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**Shri Vipan Grover**, (98770 86735)

Journalist,

Fatehgarh Panitoor, District Moga.

...Appellant

#### **VERSUS**

#### **Public Information Officer,**

O/o Director,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab,

Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

### First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,

Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab,

Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

#### **APPEAL CASE NO. 4184 OF 2023**

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent**: Akwinder Kaur (Sr. Assitant)

#### **ORDER:**

- 1. This order may be read with reference of previous order of the commission dated 09.07.2025.
- 2. The matter was taken up for hearing today. The appellant remained absent.
- 3. The respondent PIO was represented by Ms. Akwinder Kaur, Senior Assistant, who submitted that in compliance with the Commission's previous order, the requisite information has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter Ref. No. 2057-58 dated 10.09.2025.
- 4. As the appellant is again absent today, the Commission considers it appropriate to grant **one more opportunity** to the appellant to appear and pursue the matter and to point out, if any, **discrepancies in the information/reply furnished by the PIO.** In the event of continued absence, the case shall be decided **ex parte** on the basis of the records available.
- 5. <u>Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Shri Vipan Grover, (98770 86735)

Journalist,

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

**O/o** Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Makhu, District Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5479 OF 2023

**Appellant:** Sh. Malkit Singh (on behalf of appellant)

Respondent: Sh. Kulwant Singh (Panchayat Secty. ) appeared late

Sh. Sukhdev Singh (Panchayat Secty.)

#### **ORDER:**

- 1. This order may be read with reference of previous order of the commission dated 14.05.2025.
- 2. The appellant is represented by Sh. Malkit Singh, who submitted that no information has been provided by the PIO so far.
- 3. The respondents, Sh. Kulwant Singh (Panchayat Secretary) and Sh. Sukhdev Singh (Panchayat Secretary), appeared late due to traffic and submitted the information/reply to the RTI application during the course of the hearing. However, as the appellant had already left by then, the information could not be handed over to him in person.
- 4. The Commission accordingly directs the respondents to send the said information/reply to the appellant through registered post within 07 days and place proof of dispatch on record.
- 5. The appellant is directed to go through the information so furnished and to point out, if any, **discrepancies/deficiencies** in the same before the next date of hearing.
- 6. Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Advocate Harvinder Singh,

Chamber No. 7009, District Court Complex, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

**O/o** Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Ludhiana-2, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana. ....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4250 OF 2023

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent**: Sh. Gagandeep Singh (Panchayat Secretary)

#### **ORDER:**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's earlier order dated 09.07.2025.
- 2. The appellant remained absent. It is noted that he had requested for a virtual hearing through email; however, he neither connected through Webex nor made any submissions via telephone call.
- 3. The respondent, Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary, appeared and submitted that a point-wise reply/information to the RTI application had already been furnished to the appellant vide letter Ref. No. 3746 dated 12.09.2023. However, the appellant has not responded to or appeared with reference to the said reply.
- 4. In view of the above, the Commission grants **one final opportunity** to the appellant to appear before the Commission and file a rejoinder, if any, against the reply/information so furnished, and to clarify the facts of the case. It is made clear that in case of continued absence, the matter shall be decided on merits on the basis of available records.
- 5. The Commission also directs that the PIO/concerned APIO shall remain present on the next date of hearing along with the complete case record so that the matter may be concluded.
- 6. <u>Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Shri Karamjit Singh, (95920 33001)

S/o Shri Nirmal Singh, R/o Village Malakpur Bet, District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

**O/o** Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Ludhiana-1, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Ludhiana. ....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4610 OF 2023

