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Sh Rajesh Kumar, (M-9815148139)  
S/o Sh Kewal Kumar, Flat No 11A,  
Sridevi Ji Residency, Kishanpura,  
Dhakoli, Zirakpur

.....Appellant .

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SSP, Mohali

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SSP, Mohali

.....Respondent

**AC No. 2903 of 2023**

Present :- (i) Sh. Rajesh Kumar the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant Sh. Rajesh Kumar states that no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that during the last hearing the respondent was directed to again send the copy of information, duly certified, to the appellant. But today the respondent is not present. Taking a lenient view, one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to provide copy of information, duly certified to the appellant within twenty days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

5. To come up on **29.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :12.05.2026**

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Shri Malkit Singh, (78375 37570)  
S/o Shri Piara Singh, Village Lalleh,  
P.O Karahewala, Block Makhu,  
Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozepur.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,  
Block Makhu, District Ferozepur.

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

Respondents

**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 464 OF 2022**  
**(CONVERTED INTO APPEAL CASE)**

Present :- (i) Sh.Malkit Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the earlier numerous orders passed by the former SIC Sh. Maninder Singh Patti vide which the respondent was not present and the appellant stated that no information was given to him so far. After his retirement the said appeal case was reallocated to the undersigned and the notice was issued to the parties for 08.01.2025. On 08.01.2025, neither the appellant nor the respondent was present. Accordingly, the appeal was adjourned on 08.04.2025. However on 08.04.2025 the appeal case was postponed and fixed for hearing on 30.04.2025. On 30.04.2025 again the respondent was not present, hence a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO. On the next date of hearing, i.e. 12.06.2025, respondent was again absent hence one last and final opportunity was given to him. Accordingly, the case was adjourned on 16.09.2025. On 16.09.2025, again the respondent was not present hence bailable warrant was issued to the respondent PIO through SSP Ferozepur. On the next date i.e. 22.01.2026 again the respondent was absent. Hence copy of the order was sent to Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab Civil Sectt-2, Sector 9, Chandigarh with the directions to ensure the presence of the concerned Public Information



**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 464 OF 2022**  
**(CONVERTED INTO APPEAL CASE)**

Officer, o/o BDPO, Block Makhu, District Ferozepur. Hence, the case was adjourned to be heard on 12.05.2026 i.e. today.

2. Today again no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent. Neither they have informed the Commission about his absence nor filed their reply to the show-cause notice. In this case, it is derived that the respondent-PIO has no respect for the orders of the Commission to be present, either himself or through his representative in the Court. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO.

3. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. **25000/-** (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO-O/o BDPO, Block Makhu, Ferozepur. Therefore, the Commission impose a penalty of **Rs. 25000/- (Rs. Twenty Five thousands only) on PIO-O/o BDPO, Block Makhu, Ferozepur**. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of O/o DDPO, Ferozepur is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 25000/- from the salary of **PIO-O/o BDPO, Block Makhu, Ferozepur** and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services  
60 other Services  
800-Other Receipts  
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

4. *The Commission has also taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of respondent-PIO. Hence, strict disciplinary action is also recommended against respondent-PIO as contemplated under Section 20 (2) RTI Act 2005.*

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**COMPLAINT CASE NO. 464 OF 2022**  
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5. *Accordingly, copy of this order be sent to Director, Rural Development and Panchayats with these directions that to ensure compliance of the order passed by the Commission by deducting penalty of Rs. 25000/- from the salary of Respondent-PIO and also to take strict disciplinary action against him under relevant service rules for wilful defiance of directions of PSIC and submit an action taken report within thirty days of receiving of this order.*

6. To come up on **23.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :12.05.2026**

CC-Director, Rural Development and Panchayats (*for necessary compliance*)  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar

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Sh. Jeet Singh Member Panchayat,  
S/o Sh. Inder Singh, Village Nawan Hasta ,  
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka-152123  
M : 9855879470

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DDPO, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o ADC (D), Fazilka.

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 178 OF 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present and the order was sent to Financial Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayats.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent has not attended any hearing in the Commission. This shows that they have no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. This is crux of law. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally.

3. To come up on **18.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :12.05.2026

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
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**BAILABLE WARRANT OF PRODUCTION**

BEFORE Dr. BHUPINDER SINGH BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

In case of Jeet Singh vs. PIO o/o, DDPO, Fazilka

Complaint/Appeal No. : AC : 178 of 2024

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005.

**NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 18.08.2026**

To

**SSP, Fazilka**

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o DDPO, Fazilka has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, O/o DDPO, Fazilka to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on **18.08.2026 at 11.30 AM and** submit his written submissions.

