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Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069),

#2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali - 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Ferozepur.
Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur.Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 859 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

Respondent: Shri Ankush, Data Entry Operator (88467-81761)

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent states that he has brought a reply along with information to this hearing to be provided to the appellant. A copy of said reply / information be handed over to the appellant. An opportunity was given to the appellant to examine the same. The appellant states that it is partial information and requests the court for complete information.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, <u>one</u> <u>more opportunity</u> is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide the appellant complete requisite information within 20 days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 6. <u>To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

Versus

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First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 860 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

Respondent: Shri Ankush, Data Entry Operator (88467-81761)

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, states that he desires information sought at point no. 3 only in his RTI application.
- 3. The respondent states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant as available in the records.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to provide the information sought at **point no. 3** to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 6. <u>To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

Versus

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Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur.Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4906 OF 2021

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

Respondent: Shri Ankush, Data Entry Operator (88467-81761)

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant states that incomplete information has been given to him and requests the court for complete sought information.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Ankush, states that the information sought in this RTI application can be collected from the concerned branch and requested some time to address this RTI application.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, the respondent is directed to retrieve the complete information and provide it to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. The respondent PIO is further directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice which was issued to him vide this Commission's order dated 29.11.2022.
- 6. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 7. <u>To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Regional Transport Officer, Ferozepur. Public Information Officer, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2928 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

Respondent: Shri Ankush, Data Entry Operator (88467-81761)

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, states that he desires information sought at point no. 4 only in his RTI application. Further, he requested that directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to provide the desired information.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Ankush, Data Entry Operator, submits that some additional time be given to provide the desired information to the appellant.
- 4. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide the information sought at **point no. 4** to the appellant within 20 days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. The respondent PIO is further directed to file a reply to the Show Cause Notice which was issued to him vide this Commission's order dated 29.11.2022.
- 6. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 7. <u>To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Regional Transport Officer, Ferozepur. Public Information Officer, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3243 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

Respondent: Shri Ankush, Data Entry Operator (88467-81761)

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far.
- 3. The respondent states that he has brought information to this hearing to be provided to the appellant. A copy of said information be handed over to the appellant. After examining the information, the appellant states that the supplied information does not pertain to his RTI application.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and examining the case file, <u>one</u> <u>more opportunity</u> is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide the complete requisite information to the appellant pertaining to his RTI application within 20 days of the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 6. <u>To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Dinesh Kumar (94661-00100)

S/o Shri Daulat Ram, R/o Village Neerewara, Tehsil Balachaur, District SBS Nagar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO, SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o DDPO, SBS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1323 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 14.05.2025.

- 2. The appellant is absent without intimation. However, the respondent is also absent. It is also a fact that copy of the previous order was sent to the parties through registered post but even then both parties are absent.
- 3. However, in the interest of justice and taking a lenient view of the matter, <u>last</u> <u>opportunity</u> is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. The respondent is directed to file point wise reply along with information on the next date of hearing, failing which action under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, will be initiated.
- 4. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 5. <u>To come up on 18.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Ranjit Singh (84277-23748), S/o Shri Mehar Singh, Village Dhilwan, Tehsil Samrala, Distt Ludhiana - 141114

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP, Khanna, Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority, O/o SSP, Khanna, Distt Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8125 OF 2023

Versus

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Ranjit Singh (84277-23748)

Respondent: Constable Paramjeet Chouhan (76963-07001)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 14.05.2025.

- 2. The appellant states that the reply provided by respondent does not pertain to his RTI application.
- 3. The respondent states that the matter is still under investigation and he also brought the original file to this hearing. Further, he states that a reply has already been submitted to the Commission which was received vide diary no. 16179 dated 26.09.2025, which is taken on record.
- 4. The Commission has examined the original file and finds that the complaint number 4945D cited in the RTI application is not in the original file.
- 5. The respondent PIO is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and also present a copy of **complaint no. 494 5D**, filed against the appellant by Smt. Harjinder Kaur, on the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 6. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 7. <u>To come up on 18.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Virinderjit Singh Billing) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Date: 30.09.2025

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Shri Balbir Aggarwal (94636-66155), # 1525/1, Strret No. 33, Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana – 141003

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2929 OF 2024

Versus

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 14.05.2025.

- 2. The appellant is absent, but an email dated 29.09.2025, has been received from him mentioning therein after the lapse of more than two years, incorrect information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and requests penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for not providing the information. Further, he requested to hear the case through online mode, which is taken on record.
- 3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.

This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

- 4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give another opportunity to the respondent PIO to provide the complete information to the appellant, through registered post, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act. 2005.
- 5. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, appellant is directed to attend the next hearing through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number: 25180667401 and Password: 12345.)
- 6. The respondent PIO O/o Tehsildar (South), Ludhiana, is further directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 7. To come up on 18.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Raja Cheema, (78373-00052)

(Advocate), S/o Shri PD Singh Cheema, # 352 Urban Estate, Phase - 2, Tehsil &Distt Jalandhar - 1 - 144022 RTI Application No. 121975

....Appellant

Public Information Officer.

