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Sh. Kuldip Kumar
R/o No. 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk,
FGC Road, Amritsar
M: 7814348489
Encl. …Appellant

V/s

Sh. Sukhdev Singh
Public Information Officer-
Cum-Environment Engineer
O/o Public Pollution Control Board,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Senior Environment Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Amritsar ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1308 of 2023
Through Video Conference

Present: Sh. Kuldip Kumar, the appellant through Video Conference.
Sh. Amritpal Singh, (8146662533)
Sh. Lakhwinder Kumar, AEE, RO Amritsar (8437353149) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026.

2. The respondent filed a reply with regard to the orders passed by the Commission dated 13.08.2026 and 24.09.2026, which is taken on record. Accordingly, a copy of the same is being sent to the appellant along with this order to file the counter submissions, if any, well before the next date of hearing, to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.

3. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Dated: 29.10.2026

CC:

Sh. Jatinder Soni
Public Information Officer,
O/o Public Pollution Control Board,
Jalandhar

Sh. Amrit Pal Singh Chahal,
Executive Engineer
O/o Public Pollution Control Board,
Jalandhar

Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, SDO
O/o Public Pollution Control Board,
Jalandhar

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Sh. Jasbir Singh
R/o Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Distt. Ludhiana
M: 98888296107 …Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Director,
Vigilance Bureau, Sector-68,
Mohali

Public Information Officer (by name)
O/o Secretary, Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Revenue, Rehabilitation &
Disaster Management,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Sector 1, Chandigarh
Encl.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Director,
Vigilance Bureau, Sector-68,
Mohali ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7312 of 2024

Present: Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant.
Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Inspector (8054940526) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026. The relevant portion of the said order is as follows:

"2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply the complete information. However, the respondent requested for an adjournment. Accordingly, the request accepted and the case is adjourned."

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In today's hearing i.e. 29.10.2026:

2. The appellant filed the complaint and has sought the information related to the said complaint. A copy of the complaint filed by the appellant is as follows:

Date: 3rd June, 2024

The Chief Secretary
Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat
Sector-1, Chandigarh.

The ADGP cum Chief Director (Vigilance Bureau)
Vigilance Bhawan, Sector 68, S.A.S Nagar
Mohali

The Secretary (Vigilance)
Punjab Civil Secretariat – 2, Sector – 9
Chandigarh.

Subject: Request to Initiate Vigilance Inquiry upon the Huge Scam of Stamp Duty and allowing Illegal Colonies to be built without NOC's by the Corrupt Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's belonging to the different Districts as mentioned in the letter duly signed by the Joint Director, I.V.C and S.U. Office of the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab bearing Letter No. 145/R/J.D/V.C. dated 19.05.2023 due to which not only Huge Loss worth Crore of Rupees is being caused to the Public Exchequer but due to which Illegal Colonies are also flourishing in the State of Punjab.

Respected Sir,

Kindly refer the letter duly signed by the Joint Director, I.V.C and S.U. Office of the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab bearing Letter No. 145/R/J.D/V.C. dated 19.05.2023, copy of which is enclosed herewith for your kind reference. Vide this letter, a list of Corrupt Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's belonging to the different districts was forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, who as per the inputs gathered from the field were taking bribe for doing the registries of the common mass.

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Sir, in this aforesaid letter pattern was also mentioned that how these Corrupt Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's were taking bribe for performing unethical and illegal acts, which read as follow:

According to the inputs collected from the field, private individuals have been hired by the Officers of the Revenue Department to collect bribes from people who come to get land and property registrations. After taking bribe, they are adopting methods like writing code words on papers. After receiving the bribe, on the same day, it is delivered to the concerned tehsildar.

Apart from this, by showing commercial property as residential and urban property as rural, loss is being caused to the Government through stamp duty. In many cases, registration of the unauthorized colonies of the agents, property dealers and colonizers are done without NOC. In the cases where NOC is not required, in those cases also, bribe is collected by giving the fear to the common mass that they don't have the required NOCs. Moreover, as per this letter, In many cases, bribe is taken by the Tehsildar along with the Patwari for approving the transfer of inheritance/fard dal.

