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Shri Santokh Raj, (99882-67063)

S/o Shri Harbans Lal,
Village Bidhipur, P.O Dhariwal,
Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Dhariwal,
Distt Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5829 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.07.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent without intimation. 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. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that at the last hearing held on 30.07.2025 the respondent PIO was awarded one last opportunity to supply the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post. The respondent PIO has failed to comply with the Commission's direction.

4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give another **opportunity** to the respondent PIO to supply the sought for information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

5. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Dhariwal, is 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. **To come up on 18.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 30.10.2025

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Shri Chinder Singh, (97804-31575)

S/o Shri Nihal Singh,
R/o Village Ramkot,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Khuiya Sarwar at Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5872 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.07.2025**.

2. The appellant is absent consecutively, but he submitted a letter which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 17781 dated 27.10.2025 mentioning therein that he has received information sought at point nos. 1 and 3 only. Further, he mentioned that the information sought at point nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are still pending. He also requests that penalty be imposed on the respondent PIO for delaying the information and also requests compensation for harassment. The said letter 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 PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. 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 respondent PIO to supply the appellant complete requisite information pertaining to his RTI application through registered post within 15 days from 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 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. To come up on 18.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Sadhu Singh, (98156-97944)

S/o Shri Rattan Singh,
VPO Ramgarh Sardara, Tehsil Payal,
Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Smt. Sukhjeet Kaur (78142-12832)

Public Information Officer-cum-
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Maloud, Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1722 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Sadhu Singh, (98156-97944)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.07.2025**.

2. The appellant Shri Sadhu Singh states that no information has been given to him so far and requests the court for complete requisite information.
3. The respondent is absent consecutively, but an email dated 29.10.2025 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the sought information has already been provided to the appellant. The perusal of the case file shows that at the last hearing held on 30.07.2025 the respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Maloud, was directed to appear in person before the Commission for deliberations. The respondent PIO has failed to comply with the Commission's direction Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to issue this Show Cause Notice to the PIO-cum-BDPO, Maloud, District Ludhiana.
4. The respondent **PIO-cum-BDPO, Maloud, District Ludhiana, Smt. Sukhjeet Kaur**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon her under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **19.11.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1722 OF 2023

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. She may take note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

5. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Smt. Sukhjeet Kaur, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Smt. Sukhjeet Kaur, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure her presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

6. **To come up on 18.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 30.10.2025

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Shri Surinder Kumar, (94631-65327)

S/o Shri BhagwanDass,
Ward No. 8, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil Batala,
Distt Gurdaspur

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fatehgarh Churian, Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1726 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.07.2025**.

2. The respondent is absent without intimation. However, the appellant is also absent, but he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing via email dated 16.10.2025 and also mentioned that he has not received any information from the respondent PIO.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that at the last hearing on 30.07.2025 the appellant was directed to point out deficiencies if any in the supplied information. But the appellant has not pointed out any deficiencies so far.

4. However, in the interest of justice, **one final opportunity** is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to this Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

5. Both parties are directed to appear 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. **To come up on 18.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 30.10.2025

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Shri Jagdish Singh, (98557-74665)

S/o Shri Balvir Singh,
R/o VPO SaidaWala,
Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur - 152004

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
GhallKhurd, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1727 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jagdish Singh (98557-74665)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.07.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

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.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has submitted his reply vide letter dated 26.08.2025 mentioning therein that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant through registered post on 25.09.2023.

5. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the respondent is directed once again provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after 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.

6. The respondent PIO is further 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. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically.

7. **To come up on 18.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 30.10.2025

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Shri Gurnam Singh, (98720-38563)

S/o Shri Karnail Singh,
Village Dakoha, P.O Ghaman, Tehsil Batala,
Distt Gurdaspur.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sri Hargobindpur, Distt Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1753 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Gurnam Singh (98720-38563)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.07.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has received the information from the respondent but the same is not attested.

3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards 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.

4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give another opportunity to the respondent PIO to supply the point wise reply / information after **due attestation** within 10 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

5. The respondent PIO is further directed to be personally present at the next hearing of this appeal case. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 18.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri Tarsem Lal, (98149-17974)

S/o Shri Roshan Lal,
R/o Village Khunder Uttar, Tehsil Guru Harsahai,
Distt Ferozepur – 152023

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Manager, Cooperative Bank,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Manager, Cooperative Bank,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1957 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Tarsem Lal, (98149-17974)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **30.07.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is absent consecutively without intimation. The perusal of the case file shows that the copy of previous order was sent to the respondent was received back in the Commission office by the postal authorities as “undelivered”. The Commission notes that this RTI application was submitted to the respondent PIO on 03.12.2022 and the sought information is still pending. The Commission deems it appropriate to issue the Show Cause Notice to the PIO O/o Manager, Cooperative Bank, Ferozepur.

4. The respondent **PIO O/o Manager, Cooperative Bank, Ferozepur**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **03.12.2022**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1957 OF 2023

5. The respondent PIO O/o Manager, Cooperative Bank, Ferozepur, is directed to supply the reply / information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO O/o Manager, Cooperative Bank, Ferozepur, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

6. **To come up on 18.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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