



Sh. Rajinder Singh , S/o Sh. Gora Singh,
Village – Assa Butter, Tehsil - Gidderbaha,
Distt. –SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gidderbaha

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer,
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1733 of 2024

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Present :Sh. Rajinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Tarsem Singh, Technical Assistant (MGNREGA) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's last order dated 03.02.2026, whereby a Show Cause Notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 was issued to the concerned PIO/APO, MGNREGA Block Gidderbaha, for non-compliance of the Commission's earlier directions.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. Both parties are present and heard. It is observed that the representative of the respondent appeared late before the Commission.
3. During the hearing, Sh. Tarsem Singh, Technical Assistant (MGNREGA), appearing on behalf of the respondent, submitted a written reply vide letter **No. 250 dated 30.04.2026**. It has been stated therein that the RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the concerned officials, i.e., **APO (MGNREGA)-cum-PIO, Block Gidderbaha, Technical Assistant and Gram Rozgar Sewak**, for providing the requisite information. It is further submitted that despite repeated communications/reminders, the said officials failed to furnish the information within the stipulated time, and the matter has also been taken up with higher authorities for necessary action.
4. The respondent has further submitted that part of the information has reportedly been provided and the remaining information is being collected from the officials who have since been transferred, and the same shall be provided within 15 days.
5. However, the appellant has categorically submitted that no information has been received by him till date.
6. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both parties. While it is noted that there has been delay in compliance, the Commission also takes into account the explanation furnished by the respondent and the efforts stated to have been made for collection of the information from various sources.



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7. In view of the above circumstances, and considering the assurance given by the respondent, the Commission takes a lenient view in the matter. Accordingly, the Show Cause Notice issued under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is hereby dropped.
8. However, the respondent is directed to ensure that complete, point-wise information, as sought by the appellant, is furnished in a clear and legible form within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.
9. The respondent shall also submit a compliance report along with documentary proof of having supplied the information to the appellant.
10. The appellant shall, upon receipt of the information, examine the same and point out specific deficiencies, if any.
11. **Next hearing on 30.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
30.04.2026

CC; Public Information Officer,
O/oMGNREGA,
Block - Gidderbaha
Distt. –SriMuktsarSahib(Punjab)

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



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Distt. –SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

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Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
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SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4388 of 2024

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Present :Sh. Rajinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Rajinder Singh, GRSon behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's last order dated 03.02.2026, whereby **compensation of Rs. 5,000/- was awarded to the appellant under Section 19(8)(b) of the RTI Act, 2005** on account of delay and non-compliance by the respondent.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. Both parties are present and heard. The appellant submitted that **the compensation amount has been received; however, complete information is still pending.**
3. On the other hand, the respondent representative, Sh. Rajinder Singh, GRS, appeared on behalf of the PIO and submitted a written reply from the office of the BDPO, Sri Muktsar Sahib, vide letter No. 3478 dated 29.04.2026. It has been stated that **point-wise information has been provided along with 306 pages of documents** pertaining to various MGNREGA works. It is further submitted that **for certain work codes, physical records are not available and the information is accessible on the MGNREGA portal.**
4. The Commission notes that **the compensation awarded has been duly paid and acknowledged by the appellant.** It is also observed that **substantial information appears to have been provided by the respondent.**
5. However, the contention of the appellant that **complete information has not been received** requires due consideration. Further, the plea regarding **non-availability of certain records must be properly justified and supported as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**
6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned in the interest of justice. The respondent is directed to:
 - Ensure complete, point-wise information is furnished to the appellant, as available on record;



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- Clearly specify reasons for any non-availability of information, duly supported by undertaking, if required;
 - Provide certified copies of documents and, where information is available online, supply precise links along with necessary access details.
7. The above directions shall be complied with within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, and a compliance report along with documentary proof shall be submitted before the Commission. The appellant shall, upon receipt of the information, **examine the same and point out specific deficiencies, if any.**
8. **Next hearing on 30.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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30.04.2026

Sd/-
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Village – KhunanKhurd, Tehsil – Gidderbaha,
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Social Audit Unit, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
VikasBhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7314 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of order, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
08.07.2024	--	03.09.2024	--	12.12.2024

Present: NONE

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's last hearing dated 03.02.2026, whereby **the Respondent PIO was directed to facilitate inspection of the relevant record by issuing a formal notice to the appellant and to submit a compliance report before the next date of hearing.**
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. **None is present on behalf of either party**, nor has any communication or compliance report been received by the Commission.
3. The Commission observes that **the directions issued in the previous order have not been complied with so far**, and both parties have failed to appear without any intimation.
4. **In view of the above, the last order dated 03.02.2026 shall remain in force and binding upon the parties.**
5. Both parties are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance of the directions contained in the said order and to remain present on the next date of hearing.
6. It is made clear that in case of continued absence on the next date of hearing, the matter shall be decided on merits on the basis of the material available on record, without any further opportunity.
7. **Next hearing on 30.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
30.04.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Sh. Gurinder Singh Mehndiratta (Reporter),
S/o Sh. Amar Singh,
MohallaHarnampura, Kotkapura, Distt. - Faridkot (Punjab)
(M.- 9872810153)

....Complainant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Deputy Commissioner,
Faridkot(Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Kotkapura, Distt. - Faridkot(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 428 of 2024

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of Complaintreceived in the Commission
18.07.2024	22.07.2024	28.11.2024

