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Sh. Pawan Kumar, S/o Sh. Shiv Lal,
Village Rupana, Tehsil and District Sri Mukatsar Sahib.
(M.7508780269)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN(Civil),
Punjab Mandi Board, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board, Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2908 of 2025

PRESENT: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Harjeet Singh, SDO (C) on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 23.09.2026 has been received from the appellant, wherein he has stated that he met with an accident and, on account thereof, is unable to attend today's hearing. He has further submitted that the respondent PIO has not furnished the requisite information to him till date.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Harjeet Singh, SDO, submits that the requisite information has been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 23.09.2026 through registered post. The copy of the postal receipt evidencing dispatch of the said communication is taken on record.

4. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to ensure that the requisite information reaches the appellant. The appellant is advised to examine the information upon receipt and, in case any deficiency is found therein, submit his specific rebuttal to the respondent PIO, with a copy to the Commission, within fifteen days of receipt of the information.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th October, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24th September, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Akash Tiwari, S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
2583, Baba Gajja Jain Colony, Moti Nagar,
Tehsil and District Ludhiana. (M.9120037000)
RTI application No.152721.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2794 of 2025

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission for the second successive hearing.
3. During the last hearing, the respondent PIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, was impleaded as a necessary party in the instant case and was directed to appear personally before the Commission. However, at today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor any duly authorised representative on his behalf is present before the Commission. No intimation regarding his absence has been received by the Commission, nor has any request seeking exemption from personal appearance been submitted.
4. The continued absence of the respondent PIO without any prior intimation or sufficient cause is viewed seriously. Such conduct reflects a casual and non-compliant approach towards the proceedings before the Commission and towards the statutory obligations cast upon the Public Information Officer under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
5. However, taking a lenient view, **one last and final opportunity** is hereby granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing. It is made clear that no

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further opportunity shall ordinarily be granted, and in the event of non-appearance by either party without sufficient cause, the instant case shall be proceeded with and decided on merits on the basis of the material available on record.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th October, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 24th September, 2026



Sh. Munish Kumar, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Chand,
Shitla Mandir Colony, St No.2, Heon Road,
Banga, District SBS Nagar. (M.8289000201)
RTI application No.170493.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
SBS Nagar.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2858 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Harmesh Singh, Reader on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission for the second successive hearing.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Harmesh Singh, Reader, submits that he has brought the requisite information for handing over the same personally to the appellant at today's hearing.

4. In view of the above, the respondent PIO is directed to dispatch the requisite information to the appellant through registered post by tomorrow, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO shall also place on record a copy of the postal receipt as proof of dispatch.

5. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the appellant to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 03rd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 24th September, 2026

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Sh. Rajeev Verma, # 26, Khalsa College Avenue,
Post Office Majitha Enclave, Patiala.
(M.9779585278).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Patiala.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2933 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Rajeev Verma, the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that despite the lapse of nearly two years, complete information has still not been furnished to him. He, therefore, requests that appropriate directions be issued to the respondent PIO for furnishing the complete information pertaining to Point Nos. 6 to 12 of the RTI application.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any duly authorised representative on his behalf is present before the Commission at today's hearing. No intimation regarding his absence has been received by the Commission, nor has any request seeking exemption from personal appearance been submitted.

4. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to communicate the deficiencies in the information received by him, in writing, to the respondent PIO, with a copy thereof to the Commission, within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order. The respondent PIO is directed to duly examine the deficiencies so pointed out and remove the same by furnishing the complete and point-wise information, as permissible under the provisions of the RTI Act, within the stipulated period and without any further delay. In case of non-compliance with the aforesaid directions, the respondent PIO shall be liable for appropriate penal consequences in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act.

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5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 03rd December, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24th September, 2026

Sd/-
(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Sukhwinder Jeet Sohi,
S/o Sh. Charan Dass, R/o Mohalla Salwara,
Post Office Bharwahi Ratta, Hoshiarpur,
(M.6238377535).

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Social Welfare Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Social Welfare Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2141 of 2025

Present: (i) Sh. Sukhwinder Jeet Sohi, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Harpal Singh, DSWO-cum-PIO along with Sh. Naresh Kumar, Suptd., the respondent PIO.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO-cum-DSWO, Sh. Harpal Singh, has filed a written submission stating that the RTI application dated 09.07.2024 the appellant has sought certain information, in response to which a reply was furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 23.07.2024, stating that the matter was under consideration and, therefore, the information could not be disclosed at that stage. Subsequently, the appellant filed a First Appeal dated 18.09.2024, which was disposed of vide reply dated 27.11.2024, reiterating that the matter was still under consideration.

3. The appellant submits that the matter was finally decided in December 2024. He further submits that, despite the matter having been finalised, the requisite information was not furnished to him. He states that he filed the Second Appeal before the Commission on 03.04.2025, and that the first hearing was scheduled for 01.06.2026, yet the requisite information was not furnished to him. He further submits that the information sought is material to his claim for seniority benefits. He has since retired from service and submits that, due to the delay on the part of the department, he has been deprived of the opportunity to secure the consequential benefits and is now required to seek appropriate relief before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.

4. Upon careful perusal of the record and the submissions made by the parties, it is observed that, although the matter was admittedly finalised in December 2024, the respondent department failed to furnish the final action taken report/information to the appellant thereafter. The continued withholding of

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the information, despite finalisation of the matter, warrants serious consideration. It is further observed that neither the respondent PIO nor any duly authorised representative appeared before the Commission during the last two consecutive hearings. Such repeated non-appearance, without satisfactory explanation, reflects a casual and non-serious approach towards the proceedings and the directions of the Commission.

5. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to file an affidavit affirming, the name and designation of the official(s) responsible for the delay in furnishing the requisite information to the appellant, along with a clear explanation of the circumstances leading to such delay. The respondent PIO is further directed to file a written reply to the Show Cause Notice issued vide order dated 15.07.2026, within the stipulated period, failing which the matter shall be considered and proceeded with in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, including the consequences contemplated under Section 20 of the RTI Act. The directions contained herein shall be complied with in letter and spirit before the next date of hearing.

6. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. Failure to attend the Hearing will compel the Commission to ensure their presence through service of a **Bailable Warrant**.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th October, 2026 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 24th September, 2026

Cc:

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Social Welfare Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

(By name) (For compliance)



Ms. Alisha, D/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar,
Near Jain School Kuke Dr. Street,
Tehsil and District Mansa. (M.8699225018)
RTI application No.186686.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Agriculture, Punjab,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director Agriculture, Punjab,
Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.3780 of 2025

Present: (i) Ms. Alisha, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Mohinder Singh, Superintendent, Ms. Rupinder Kaur, Sr. Assistant along with Sh. Amit Kumar, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Mohinder Singh, Superintendent, along with Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Clerk, and Sh. Amit Kumar, Clerk, submits that, in compliance with the directions issued by the Commission, they have brought the original record for perusal of the Bench.

3. Upon perusal of the original record, it is observed that the name of one candidate, namely Sh. Davinder Singh S/o Sh. Gurlal Singh (General Category), appears twice, at Sr. No. 81 and Sr. No. 102, in the list of candidates called for issuance of appointment letters. On being specifically asked by the Bench, the respondent PIO candidly admits that the repetition of the name has occurred due to a clerical/typing error.

4. In view of the aforesaid admission, the respondent PIO is directed to file an affidavit affirming the aforesaid factual position and clearly stating that the repetition of the name of Sh. Davinder Singh at Sr. Nos. 81 and 102 was occasioned by a clerical/typing error. The affidavit shall be filed before the Commission within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order, with a copy thereof simultaneously furnished to the appellant. The respondent PIO is further directed to clarify the factual position in the matter to produce the Birth Certificates of Sh. Davinder Singh pertaining to Sr. Nos. 81 and 102 for the perusal of the Bench on the next date of hearing.

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Appeal Case No.3780 of 2025

The respondent PIO shall ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid directions within the stipulated period and shall produce the requisite record before the Bench on the date fixed.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th October, 2026 at 12:00 noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated: 24th September, 2026

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh, S/o Sh. Karnail Singh,
Bhullarheri, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur.
(M.8283848898) RTI application No.169545.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab, Sector:35/A,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab, Sector:35/A,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2896 of 2025

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Gurparteeek Singh Goel, Sr. Assistant (Establishment Branch) along with Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Sr. Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 14.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. It is observed that the appellant has remained absent for the second consecutive hearing.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Gurparteeek Singh Goel, Senior Assistant (Establishment Branch), has filed a written submission in compliance with the directions issued by the Commission. It is stated therein that the information sought regarding the posts of Sanitary Supervisors pertains to the non-provincialized cadre and that the appointment to such posts is made by the respective Municipal Councils and Municipal Corporations in the State of Punjab. It is further submitted that there are 161 Municipal Councils/Municipal Corporations, each having its own designated PIO, and that the appellant may seek the requisite information directly from the concerned local body/department. A copy of the written submission has been taken on record. The respondent further submits that the said reply has already been conveyed to the appellant.

4. In view of the aforesaid position, the appellant is advised to approach the concerned Municipal Council/Municipal Corporation, as per his specific requirement, and file a fresh RTI application before the concerned PIO for obtaining the requisite information. The appellant has remained absent for the second

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consecutive hearing without any intimation to the Commission. In view of the reply furnished by the respondent PIO and the appellant's continued non-appearance, it appears that the appellant has no further grievance with regard to the present proceedings and does not intend to pursue the matter further.

5. In view of the foregoing, no further cause of action survives in the instant appeal case. Accordingly, the same is hereby **disposed of and closed**. Copies of this order be sent to the parties concerned.

Dated: 24th September, 2026

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