Sd/-

Chandigarh  
12.05.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder Singh Batth)  
State Information Commissioner  
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Sh.MadanLal, S/o Sh. Om Parkash,  
Zone -2 H No. 10803, Street No. 18  
Guru TegBahadur Nagar  
Parinda Road 18, Bathinda -151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Commissioner, MC ,Bathinda

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 658 OF 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2026 passed by the Commission vide which an inspection rights were given to the appellant.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The respondent has sent an email mentioning therein that as per directions given by the Commission during the last hearing, the appellant has inspected the record and given in writing that "*point no. 7 to 15 information already received. For Sr. No. 11 and 12 information (sanitation branch) also received already. Point no.1 to 6 not concern with sanitary branch.*"

The appellant has also sent an email stating that he has not received information pertaining to 1 to 6 points so far. Further he has demanded online hearing his case.

3. Considering the request of the appellant the above said case is adjourned to **06.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings through Video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :12.05.2026**

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Street No. 18, Guru TegBahadur Nagar  
Parinda Road 18, Bathinda - 151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Mc, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 615 OF 2024**

Present :- None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2026 passed by the Commission vide an inspection rights were given to the appellant.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The respondent has sent a letter mentioning therein that as per directions given by the Commission during the last hearing, the appellant has inspected the record. He adds that the information pertaining to point nos.1 and 2 has been given to the appellant. The appellant has also sent an email vide which he has demanded online hearing his case.

3. Considering the request of the appellant the above said case is adjourned to **06.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings through Video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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Sh.Harbhagat Singh Grewal,  
S/o Sardar Jasbir Singh Grewal,  
R/o House No. 151 m Block J,  
Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001

..... Appellant

.Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

**AC No. 2140 of 2023**

Present:-None for the parties.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.02.2026, passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submission via mail which is taken on record. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority.

3. It is clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer will be procured by recommended disciplinary action in this case to the competent authority as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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**AC No. 2140 of 2023**

4. With this, the case is adjourned to **02.07.2026 at 11:30 A. M.** for further hearing in the Commission. Also a copy of this order be sent to Director Health and Family Welfare Punjab with these directions that to ensure compliance of the orders passed by the Commission.

5. To come up on **02.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :12.05.2026**

CC: Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab (*for compliance*)  
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector-34, Chandigarh

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Sh Sukhwinder Singh, (M-9814907131)  
S/o ShDarshansingh,  
R/o Village FaridewalaHithar,  
Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur-152021

..... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Ferozepur

.Vs

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

**AC No. 3832 of 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh.Sukhwinder Singh the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 08.04.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.07.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.05.2026 in the Commission

3. Sh. Sukhwinder Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated 08.04.2025 and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

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**AC No. 3832 of 2025**

4. To come up on **03.09.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :12.05.2026**

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Sh.Ankit Sehgal, C/o  
Bombay Studio, Near Main Post Office  
Chowk, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o SDO, provincial, Sub Division  
PWD B&R, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority  
O/o SE Construction Circle,  
PWD B&R, Bathinda

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 439 OF 2024**

Present :- (i) Sh.Ankit Sehgal the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None for the respondent

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.01.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Sh.Ankit Sehgal the appellant states that incomplete information has been given to him so far. He further states that as per directions given by the Commission , he has pointed out deficiencies to the respondent.

3. Respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is ascertained that the appellant has pointed out deficiencies to the respondent but the respondent has not provided any information to the appellant after removal of deficiencies. Today the respondent is not present. Taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to remove the deficiencies, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act will be initiated.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 439 OF 2024**

6. To come up on **28.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :12.05.2026**

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Sh Ashok Kumar,  
s/o Sh Charanji Lal,  
Suraj Vihar, Ferozepur (M-85915-74145)

..... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Ferozepur

.Vs

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

..... Respondent

**AC No. 5628 of 2025**

Present :- None for the parties

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 05.06.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.09.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.09.2014 in the Commission.

3. Today both the parties are not present. They have sent an email vide which they requested their hearing for online hearing. Considering the request of both the parties the above said appeal case is adjourned on **13.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. sd/-

**Date : 12.05.2026**

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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Sh Rashpal Singh, (M-99143-77466)  
S/o ShSatnam Singh,  
R/o Village Jeva Arai,  
Block/Tehsil Guruharsahai,  
Distt Ferozepur-152024

..... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai,  
DisttFerozepur

**.Vs**

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

**AC No. 6137of 2025**

Present :- (i)Sh Rashpal Singh alongwith Sh. Mandeep Singh, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 16.06.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.05.2026 in the Commission
3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.