Appellant: Shri Karamjit Singh

Respondent: Absent

#### **ORDER:**

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 09.07.2025.
- 2. The appellant is present and stated that **no information has been provided till date**.
- 3. **Respondent's BDPO Written Submissions:** The Commission has perused the communication of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) vide letter **No. 2039** dated 29.09.2025, which records as follows:
  - The initial RTI application was transferred under Section 6(3) to the PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Shri Kiranpal Singh. Despite directions from the BDPO Office vide letters No. 515 dated 03.03.2025 (for hearing on 14.05.2025) and No. 1096 dated 22.05.2025 (for hearing on 09.07.2025), Shri Kiranpal Singh failed to appear before the Commission and did not furnish the information.
  - Subsequently, Shri Kiranpal Singh was **transferred to Panchayat Samiti Derabassi** vide order of the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab (**Order No. 18/1/2025/Badli/Abs-5/3677 dated 28.08.2025**).
  - Shri Amit Kumar, the newly posted Panchayat Secretary-cum-PIO of Gram Panchayat
    Malakpur Bet, was directed vide BDPO letter No. 2015 dated 26.09.2025 to appear
    before the Commission. Shri Amit Kumar, however, has intimated that no record has
    been handed over to him by his predecessor.
  - The BDPO has further written to Shri Kiranpal Singh vide letter No. 2020 dated 26.09.2025 to hand over the complete Gram Panchayat Malakpur record to his successor.

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4. The Commission observes wilful negligence and non-compliance on part of Shri Kiranpal Singh, then PIO.

#### Accordingly:

- 1. **Show-cause notice** is issued to **Shri Kiranpal Singh**, then PIO, to explain within **15** days why penalty under Section **20(1)** of the RTI Act should not be imposed.
- 2. The current PIO, Shri Amit Kumar, shall obtain the record and supply complete information to the appellant within 15 days, under intimation to the Commission.
- 3. The **BDPO**, **Ludhiana 1**, shall ensure compliance and record transfer.
- 3. Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Shri Nachattar Singh, (94637 86270)

S/o Shri Bakshish Singh, R/o Village Delewala, Post Office Chugte Wala, Block Ghal Khurd, Tehsil & District Ferozepur-152005

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Ghal Khurd, Tehsil & District Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Ferozepur.

 $\dots$ Respondents

<u>APPEAL CASE NO. 3794 OF 2023</u>

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent**: Sh. Harpreet Singh (Panchayat Secretary)

#### **ORDER:**

- 1. This order may be read with reference of previous order of the commission dated 09.07.2025.
- 2. The appellant is absent; however, he has intimated the Commission telephonically about his inability to attend the hearing.
- 3. The respondent, Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary / PIO, appeared and stated that the information has already been supplied to the appellant. He further submitted that the appellant may inspect the relevant records if he so desires and obtain requisite copies.
- 4. In view of the above, the Commission directs the PIO to coordinate with the appellant and fix a mutually convenient date and time for inspection of the record. The appellant may inspect the record and obtain copies, if required.
- 5. It is made clear that if the appellant fails to avail this opportunity, the matter shall be decided *ex-parte* on merits based on the record available before the Commission.
- 6. Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Shri Balram, (94639 74663)

S/o Shri Narain, R/o Village Dharampura, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

**O/o** Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Block Khuiya Sarwar at Abohar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** District Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka.

....Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 3810 OF 2023** 

**Appellant:** Shri Balram

Respondent:

#### **ORDER:**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated **09.07.2025**, wherein the PIO was directed to provide a **revised and detailed reply** addressing the discrepancies pointed out by the appellant and to submit a copy of the same to the Commission before the next hearing.
- 2. Today, the **appellant is present**, while the **PIO is absent without any intimation** and has failed to comply with the directions issued in the previous order.
- 3. The Commission grants a **last opportunity** to the PIO to submit the revised and complete information to the appellant, with a copy to the Commission, **within 15 days** from the date of receipt of this order. Failure to comply or to appear on the next date shall invite **appropriate action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005**.
- 4.. <u>Next hearing on 13.11.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Gurdeep Singh(M: 9464423174) ....Appellant

S/o Sh. Mulakha Singh, Gobind Nagar, Phase-2,

Street Opposite Gurudwara Kalgidhar,

Kahnuwan Road,

Batala, Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Batala, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Batala, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Respondents

