesh Kumar the respondent is not aware about the facts of the case. It is ascertained that the respondents are being represented by the officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. This clearly shows that the Respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. However taking a lenient view, Sh. Alok Chowdhary , XEN is directed to come present on the next date of



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hearing alongwith complete information. He may take note this is the last opportunity given to him to appear before the Commission, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

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 19.02.2026 **at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining and Geology,
WRD, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle,
WRD, Amritsar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.6671 OF 2024

Present:(i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 05.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law. 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



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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.

5. 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. 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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Pathankot

Appellant

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O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology Division,
WRD, Sri Anandpur Sahib.

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle,
WRD, Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6683 OF 2024

Present:(i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2025 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is again absent today.
4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 05.08.2024, but after lapse of more than one and a half year , no information has been given to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is crux of law. 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



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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.

5. 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. 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.

7. To come up on **19.02.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali -140301

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5038 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : ShSurinder Kumar, DEO (9501234597)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.03.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that he has brought his reply today, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant, to be provided to him. Copy of the same is handed to the appellant.
4. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with it.
5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided his reply to the appellant but he is not satisfied with it. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to file his reply on affidavit, duly attested on the next date of hearing. 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 **25.02.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
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Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5039 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Manjinder Singh, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh Surinder Kumar, DEO (9501234597)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.03.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.
3. The respondent states that he has brought his reply today, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant, to be provided to him. Copy of the same is handed to the appellant.
4. The appellant has gone through the same and states that he is not satisfied with it.
5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided his reply to the appellant but he is not satisfied with it. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to file his reply on affidavit, duly attested on the next date of hearing. 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,

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division No. 2,
PWD B&R, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.87 OF 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO-Sh Nirpal Singh, XEN (91157-95355)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.
3. Today PIO-Sh Nirpal Singh, XEN is appearing on behalf of the respondent. He has filed his reply to the show-cause notice. Further, he has sought some time to provide the information.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the information has not been provided to the appellant. Today, the respondent has filed his reply to the show-cause notice. The same is kept pending till the next date of hearing. Further, the respondent has also requested that some time be given to him 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, before the next date of hearing. 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,

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Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division No. 2,
PWD B&R, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.86 OF 2025

Present: (i) Sh.Yogesh Mahajan, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO-Sh Nirpal Singh, XEN (91157-95355)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2025 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.
3. Today PIO-Sh Nirpal Singh, XEN is appearing on behalf of the respondent. He has filed his reply to the show-cause notice. Further, he has sought some time to provide the information.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that the information has not been provided to the appellant. Today, the respondent has filed his reply to the show-cause notice. The same is kept pending till the next date of hearing. Further, the respondent has also requested that some time be given to him 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, before the next date of hearing. 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,

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5037 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Manjinder Singh, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh Sher Singh, Sr Asstt. (98760-24728)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 06.03.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. The appellant states that he has not received any information from the respondent.

4. The respondent states that he has joined recently on 17.09.2025. Hence, some time be given to him to provide the information.

5. 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 four weeks of receiving these orders. 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 **25.02.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Motor Vehicle Inspector,
o/o Secretary Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary Regional Transport Authority
Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5086 OF 2023

Present :- (i) ShTejinder Singh, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.

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

4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, an e-mail has been received from the respondent intimating that they shall not be able to attend the hearing today. Copy of the same is taken on record.

5. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have sought another date. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to them to provide complete information to the

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appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed. 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 **10.03.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :29.10.2025

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Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside SanjhKender, Phillaur - 144410

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Motor Vehicle Inspector,
O/o SDM, Mansa

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Mansa

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5083 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Tejinder Singh, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 17.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. Sh.Tejinder 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 dated 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).

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4. 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.
5. To come up on **10.03.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bhikhiwind
Tarn Taran

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD) Tarn Taran

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5080 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Tejinder Singh, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.05.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. Sh.Tejinder 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 dated 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).