O/o Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Punjab, Real Estate Regulatory Authority, First Floor, Block-B, Plot No. 3, Sector-18A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh – 160018

Public Information Officer,

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5206 OF 2024

Versus

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Smt. Ravneet Kaur, JE (79737-41767) and Shri Rohit Suman, SDO (98773-14277)

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **01.07.2025**.

- 2. The respondent states that reply has already been sent to the appellant and also submits the same during the course of hearing.
- 3. During the hearing, the appellant was contacted on his mobile number given in this present case file, but he did not receive the call.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent and examining the case file, the appellant is directed to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed. A copy of reply submitted by PIO vide letter dated 20.02.2025 (2 pages), is being sent to the appellant along with this order. The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this appeal case.
- 5. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 6. <u>To come up on 18.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Virinderjit Singh Billing) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Encl: Letter dated 20.02.2025 (2 pages), sent to the appellant.

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District Mohali - 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Gagandip Singh, PCS (96508-78192), Public Information Officer-cum-, Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3244 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)

Respondent: Shri David Kumar, Clerk, present via Webex (99141-77503)

ORDER:

- 2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far and requests the court for sought information.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri David Kumar, Clerk, via Webex. The respondent requested some additional time be given to provide the sought for information to the appellant.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, and examining the case file it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 18.02.2023, but after lapse of more than two years, no information has been given to the appellant so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI Act, 2005, itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.
- 5. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one more opportunity** to respondent PIO to provide the complete

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information to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, through registered post, under intimation to the Commission. 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 parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 7. **To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sector 125, Kharar, District Mohali - 140301

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Gagandip Singh, PCS (96508-78192), Public Information Officer-cum-, Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3253 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)

Respondent: Shri David Kumar, Clerk (99141-77503)

ORDER:

- 2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far and requests the court for sought information.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri David Kumar, Clerk, via Webex. The respondent requested some additional time be given to provide the sought for information to the appellant.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, and examining the case file it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 18.04.2022, but after lapse of more than three years, no information has been given to the appellant so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI Act, 2005, itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.
- 5. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one more opportunity** to respondent PIO to provide the complete

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Date: 30.09.2025



APPEAL CASE NO. 3253 OF 2022

information to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, through registered post, under intimation to the Commission. 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 parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 7. **To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

Shri Gagandip Singh, PCS (96508-78192), Public Information Officer-cum-, Secretary Regional Transport Authority

Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3543 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)

Respondent: Shri David Kumar, Clerk (99141-77503)

ORDER:

- 2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far regarding point no. 5 as directed at the last hearing.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri David Kumar, Clerk, via Webex. The respondent requested some additional time be given to provide the sought for information to the appellant.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, and examining the case file it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 09.05.2022, but after lapse of more than three years, no information has been given to the appellant so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI Act, 2005, itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.
- 5. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one more opportunity** to respondent PIO to provide the information sought at point no. 5 to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order,

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through registered post, under intimation to the Commission. 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 parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 7. <u>To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.</u> Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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....Appellant

Shri Gagandip Singh, PCS (96508-78192), Public Information Officer-cum-,

Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5426 OF 2022

Versus

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjinder Singh (98720-15069)

Respondent: Shri David Kumar, Clerk (99141-77503)

ORDER:

- 2. The appellant, Shri Manjinder Singh, states that no information has been given to him so far and requests the court for sought information.
- 3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri David Kumar, Clerk, via Webex. The respondent requested some additional time be given to provide the sought for information to the appellant.
- 4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, and examining the case file it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 25.07.2022, but after lapse of more than three years, no information has been given to the appellant so far. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards that RTI Act, 2005, itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.
- 5. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one more opportunity** to respondent PIO to provide the complete

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information to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, through registered post, under intimation to the Commission. 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 parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 7. **To come up on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Bhushan Kumar (98729-11937) S/o Shri Amrit Lal, Near Bus Stand, Rampura Phul.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, **O/o** EO, Nagar Council, Rampura Phul, District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority, O/o ADC(UD), Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3302 OF 2023 Through Cisco Webex

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Bhushan Kumar (98729-11937)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

Date: 30.09.2025

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 12.03.2025.

- 2. The appellant, Shri Bhushan Kumar, present via Webex. The appellant states that he has not received the sought for information from the respondent till date.
- 3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that coy of the previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post in spite of that, he is absent.
- 4. The perusal of the case file shows that at the last hearing on 12.03.2025, the appellant was directed to demonstrate the larger public interest, but he has failed to comply with this Commission's direction.
- 5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, **one more opportunity** is awarded to the appellant to demonstrate the larger public interest (in writing) that would be served by disclosing this information to him. This Commission will take a view in this appeal case subsequent to the aforesaid reply by the appellant. Both parties are directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
- 6. Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 22.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)