## Complaint Case No. 1310 of 2021 Converted Appeal Case

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

None for the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **14.08.2025**, wherein the representatives of the respondent had produced the original office record before the Commission, and the appellant had inspected the same. The PIO was directed to provide the information as identified by the appellant during the hearing and to resolve any deficiencies, if pointed out by the appellant in writing, before the next date of hearing.
- 2. Today, only the appellant is present, while the PIO is absent without any intimation and has failed to comply with the previous directions of the Commission.
- 3. The Commission takes serious view of this continued non-compliance. The PIO is hereby directed to strictly comply with the Commission's order dated 14.08.2025 by supplying the complete and correct information to the appellant, with a copy to the Commission, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order.
- 4. Failure to comply with these directions or to appear on the next date shall invite **penal proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005**, and the matter shall be decided *ex-parte* on merits.
- 5. Considering the advanced age of the appellant, the Commission exempts him from personal appearance in future hearings. He may submit his version or clarifications telephonically or in writing to the Commission as and when required. The PIO is directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing without fail.
- 6. Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Vikram Grover, Advocte, Chamber No. 7009, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, GAD Complex, District Courts, Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Appellant

i) Public Information Officer,O/o The Naib Tehsildar,Sahnewal, Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority

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

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1114 of 2023

Vs

Present: NONE

#### <u>ORDER</u>

- This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025, wherein the PIO was directed to pay compensation of Rs. 20,000/- to the appellant as awarded vide order dated 18.09.2023, and to submit proof of payment and compliance to the Commission.
- 2. Today, both the appellant and the respondent are absent. It is observed that the respondent PIO has never appeared before the Commission on any of the scheduled hearings and has repeatedly failed to comply with the Commission's directions.
- 3. The Commission takes serious note of this persistent and wilful non-compliance. The PIO is hereby granted one final opportunity to comply with the orders dated 18.09.2023 and 29.07.2025 by paying the compensation amount of Rs. 20,000/- to the appellant and submitting proof of payment along with confirmation of information supplied within 7 days of receipt of this order.
- 4. Failure to comply with these directions or to appear before the Commission shall result in the issuance of a *bailable warrant* against the respondent PIO, in addition to penal action under Sections 20(1) and 20(2) of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. The **Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana** is directed to **ensure strict compliance** of this order and report the status to the Commission.

6. <u>Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Harvinder Singh Sandhu, Advocate, District Courts, Ludhiana (Punjab) (M.-9417285539)

.....Appellant

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

Block – II, Distt. – Ludhaina (Punjab)

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

Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1090 of 2023

Present: Appellant: Absent

**Respondent**: Sh. Gagandeep Singh (Panchayat Secretary)

Vs

#### **ORDER**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2025, through which a last and final opportunity was granted to the respondent PIO to submit a reply to the deficiencies already pointed out by the appellant, failing which action under the RTI Act, 2005 was to be initiated. A copy of that order was also sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana for ensuring compliance.
- 2. Today, the **appellant remained absent**. It is noted that he had requested for a virtual hearing through email; however, he neither joined the proceedings through Webex nor made any submissions telephonically.
- The respondent, Sh. Gagandeep Singh, PIO, appeared and submitted that a point-wise reply/information comprising 17 pages has been submitted before the Commission in response to the RTI application.
- 4. As the appellant is absent, the matter is **adjourned** with liberty to the appellant to **collect** the said copies from the Commission and to point out any discrepancies, if any, upon receipt of the same.
- 5. <u>Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red</u> Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Shri Gaurav Patial, (94600 68555)

R/o # 8/210, Mukta Prasad Nagar, Bikaner, Rajasthan-334004

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**.

**O/o** Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary.

Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur.

....Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 6269 OF 2022** 

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
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Appellant: Absent Respondent: Absent

#### ORDER (7th Hearing):

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **15.07.2025**, wherein the PIO was directed to file a reply to the *Show Cause Notice* under Section 20 of the RTI Act and submit an undertaking that the information supplied is complete and correct.
- 2. Both parties are absent today. No compliance or reply has been received from the PIO.
- 3. The directions of the previous order remain in force. The PIO is given a final opportunity to comply within 7 days, failing which penal action under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 and issuance of a *bailable warrant* shall follow.

4. Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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**Sh. Balwinder Pal Singh** (M.-9464184175)

S/o Sh. Kashmir Singh,

Village – Riali Kalan, Block - Fatehgarh Churian,

Tehsil – Batala, Distt. – Gurdaspur -143507(Punjab) .....Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil – Batala, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur (Puniab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 597 of 2023

Present: Appellant: Sh. Balwinder Pal Singh

Respondent: Absent

#### **ORDER**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **28.05.2025**, whereby both parties were directed to mutually fix a date within fifteen (15) days for inspection of the relevant records, and the PIO was instructed to provide certified copies of any remaining information identified during inspection.
- 2. The appellant later informed the Commission (email dated 18.06.2025) that no inspection was conducted despite his visit on 12.06.2025. During last hearing dated 03.07.2025, Sh. Om Parkash, V.D.O., stated that he was unaware of the visit and had since been transferred after handing over charge. Observing non-compliance, the Commission had issued a Show Cause Notice to the concerned PIO and directed the present V.D.O. to appear with records on the next date.
- 3. **Today, only the appellant is present.** He has submitted that **no compliance whatsoever** has been made by the respondent PIO or by the office of BDPO Fatehgarh Churian in spite of repeated directions of the Commission. No inspection was facilitated, and no certified information has been provided to date.
- 4. In view of the persistent **non-compliance**, the **disregard of Commission's directions**, and the **harassment and detriment** caused to the appellant in pursuing his right to information, the Commission deems it appropriate to award a **compensation of Rs. 3,000 (Rupees Three Thousand only)** to the appellant. The amount shall be paid by the **Public Authority**, i.e., O/o BDPO Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur, within **15 days** of receipt of this order.
- 5. Failure to comply with this direction shall invite penal proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, and the Commission may also consider initiating further action for enforcement of compliance.

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#### Appeal Case No. 597 of 2023

A copy of this order be sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab for ensuring compliance of the above directions.

6. Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

CC:

O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

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Sh. Harpal Singh S/o Sh. Jagir Singh,

Village – Riali Kalan, Block - Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil – Batala, Distt. – Gurdaspur -143507(Punjab) (M.-9463149280)

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer.** 

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil – Batala, Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 651 of 2023

Vs

Present: Appellant: Sh. Harpal Singh

Respondent: Absent

<u>ORDER</u>

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated **03.07.2025**, wherein the Commission had noted that despite directions issued on **28.05.2025**, the inspection of the relevant Panchayat records had not been facilitated and a **Show Cause Notice** was issued to the concerned PIO, O/o BDPO Fatehgarh Churian, for failure to comply with the Commission's order and for obstructing access to information. The present V.D.O. was also directed to appear with complete records and an explanation for non-compliance.

- Today, only the appellant is present. He has submitted that no compliance whatsoever
  has been made by the respondent PIO or the office of BDPO, Fatehgarh Churian, despite
  repeated directions of the Commission. No inspection has been facilitated, nor have certified
  copies of the Panchayat records been supplied to date.
- 3. In view of the persistent non-compliance, the disregard of Commission's orders, and the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant in pursuing his right to information, the Commission deems it appropriate to award a compensation of Rs. 3,000 /- (Rupees Three Thousand only) to the appellant. The amount shall be paid by the Public Authority, i.e., O/o BDPO Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur, within 15 days of receipt of this order.
- 4. Failure to comply with these directions shall invite penal proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, and the Commission may also initiate further action to secure enforcement of compliance.
- 5. A copy of this order be sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, for ensuring compliance of the above directions and reporting the status to the Commission.

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6. Next hearing on 03.12.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

CC:

O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

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Advocate Tejinder Singh, (90410 04313)

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,

Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur-144410

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**, **O/o** Regional Transport office, Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Faridkot.

....Respondents

#### APPEAL CASE NO. 5251 OF 2022

.Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of PIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of Order, if any of FAA	Date of Appeal/ Complaint Filed in Commission
14.05.2022		02.08.2022		31.10.2022

#### Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Jaswinder Singh (DEO)

#### ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order of the Commission dated 27.08.2025, wherein it was recorded that the appellant, through email dated 26.08.2025, had confirmed receipt of the requisite information and requested closure of the case. It was also noted that while the information had been supplied, the matter remained pending for compliance of the penalty of ₹10,000/- imposed on the PIO vide order dated 05.07.2024.
- 2. **Today, none of the parties are present.** No compliance report regarding deposit of the penalty amount has been received.
- 3. Accordingly, the matter is **adjourned**, and the **previous order dated 27.08.2025 shall** remain in force.
- 4. <u>Next hearing on 29.10.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information</u> Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Chandigarh **30.09.2025**