Present: Sh. Gurinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. AmritLal, EO on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated **03.02.2026**.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. **Both parties are present and heard**. The appellant submitted that the information provided so far is **not properly legible/readable**, as the copies supplied are in **very small and unclear print**, making it difficult to examine the contents.
3. In response, the respondent, Sh. AmritLal, EO, submitted that the issue arose due to the **large volume of record**, resulting in reduced print size. He **tendered an unconditional apology** for the inconvenience caused and assured the Commission that he shall provide **clear, legible, and properly readable copies** of the information. He further undertook to **send the same through email** and also invited the appellant to **visit the office and collect the readable copies**.
4. The Commission has considered the explanation and the assurance given by the respondent. In view of the **apology tendered** and the **willingness shown to comply**, the Commission is of the opinion that **no further action is warranted under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 at this stage**. Accordingly, the **Show Cause Notice is hereby dropped**.
5. However, it is reiterated that the **information must be supplied in a clear and legible form**, enabling the appellant to effectively exercise his right under the RTI Act, 2005.
6. In view of the above, the matter is **adjourned** and the respondent is directed to provide, within **15 days, clear, legible, and readable copies** of the information to the appellant, both in physical form and, where feasible, through email. The appellant shall, upon receipt of the same, examine the information and point out specific deficiencies/discrepancies, if any.

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7. **Next hearing on 30.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
30.04.2026

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab



Sh.Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Nacchhattar Singh,
Village – Pedhan, P. O. –AjnodaKalan,
Tehsil – Nabha, Distt. –Patiala (Punjab)
(M.-6284048167)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oTheBlock Development and Panchayat Officer (Rural),
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2073 of 2025

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
22.11.2024	03.12.2024	21.01.2025	--	28.03.2025

Present: Appellant: Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Adv. Sudhirsharma

Respondent: Sh. Jagwant Singh (PanchayatSecty.)

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 03.02.2026, whereby **specific directions were issued to facilitate inspection of the relevant record by the appellant on 11.02.2026 at the office of the Respondent PIO.**
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. Both parties are present and heard. The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh, along with counsel Sh. Sudhir Sharma, submitted that **he visited the office of the respondent for inspection; however, certain relevant records were not shown to him, particularly the Measurement Book and other connected documents.**
3. The respondent representative, Sh. Jagwant Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is present and heard.
4. The Commission has considered the submissions made during the hearing and observes that **the directions issued earlier regarding complete and proper inspection have not been fully complied with**, as certain crucial records were not produced before the appellant.
5. **In view of the above, and in the interest of justice, the respondent PIO is directed to remove the discrepancies as discussed during the hearing and ensure that all relevant records, including the Measurement Book, are made available to the appellant for inspection.**
6. **In case any part of the record is not available, the respondent PIO shall file a specific undertaking/affidavit clearly stating the non-availability of such record, along with reasons thereof.**



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7. The above directions shall be complied with within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order, and a compliance report shall be submitted to the Commission. The appellant shall, thereafter, examine the record and point out specific deficiencies, if any.
8. **Next hearing on 30.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1499 of 2024

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
12.09.2023	--	11.10.2023	--	09.02.2024

Present : Appellant: Sh. Surjit Singh
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's last order dated 03.02.2026, whereby the respondent PIO was directed to show cause under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and to supply complete and proper information to the appellant.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. Only the appellant is present and submits that no information has been received till date. None has appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO, nor has any reply to the Show Cause Notice been received.
3. The Commission observes that **the respondent PIO has neither complied with the directions of the Commission nor responded to the Show Cause Notice**, which reflects **continued negligence and disregard towards the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005**.
4. In view of the above, the Show Cause Notice issued under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is hereby reiterated. The respondent PIO, **O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana (Punjab)**, is directed to submit a written explanation along with complete information as sought by the appellant within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order.
5. The First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, is directed to ensure compliance of the RTI application and to submit an action taken report to this Commission within the stipulated period.



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6. Further, the **Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab**, is hereby requested to look into the matter and ensure compliance of the Commission's directions, and to take appropriate administrative action, if required.
7. It is made clear that failure to comply with the above directions shall invite appropriate penal action under the RTI Act, 2005 without any further notice. The matter is adjourned for strict compliance.
8. **Next hearing on 30.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
30.04.2026

Sd/-
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**Principal Secretary,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
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RTI Application No. 138208

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/oThe Executive Engineer
Pb. Water Supply & Sewerage Department -2,
Bathinda(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/oThe Superintending Engineer
Pb. Water Supply & Sewerage Department -2,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7060 of 2024

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Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
13.08.2024	--	23.09.2024	--	26.11.2024

Present: Appellant: Sh. Balram

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 03.02.2026, whereby the Respondent PIO was directed to furnish complete and point-wise information to the appellant and to remain personally present along with a written explanation for non-compliance, failing which action under Section 20 of the RTI Act, 2005 was to be initiated.
2. The case was fixed for hearing today. Only the appellant is present and submits that no information has been received till date. None has appeared on behalf of the Respondent PIO, nor has any communication or explanation been received, despite repeated opportunities.
3. The Commission observes that **this is the third consecutive instance wherein the Respondent PIO has remained absent and has failed to comply with the directions of the Commission.** Such conduct reflects gross negligence, wilful disobedience, and complete disregard of statutory obligations under the RTI Act, 2005.
4. **In view of the above, a Show Cause Notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is hereby issued to the Respondent PIO, O/o The Executive Engineer, Pb. Water Supply & Sewerage Department-2, Bathinda (Punjab), to explain as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for persistent non-compliance and absence.** The written explanation, along with complete and point-wise information as sought by the appellant, shall reach the Commission within **15 days** from the date of receipt of this order.



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5. The First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Pb. Water Supply & Sewerage Department-2, Bathinda (Punjab), is also directed to ensure compliance of the RTI application and to personally look into the matter and fix responsibility for the lapse, and submit an **action taken report** before the Commission within the stipulated period.
6. The Respondent PIO is further directed to remain personally present on the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate penal action shall be initiated without any further notice.
7. **Next hearing on 30.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
30.04.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab