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Sh. Pran Babu, S/o Sh. Murari Lal,
H.No.7299, Sukhera Basti, ABohar,
District Fazilka. (M.9888360335)
RTI application No.138101. **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner ,
Fazilka. **…Respondents**

Appeal Case No.6410 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Vikram Dhuria, E.O the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 02.08.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.10.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

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

3. The respondent PIO, Sh. Vikram Dhuria, E.O., submits that the requisite information has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 18.09.2024. A copy of the said letter is taken on record.

4. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to go through the information 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.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Amandeep Singh Andotra Advocate,
Chamber No.133, District Courts, Pathankot.
(M.7888729823) **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Turst, Pathankot,

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot. **…Respondents**

Appeal Case No.6387 of 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 05.08.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 12.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 26.10.2026 received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to pre-scheduled court hearings and professional commitments, he is unable to appear before the Commission.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present for today's hearing. However, an email dated 22.10.2026 has been received from the respondent PIO vide which the requisite information has been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 19.10.2026. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. Accordingly, the appellant is advised 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 delibertaions to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Amandeep Singh Andotra Advocate,
Chamber No.133, District Courts, Pathankot.
(M.7888729823)

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur.

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

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.6388 of 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 03.08.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 26.10.2026 received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to pre-scheduled court hearings and professional commitments, he is unable to appear before the Commission.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Notice of the Commission.

4. Nevertheless, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised 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.

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5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions 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 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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(M.7888729823)

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Batala, District Gurdaspur.

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

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.6389 of 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 03.08.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 26.10.2026 received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to pre-scheduled court hearings and professional commitments, he is unable to appear before the Commission.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Notice of the Commission.

4. Nevertheless, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply/information along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised 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.

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5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions 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 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Mulak Singh,
292, Panchayati Gali, Tehsil and District Gurdaspur.
(M.8054211214) RTI application No.121222.

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Gurdaspur.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.4545 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 25.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.05.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Maluk Singh,
292, Panchayati Gali, Tehsil & District Gurdaspur.
(M.8054211214) RTI application No.142117.

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Punjab Mohali.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.6347 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 03.09.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.10.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Satnam Singh, S/o Sh. Sukhwinder Singh,
H.No. B-14/422, Fateh Singh Nagar Dhanaula Road,
Tehsil and District Barnala. (M.9417217995)
RTI application No.120525.

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI(SE), Punjab,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DPI(SE), Punjab,
Mohali.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.4543 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 21.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 22.05.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Jasvir Singh, S/o Sh. Sardar Piara Singh,
Village and Post Office Pamali, District Ludhiana
(M.9878700325) **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Market Committee,
Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o General Managar,
Enforcement, Mandi Board,
Punjab, Mohali.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.6806 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh.Neeraj Kumar, Clerk on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 15.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 21.08.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.11.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 26.10.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to ill health, he is unable to attend today's hearing and has requsted for exemption from personal appearance.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Neeraj Kumar, Clerk, has placed on record an acknowledgment signed by the appellant confirming receipt of the information. The same is taken on record.

4. Since the appellant is absent at today's hearing, a last and final opportunity is granted to him to appear before the Commission and present his case. In the event of his failure to appear on the next date of hearing, it shall be presumed that he has nothing further to submit, and the case shall be decided on merits on the basis of the material available on record.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Pooja Gupta)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Jasvir Singh, S/o Sh. Sardar Piara Singh,
Village and Post Office Pamali, District Ludhiana
(M.9878700325) **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Market Committee,
Dhuri, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o General Managar,
Enforcement, Mandi Board,
Punjab, Mohali.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.6808 of 2024

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

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 15.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 20.08.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.11.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 26.10.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to ill health, he is unable to attend today's hearing and has requsted for exemption from personal appearance.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Manpreet Singh, Mandi Supervisor, submits that the appellant was requested to deposit the requisite documentation fee of Rs. 1,232/- vide letter dated 05.08.2024. However, the appellant has not deposited the said fee, so far.

4. In view of the above, last opportunity is granted to the appellant to deposit the requisite documentation fee/copying cost of Rs. 1,232/- with the respondent PIO and obtain the sought-for information without any further delay. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 27th October, 2026

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Sh. Jasvir Singh, S/o Sh. Sardar Piara Singh,
Village and Post Office Pamali, District Ludhiana
(M.9878700325) **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Mandi Officer,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o General Managar,
Enforcement, Mandi Board,
Punjab, Mohali.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.6807 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Sh. Darshan Lal, Accoutant, Ms. Sukhwinder Kaur, Accoutant along with Ms. Hardeep Kaur, Accoutant, on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 15.07.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 05.08.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.11.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent. However, an email dated 26.10.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that due to ill health, he is unable to attend today's hearing and has requsted for exemption from personal appearance.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Darshan Lal, Accoutant, Ms. Sukhwinder Kaur, Accoutant along with Ms. Hardeep Kaur, Accoutant, submit that the appellant was requested to deposit the requisite documentation fee of Rs. 1072/- vide letter dated 05.08.2024. However, the appellant has not deposited the said fee, so far.