Thus, the aforesaid letter is self-explanatory vides which the aforesaid list of the Corrupt Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's belonging to the different districts was forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab.

Further, in this regard, refer the letter duly signed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab bearing Letter No. 2323080 dated 01.06.2023, copy of which is enclosed herewith for your kind reference. Vide this letter, further the aforesaid Letter No. 145/R/J.D/V.C. dated 19.05.2023 for further required action was forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab.

Thus, vide the aforesaid letter, the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab fixed the responsibility of the Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab to initiate action over the matter.

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Further, on dated 23.06.2023 a news-item was published in the newspaper Danik Jagran (Ludhiana Edition) under the heading ***'Suchi nahi, DC ki report par ki jayegi bharasht tehsildaron ke khilaf karwai', copy of which is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.***

As per this news-item, Mr. K.A.P Singh, the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Revenue, Government of Punjab has given the statement that instead of taking action upon all the Tehsildar who are named in the aforementioned list, direct report would be taken from the concerned Deputy Commissioner of each District, and thus, action would be initiated against the concerned Tehsildar's as per the report received from the concerned Deputy Commissioners of each District. Thereby meaning, action would not be initiated upon all the Tehsildar's who are named in the aforementioned list, but only against those Tehsildar against whom a report would be received from the concerned Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District.

Thus, at first, as per this statement of the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Revenue, Government of Punjab instead of punishing all the Corrupt Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's belonging to the different districts who on the basis of the ground report were highlighted by the Office of the Joint Director, I.V.C and S.U. Office of the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab was arbitrarily limited to the report to be received by the Deputy Commissioner of each District, which is not acceptable. Because of this decision, all the efforts made by the Vigilance Department was put in vain and again power was restricted till the administrative end to prepare the report, which have the chances of being biased or manipulating the facts. Thus, in this manner there are great chances that names of all the corrupt Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's will not come at front and thus, corrupt practices will prevail.

Secondly, to the best of my knowledge, till date even after passing of more than 1 (One) year since issuance of the aforesaid list of the corrupt officers, no lawful and appropriate action has been taken upon the matter neither by the Office of the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Revenue, Government of Punjab nor any report has been received from the concerned Deputy Commissioners concerning the corrupt Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's of their respective districts. Thus, very smartly

this matter was snubbed by the concerned authorities to protect the guilty Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's for the understandable reasons.

Sir, to the best of my knowledge, till date no lawful and practical action has been taken over the matter and it seems that only to snub this matter and save the guilty and influential officers, the responsibility to conclude this matter has been shifted from one shoulder to another. Thus, considering the delay caused in the matter, it can be clearly assumed that this matter is being malafidely lingered on with the intention that by stretching on the matter and not concluding timely, it can be snubbed and the skin of the guilty officers can be saved.

Sir, there is a saying that ***"Justice delayed is justice denied"***. Here I would like to opine with the **former Attorney General of India Mr. Soli Sorabjee** that -- *justice delayed will not only be justice denied, it will also destroy the Rule of law,- a basic feature of our Constitution.*

Moreover, this matter involves direct loss to the public exchequer through stamp duty. As per the aforesaid Letter No. 145/R/J.D/V.C. dated 19.05.2023 duly signed by the Joint Director, I.V.C and S.U. Office of the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab; during registration, commercial properties are being showed as residential and urban properties are being showed as rural by the Tehsildars involved in this matter, due to which loss worth crores was being and still is being caused to the Public Exchequer. Moreover, in many cases, registration of the unauthorized colonies of the agents, property dealers and colonizers are done without NOC, which is again a direct loss to Public Exchequer and due to which illegal colonies are flourishing in the city.

Sir, the corrupt Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's are filling their own coffers by looting the Government and are allowing illegal colonies to be built without the issuance of the NOC's. Thus, due to this the cities are being converted into the slums as every nook and corner of the city illegal colonies are being developed.

Therefore, in the light of the above-mentioned facts and circumstances of the case, it is requested before your good self that:

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- Vigilance Inquiry be marked over the matter so that all the facts may come at front.

