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Sh. Sukhchain Singh
S/o Sh. Ajmer Singh,
Village Kotli,
Tehsil- Samana ,
Distt.- Patiala(Punjab)
(M: 9505700002)
RTI Application No 116078

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Division,
Public Works Department (B&R),
Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Mechanical Circle,
Public Works Department (B&R),
Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3834 of 2024

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Anupinder Singh(M.-9779977441), S. D. E, for the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.03.2024 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 06.05.2024 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 29.10.2025.

2. Sh. Anupinder Singh, S. D. E, who appeared in today's hearing, submitted that the sought information is 12 years old, moreover, voluminous in nature. However, a fee of Rs. 3830/- was demanded from the appellant vide letter no. 112 dated 15.04.2024 for the information of 1915 pages and an opportunity was also offered to the appellant to inspect the relevant official record, on the request of the appellant.

3. The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh is not present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

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4. Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO during working hours with prior intimation to each other and inspect the relevant official-record.

5. The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office and supply the certified copies of the information to the appellant after collecting the required fee from him i. e. Rs. 2/- per page, under intimation to the Commission

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 1st December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Sh. Sandeep Kumar Gupta
S/o Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta,
H.No 1722, Sector-14, Hisar.
(M: 9992931181)
RTI Application No 117378

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Financial Commissioner(Revenue), Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Sector-1,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Financial Commissioner(Revenue), Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Sector-1,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3836 of 2024

Present : None is present on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gagandeep Singh(M.-9988720997), Senior Assistant, on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 30.03.2024 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 23.04.2024 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 29.10.2025.

2. Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, orally stated that the information sought is 'third party' information. He also submitted that a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 11455 dated 12.09.2025 intimating him that a departmental enquiry is going on which has not been completed yet and exempted from disclosure under clause of Section 8 (i) (h) of the RTI Act.

3. The appellant, Sh. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, contacted on telephone and he was apprised of the version of the respondent. The appellant shows his dis-satisfaction over the same and submitted that the sought information is not 'third party', moreover, in public interest.

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4. Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to file a proper reply mentioning how the information sought is 'third party' information, by or on the next date of hearing.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 1st December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Sh. Suresh Kumar
S/o Sh. Tarsem Singh,
R/o Telephone Colony,
Near Ghumar Chowk,
Samana, Distt. Patiala- 147101(Punjab)
(M: 7973754605)

RTI Application No 114544

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Punjab School Education Board,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Punjab School Education Board,
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3837 of 2024

Present : Sh. Suresh Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajesh Thakral(M.-8146424145), Senior Assistant, on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.03.2024 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 13.04.2024 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 29.10.2025.

2. The appellant, Sh. Suresh Kumar, who appeared in today's hearing, submitted that no information has been received from the respondent PIO.

3. Sh. Rajesh Thakral, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, submitted a reply as 'self declaration' mentioning that the information sought through RTI request is not available in the official record, hence, could not be supplied.

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4. After hearing the parties, directions are hereby given to the respondent PIO to put more efforts to trace out the relevant official record and supply certified copies of the available information as per official record to the appellant. If the required information is not found available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will re-submit a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, stating that the required information is not found traceable in the official record, by or on the next date of hearing.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Sh. Himanshu Goyal
S/o Sh. Surinder Goyal,
Ward No 10, Sardulgarh,
Distt Mansa- 151507(Punjab)
(M: 7837904100)

RTI Application No 115547

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Mansa(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office, Bathinda(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Mansa(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3840 of 2024

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Sikander Singh(M.-9815426050), PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Tarsem Singh, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.03.2024 vide which the appellant sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority on 18.04.2024 and Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i. e. 29.10.2025.

2. The appellant, Sh. Himanshu Goyal is not present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

3. Sh. Sikander Singh, PIO, who appeared in person with Sh. Tarsem Singh, Junior Assistant in today's hearing, submitted a reply vide letter no. 971-72 dated 02.05.2024 intimating that information sought at point no. 01 has been supplied to the appellant and information sought at point no. 02 relates with office of Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda, hence, the RTI request of the appellant was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act to that office under intimation to the appellant.