4. In view of the above, last opportunity is granted to the appellant to deposit the requisite documentation fee/copying cost of Rs. 1072/- with the respondent PIO and obtain the sought-for information without any further delay. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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Appeal Case No.6807 of 2024

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Punjab

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Sh. Viney Pushkarna, S/o Sh.Som Nath,
Pushkarna Niwas, B2nd 34, Tehsil Batala,
District Gurdaspur, (M.7355212966)
RTI application No.138353.

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Council,
Quadian, Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (G),
Gurdaspur.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6066 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 14.08.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Viney Pushkarna, S/o Sh.Som Nath,
Pushkarna Niwas, B2nd 34, Tehsil Batala,
District Gurdaspur, (M.7355212966)
RTI application No.138354.

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Council,
Quadian, Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (G),
Gurdaspur.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6067 of 2024

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 14.08.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.09.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO is present. No intimation regarding their non-availability has been received by the Commission from either side. The absence of the respondent PIO is viewed seriously.

3. In the interest of justice, **last opportunity** is granted to both the parties to appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing and to state the facts and circumstances of the case. The respondent PIO shall also ensure compliance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, if not already done. It is made clear that in case of failure to appear on the next date of hearing without sufficient cause, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law.

4. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Parveen Kumar Saini,S/o Sh. Janak Raj Saini,
R/o New Shastri Nagar, Pathankot. (M.9814544794).

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
GramPanchayat, Phul Pyara,
Block Sujanpur, District Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sujanpur, District Pathankot.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.7425 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Parveen Kumar, the appellant.
(ii) Sh. Vijay Kumar, Panchayat Secretary along with Sh. Rajesh Saini, GRS on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 11.12.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.12.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant states that after the lapse of nearly three years, no information has been furnished to him by the respondent PIO.

3. The respondent PIO represented by Sh. Vijay Kumar, Panchayat Secretary along with Sh. Rajesh Saini, GRS submit that they have brough the information to deliver it personally to the appellant. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant.

4. In view of the above, the appellant is advised to go through the information 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 delibertaions to take the matter to its logical end.

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Gurnam Singh,
126-B, Sector:37/A, Chandigarh.
(M.98763658404) RTI application No.114707. **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Kapurthala. **…Respondents**

Appeal Case No.4544 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Rajneesh Bharara on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 13.03.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 27.04.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. The appellant has authorized Sh. Rajneesh Bharara to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant submits that the RTI application filed on 13.03.2024 seeking specific information regarding the appointment, selection committee details, educational qualifications submitted documents, appointment letter and salary details of Ms. Sheetal Kohli at S.D.Kanya Mahavidyalaya Senior Secondary School, Phagwara. The representative of the appellant further submits that despite the lapse of more than two and a half years, the requisite information has not been provided to the appellant. He has also placed on record certain judicial citations in support of his contention that the information sought by the appellant does not fall within the ambit of third-party information. The same are taken on record for consideration.

3. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present for today's hearing, which shows their casual approach towards the Notice of the Commission.

4. Nevertheless, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to file a point-wise written reply along with the documentary evidence in an annotated form and a copy of the same be sent to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO in case of any deficiency found

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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.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions 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 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Maluk Singh,
292, Panchayati Gali, Tehsil & District Gurdaspur.
(M.8054211214) RTI application No.134274. **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Batala, District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Batala, District Gurdaspur.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.6332 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Ms. Jyoti, Superintendent-cum-PIO along with Sh. Neeraj Fire Officer-cum-APIO, the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 03.09.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.10.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.10.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

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

3. The respondent PIO Ms. Jyoti, Superintendent along with Sh. Neeraj Fire Officer-cum-APIO submit that the requisite information has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 09.09.2024. A copy of the said letter is taken on record.

4. Accordingly, the appellant is advised to go through the information 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.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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Appeal Case No.6332 of 2024

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Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu,
153, Akash Nagar, Central Post Office,
Ludhiana. (M.9463989230). **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Conservator of Forests,
North Circle, Hoshiarpur.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.4535 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh.Bharat Bhushan Mattu, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Amarbir Singh, Block Officer on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 18.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 24.05.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submitted that after the lapse of two years no information has been furnished to him by the respondent PIO till date and requested that appropriate directions be issued to the respondent PIO for furnishing the requisite information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Amarbir Singh, Block Officer submits that the information has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 25.09.2026. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant refused to receive any information/reply from any of the department. Accordingly, **one more opportunity** is granted to the respondent PIO to send the information to the appellant again by registered post within a week, under intimation to the Commssion. The appellant is also advised 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.