5. Sh. Amar Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s). To come up **on 08.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date :12.05.2026**

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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S/o Sh Satnam Singh, R/o Village Jeva Arai,  
Block/Tehsil Guruharsahai,  
Distt Ferozepur-152024

..... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai,  
Distt Ferozepur

.Vs

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

..... Respondent

**AC No. 6135of 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh Rashpal Singh, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 16.06.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.05.2026 in the Commission
3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.

5. Sh. Amar Singh stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application dated and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s). To come up on **08.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. sd/-

**Date :12.05.2026**

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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Ms Amar Kaur, (M-8194928730)  
W/o ShJeet Singh,  
Village Mandiani, Tehsil- Ludhiana West-141101

..... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SMO, Ludhiana

.Vs

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o CMO, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

**AC No. 6981of 2025**

Present :- (i) Sh Baljeet Singh, on behalf of the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 25.08.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.11.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. Sh Baljeet Singh, is appearing on behalf of the appellant with authority letter. He states that no information has been provided till date.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
5. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent is not present today. They have not informed the Commission about their absence. However, the respondent has sent a letter to the appellant dated 03.09.2025 intimating that the information sought by her cannot be provided u/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act. Hence, the appellant is given an opportunity to file her rejoinder regarding the contention of the respondent, on the next date of hearing. Further, the respondent is also directed to be present on the next date of hearing *failing which, action u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act will be initiated*. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **08.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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**Date :12.05.2026**

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Dhuri, Distt Sangrur-148024

..... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o SDO, Panchayati Raj,  
PWD, Malerkotla

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o SDO, Panchayati Raj,  
PWD, Malerkotla

.Vs

.....Respondent

**AC No.7301 of 2025**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant

(ii) For the respondent- Sh Ajay Verma, Supdt. (88472-97151), Sh Rajesh Kansal, XEN  
And Ms Prabhjot Kaur, SDO

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 12.08.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.12.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sought an adjournment from today's hearing through a letter received in the Commission vide diary no. 9523 dated 12.05.2026.
4. Sh Ajay Verma, Superintendent has sought time to provide the information.
5. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. The appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which appropriate orders shall be passed. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **08.07.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Village Batta, PO Garangan,  
Tehsil Kharar, Distt Mohali

..... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o BDPO, Kharar, Distt Mohali

**.Vs**

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o ADC (D) Mohali

.....Respondent

**AC No.3681 of 2024**

Present :- (i) None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Hardeep Singh, PanchayatSecy (9914755099)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 16.11.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.05.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.05.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant is not present today.
4. The respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant.
5. This is the first date of hearing and the appellant is not present today. Hence, an opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission and state his case. Further, it has also been observed that the respondent has also failed to file his reply today. Hence, the respondent is also directed to file his point-wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant, on the next date of hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on 21.07.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

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ShKewalKrishan, (M-7307378009)  
S/o ShMoti Ram,  
Ward no. 17, H No. 527,  
RamganjMandi, Moga-142001

..... Appellant

**.Vs**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o TehsildarMoga

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o SDM Moga

.....Respondent

**AC No.3252 of 2024**

Present :- (i)ShKewalKrishan, appellant alongwithShJatinderGoyal  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2026 vide which the respondent had sought time.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.He has also filed his submission vide Commission diary no. 9155 dated 07.05.2026.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 21.08.2023, but after lapse of more than two years, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. This is indeed a serious matter

4. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It is felt that conduct of Respondent is against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which has been enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities.

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**AC No.3252 of 2024**

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the Commission, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to **PIO , O/o TehsildarMogaas** to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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.

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on 09.07.2026 at 11:30AM for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh.Amit Gupta, S/o Sh. Surender Kumar,  
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 509 OF 2024**

Present :- (i)None for the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- ShKrishan Ram, Accounts Clerk (Accounts Branch)  
(88496-24463) and ShHarpreet Singh, Clerk (License Branch) (6283001289)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.01.2026 vide which the appellant was directed to visit the Office of the appellant on 27.01.2026 and inspect the relevant record.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, Sh MadanLal-representative for the appellant has sent an e-mail through which he has requested that his case be heard through Video-conference/ online hearing facility. Further, he has also intimated that as directed, he had gone to inspect the record but the complete information pertaining to point no. 3,4,5,6,8 and 9 has not been provided by the respondent.