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4. None came appeared from the office of Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda, hence, the PIO office of Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda, be impleaded a necessary party in this case and a copy of this order is **being sent** along with RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information at point no. 02 to the appellant. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon** for hearing at Chandigarh.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

**Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Encl: RTI Request

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Sh. Sukhchain Singh, S/o Sh. Ajmer Singh,
R/o Village Kotli, Tehsil- Samana , Distt Patiala.
(M: 9505700002). RTI Application No 112719.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Punjab,
1st Floor, Medical Education Bhavan,
Sector-69, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Directorate of Medical Education & Research, Punjab,
1st Floor, Medical Education Bhavan,
Sector-69, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3833 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 26.02.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 23.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.10.2025.

2. Neither the appellant nor the respondent is present, at today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing. The case is, therefore, adjourned to **01.12.2025 at 12.00 Noon** for further proceedings. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Chandarpreet Singh, S/o Sh. Manjit Singh,
H.No 555, Ward No 13, Doraha, Tehsil Payal,
District: Ludhiana. (M: 9217600049)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3858 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Chandarpreet Singh, the appellant.
(ii) None for the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 09.02.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.03.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.10.2025.

2. The appellant states that after the lapse of more than a year, no information/reply has been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the sought for information.

3. Neither the respondent nor any of his representative is absent at today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability, which shows carelessness and irresponsible attitude towards the order of the Commission.

4. The Commission takes an adverse view of the inaction upon the part of the PIO in not providing the information sought for within the stipulated time, thereby, deliberately delaying furnishing of information to the appellant. In the interest of natural justice, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to appear in person in the Commission at Chandigarh along with the point wise written reply and provide the requisite information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

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Appeal Case No. 3858 of 2024

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Amit Bansal, S/o Sh. Dharam Pal Bansal,
75C, Phase 3, Shaheed Karnail Singh Nagar,
Ludhiana (West), Ludhiana. (M: 8360224083)
RTI Application No 126015.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation, Kotkapura.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation, Kotkapura.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3853 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 31.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 05.06.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 29.10.2025.

2. Neither the appellant nor the respondent is present, at today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing. The case is, therefore, adjourned to **16.12.2025 at 12.00 Noon** for further proceedings. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Rajiv Sharma, (M: 6239509191)
292, Kothey Bhim Sain, Dinanagar,
District: Gurdaspur- 143531. RTI Application No 113152.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary),
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary),
Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3851 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 03.03.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.10.2025.

2. Neither the appellant nor the respondent is present, at today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing. The case is, therefore, adjourned to **16.12.2025 at 12.00 Noon** for further proceedings. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

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(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Smt. Pankaj Rani, C/o Sh. Jagdish Kumar,
872, Dashmesh Nagar, Street No 1, Kotakpura Road,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib. (M: 9988011004)

.... Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Medical Officer,
Civil Hospital, Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3850 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 29.09.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 05.12.2023 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 29.10.2025.

2. The appellant is absent at today's hearing. However, an email dated 28.10.2025 has been received from the appellant that due to some personal reasons, she is unable to attend today's hearing.

3. Neither the respondent nor any of his representative is present at today's hearing. However, an intimation has been received from the respondent vide an email dated 27.09.2025 mentioning therein that complete information has already been provided to the appellant by hand on 24.01.2024 and again on 15.04.2024 by registered post.

4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the appellant to go through the information and point out the deficiencies in writing, if any, in the information provided to the respondent with a copy to the Commission, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this Order. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing.

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5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 16th December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the

Dated: 29th October, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Vinod Kumar, S/o Sh. Lal Chand,
R/o Village Chanan Wala, Muthianwali,
Tehsil & District Fazilka-152123 (M: 9878799361)
RTI Application No 121940.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
State Transport, Punjab,
Jeevandeep Building, Sector:17/A,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
State Transport, Punjab,
Jeevandeep Building, Sector:17/A,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3857 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Vinod Kumar, the appellant.
(ii) Smt. Raj Kumari, Sr. Assistant-cum-PIO O/o STC, Punjab, the respondent.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 30.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.05.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.29.10.2025.

2. The appellant states that after the lapse of more than a year, no reply/information has been provided to him by the respondent PIO and requested that directions be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the sought for information.

3. The respondent PIO states that the subject matter of the RTI application is related with the respondent PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh and she has transferred the same to the concerned department under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. Since, the subject matter is related with the respondent PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh. The respondent PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh be impleaded as necessary party in this case and is directed to provide the information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, with a copy to the Commission.

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Appeal Case No. 3857 of 2024

5. Both the parties are directed to remain present personally in the Commission, on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 01st December, 2025 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 29th October, 2025

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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CC: Public Information Officer
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

(For information)

Enclosed: RTI application Dated 30.04.2024