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5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions 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 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu,
153, Akash Nagar, Central Post Office,
Ludhiana. (M.9463989230). **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Conservator of Forests,
North Circle, Hoshiarpur.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.4537 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh.Bharat Bhushan Mattu, the appellant (through cisco webex)
(ii) Sh. Amarbir Singh, Block Officer on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 02.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.05.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submitted that after the lapse of two years no information has been furnished to him by the respondent PIO till date and requested that appropriate directions be issued to the respondent PIO for furnishing the requisite information.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Amarbir Singh, Block Officer submits that the information has already been furnished to the appellant vide letter dated 23.10.2026. Copy of the same is taken on record.

4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant refused to receive any information/reply from any of the department. 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.

5. Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions 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**.

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6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Satnam Singh, S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village Mohan Ke Uttar, Tehsil Guruharsahai,
District Ferozepur. (M.9878954523) RTI applicaitonNo. 103871.

….Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chairman,
Punjab Public Service Commission,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chairman,
Punjab Public Service Commission,
Patiala.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.4540 of 2024

Present: (i) The appellant is absent.
(ii) Ms. Rekha Rani, Suptd.,on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 25.12.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.01.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant is absent, without intimation.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Ms. Rekha Rani, Superintendent, submits that the RTI application does not pertain to their department and that a reply in this regard has already been conveyed to the appellant vide letter dated 05.02.2024. She further submits that the RTI application may pertain either to the Forest Department, Patiala, or the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala.

4. In view of the above submissions and in the absence of the appellant, it is not feasible for the Commission to ascertain the exact public authority to which the RTI application pertains. Accordingly, one more opportunity is granted to the appellant to appear in person before the Commission and clarify his case, particularly with regard to the public authority concerned, so that the matter may be proceeded with appropriately. It is made clear that in case the appellant fails to appear on the next date of hearing, it shall be presumed that he is no longer interested in pursuing the matter, and the Commission shall proceed to decide the case on the basis of the material available on record.

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Appeal Case No.4540 of 2024

5. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Rajiv Kumar Farand, S/o Sh. Dhani Ram,
Near Court Complex, Tehsil Giddarbaha,
District Sri Mukatsar Sahib. (M.98786600099)
RTI application No. 103864. **….Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

…Respondents

Appeal Case No.4548 of 2024

Present: (i) Sh. Rajiv Kumar Farand, the appellant (through cisco webex).
(ii) Sh. Vikramjit Singh, Legal Assistant on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated 15.04.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 20.05.2024 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.07.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e.27.10.2026.

2. At today's hearing, the appellant submits that despite the lapse of more than two years, no information has been furnished to him by the respondent PIO. He further submits that he is the father of two children who were enrolled at Akal Academy, Daula, during the academic session 2023–24. Therefore, being the parent of the students, he claims to have the right to know the details regarding the total number of students enrolled in the academy, fees charged from the students, salaries paid to employees and funds available with the school.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Sh. Vikramjit Singh, Legal Assistant, submits that Akal Academy, Daula, is a private, unaided educational institution and has refused to disclose any information, except the total number of students enrolled therein. He further submits that the said academy is neither receiving any grant nor any financial assistance from the Government.

4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by both parties and perused the available record. It is observed that under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005, a private institution does not automatically fall within the definition of a public authority merely because it is engaged in providing educational services. However, information relating to a private body can be accessed under Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, if such information is accessible to a public authority under any other law for the time being in force.

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5. Further, Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, specifically includes information relating to a private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law. Therefore, the fact that Akal Academy, Daula, is a private, unaided institution does not, by itself, exclude all information concerning it from the purview of the RTI Act, 2005. The relevant consideration is whether the information sought is accessible to the concerned public authority under the applicable law.

6. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to verify and ascertain whether Akal Academy, Daula, is entirely privately managed and unaided or is receiving any grant or financial assistance from the Government. In case the said academy is found to be a private, unaided institution, the respondent PIO shall file a detailed affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, duly attested by a Notary Public, clearly specifying its status, funding pattern and whether it receives any grant or financial assistance from any Government department or public authority.

7. Meanwhile, the appellant is also directed to submit a detailed written submission, duly supported by relevant documents, demonstrating the larger public interest involved in seeking the information, particularly with regard to the details of students' enrolment, fee collection, employees' salaries and school funds, so that the Commission may examine the matter in the light of the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, including Sections 2(f), 2(h) and 8(1)(j). Both the parties are also directed to remain present for delibertaions to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

8. With this, the case is **adjourned to 28th January, 2027 at 12.00 Noon for hearing at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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