3. Sh Harpreet Singh, clerk (License Branch) states that the information pertaining to point no. 7, as related to them has been provided to the appellant. Further, Sh Krishan Ram, Accounts Clerk (Accounts Branch) states that they have sent the information/reply pertaining to point no.9 to the appellant. He has also brought copy of the same today.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 509 OF 2024**

4. In view of the above, the copy of information/reply pertaining to point no.9, as brought by the respondent, is again sent to the appellant. Further, the respondent-PIO is also directed to provide complete information pertaining to point no's 3,4,5,6 and 8 to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Further, the appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **06.08.2026 at 11:30AM through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC, Bathinda**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :12.05.2026**

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ShManjit Singh, (M-84274-98620)  
S/o ShGurcharan Singh,  
R/o Village Manemajra,  
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, DisttRopar

..... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**

**.Vs**

O/o MD, Milkfed, Pb  
SCO 153-155, Sector -34A, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o MD, Milkfed, Pb  
SCO 153-155, Sector -34A, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**AC No. 6716of 2025**

Present :- (i) ShManjit Singh, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Ashwani Parashar, Advocate for the respondent  
(88472-35362)

**ORDER**

The RTI application is dated 06.08.2025 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.11.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 12.05.2026 in the Commission.

3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.

4. Sh Ashwani Parashar, advocate is appearing on behalf of the respondent today. He has filed his Vakalatnama. He states that the information cannot be provided as Milkfed is not a public authority under the RTI Act. Further, the respondent has also relied upon the judgment of The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No.9017 (& 9020, 9029 and 9023) of 2013, Thalappalam Ser. Coop. Bank. Ltd. and others.Vs State of Kerala and others decided on 07.10.2013. He has also filed his reply in this regard, which is taken on record.

5. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the appellant to file his rejoinder regarding the contention of the respondent, on the next date of hearing. Both the parties

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**AC No. 6716of 2025**

are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **09.07.2026** at **11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, Advocate,  
Chamber No 353A, District Court,  
Distt Bathinda.M : 9814230616

.....Appellant

.Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35,  
Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35,  
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**AC No.5372of 2022**

Present :- (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Tarnjit Singh, Supdt. (94652-23582)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2026 vide which the appellant was directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing i.e today.

2. Today the appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. Further, the respondent has also filed his reply to the show-cause notice.

4. Today the RTI of the appellant has been discussed between both the parties. Thereafter it has been ascertained that the respondent has appropriately addressed the RTI of the appellant, except point no. 2. Regarding point no. 2 the respondent is directed to provide complete information relating to the appellant only. Further, the respondent has

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**AC No.5372of 2022**

filed his reply to the show-cause notice, which is convincing. Hence, the proceedings u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act are hereby dropped.

5. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. To come up on **21.07.2026 at 11:30 AM in the** Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Dated :12.05.2026**

**Sd/-  
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Sh. LajpatRaiGarg, Advocate,  
Chamber No 353A, DistrictCourt,  
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M : 9814230616

.....Appellant

.Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Secretary Local Govt., Punjab  
Civil Sectt-1, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Secretary Local Govt., Punjab  
Civil Sectt-1, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**AC No. 1018of 2023**

Present :- (i)Sh. LajpatRaiGarg, Advocate  
(ii) For the respondent- ShTarnjit Singh, Supdt. (94652-23582)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2026 vide which the appellant was directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing i.e today.

2. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. Further, the respondent has also filed his reply to the show-cause notice.
4. The orders in this case are **Reserved** and shall be pronounced in due course of time.

Sd/-

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**Punjab**

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.....Appellant

.Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o ADC (UD), Faridkot

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o ADC (UD), Faridkot

.....Respondent

**AC No. 4207of 2023**

Present :- (i)Sh. LajpatRaiGarg, appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- None

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2026vide which the appellant was directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing i.e today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have not even filed any reply.

4. In view of the above, *last and final opportunity* is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on 27.08.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

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**State Information Commissioner**  
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.....Appellant

.Vs

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o SDM, Jaito, Distt.Faridkot

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o SDM, Jaito, Distt.Faridkot

.....Respondent

**AC No.3517of 2023**

Present :- (i)ShLajpatRaiGarg, Appellant  
(ii) For the respondent- ShRakesh Kumar, Clerk (98884-34605) and  
ShSukhpreet Singh, JrAsstt. (96461-47066)

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 27.01.2026 vide which the appellant was directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing i.e today.

2. The appellant states that the complete information, after the removal of deficiencies, has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. He adds that the deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant, are not specific.
4. The orders in this case are **Reserved** and shall be pronounced in due course of time.

Sd/-

**(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Date :12.05.2026**