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4. 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.
5. To come up on 10.03.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :29.10.2025

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Sh. Manpreet Singh, (6280356564)
S/o Sh. Gurdit Singh, R/o Darbar Sahib Gate No. 2,
Tehsil & Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer ,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5255 of 2022

Present: (i) Sh. Manpreet Singh, appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Naresh Kumar, Jr Engineer (77078-83889)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2025 vide which a last and final opportunity was given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant within one week of receiving the said orders.

2. Today the appellant Sh. Manpreet Singh states that no information has been provided by the respondent. Further, he demands that action be taken against the respondent-PIO.

3. Sh Naresh Kumar, Jr Engineer is appearing on behalf of the respondent. He has again sought some time.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant-Sh. Manpreet Singh has filed RTI with the department on 25.03.2022, but after lapse of more three years, complete information has not been provided to him so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. Today the respondent has sought some time. On the last date of hearing also the respondent had sought time. Sh Naresh Kumar, Jr Engineer the respondent appearing today is not aware of the facts of the case.



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5. In the aforementioned circumstance, it is, thus apparent from the response of the PIO that there has been delay in providing the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act. The departmental officials are not properly sensitized and trained to discharge their functions under the RTI Act 2005.

6. The Commission, therefore, of the view that the Appellant deserves to be awarded compensation under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him on account of delayed supply of information. Hence the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. **3000/- (Rupees three Thousand only)** by way of compensation to the Appellant. This amount shall be payable by State Exchequer within fifteen days.

7. The perusal of the case file shows that despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to Public Information Officer- Sh Borh Singh, BDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib through SSP, Sri Mukatsar Sahib so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally.

8. To come up on **28.01.2026 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

Dated :29.10.2025

CC: Sh Borh Singh, BDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib



BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION

BEFORE DR. BHUPINDER SINGH BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

In case of ManpreetSingh v/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Complaint/Appeal No. : AC :5255/2022

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

NEXT DATE OF HEARING :28.01.2026

To

SSP, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on **Public Information Officer- Sh Borh Singh, BDPO, Sri Mukatsar Sahib** to appear before Dr Bhupinder S Batth, State Information Commissioner Punjab at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on **28.01.2026 at 11:30AM** and submit his written submissions in regard to the order dated 30.07.2025.

Date :29.10.2025

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Sh.Sarabjit Singh,
House No. 298, Sector 15, SaiKirpa,
Village Sarna, Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot-145025
Versus

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Govt ITI Bamial,
Pathankot

First Appellate Authority
O/o Govt ITI Bamial,
Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5099 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Sarbjit Singh, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : ShBaljit Singh, Training officer (94173-60692)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. He adds that he has also brought the original record today for the perusal of the Bench.

4. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information provided as there is a difference in the information provided to him and the original record.

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the complete information has not been provided to the appellant. Hence, the respondent is directed to provide complete information to the appellant, pertaining to



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his RTI application, before the next date of hearing. *Further, the respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing*, along with his point wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant.

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.

7. To come up on **10.03.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :29.10.2025

**Sd/-
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Sh Sarabjit Singh,
House no. 298, Sector 15, Sai Kirpa,
Village Sarna, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot-145025
Versus

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Govt ITI Bamial,
Pathankot

First Appellate Authority
O/o Govt ITI Bamial,
Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5102 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh Sarabjit Singh, appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh Surjit Pal, SrAsstt. (94178-45108) *through*
CISCO-Webex

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 11.04.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.08.2023 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 29.10.2025 in the Commission.

3. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him.

4. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant. He adds that the appellant has demanded similar information in AC-201/2024 which has already been disposed before this bench.

5. After hearing both the parties and examining the case files, it is observed that the matter is different in both the cases i.e. AC: 5102/2023 and AC:201/2024. Hence respondent is directed to provide complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.



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6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations,

7. To come up on **10.03.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :29.10.2025

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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