- Further, after getting this matter investigated, the responsibility of the officers be fixed because of whom till date this matter has not been concluded and till date no appropriate action has been initiated over the guilty Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's belonging to the different districts as mentioned in the aforesaid list.

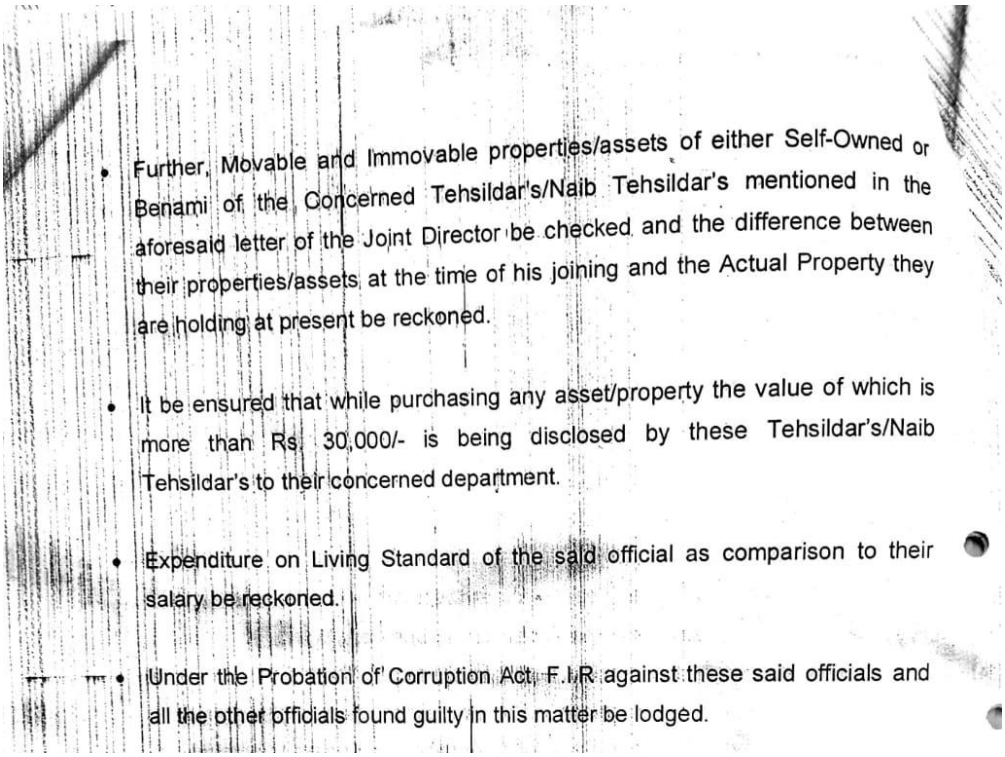
- Directions be given to the concerned officers to initiate action upon all the Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's mentioned in the aforesaid letter of the Joint Director, I.V.C and S.U. Office of the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab bearing Letter No. 145/R/J.D/V.C. dated 19.05.2023 so that corrupt practices prevailing in the Offices of Tehsildar's and Naib Tehsildar's can be curbed.

- Directions be issued to the concerned officers to conduct a survey and identity that that how many colonies in each district have been carved out illegally without the issuance of the NOC's and showing the wrong purpose of the properties i.e. commercial properties were showed as residential and urban properties were showed as rural, due to which loss worth crores was being and still is being caused to the Public Exchequer through stamp duties.

- Explanation be sought from all the Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's mentioned in the aforesaid letter of the Joint Director, I.V.C and S.U. Office of the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab that how during registration, commercial properties are being showed as residential and urban properties are being showed as rural, due to which loss worth crores was being and still is being caused to the Public Exchequer.

- Explanation be sought from all the Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's mentioned in the aforesaid letter that how colonies of some of the agents, property dealers and colonizers have been done without the NOC's.

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- Further, Movable and Immovable properties/assets of either Self-Owned or Benami of the Concerned Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's mentioned in the aforesaid letter of the Joint Director be checked and the difference between their properties/assets at the time of his joining and the Actual Property they are holding at present be reckoned.
- It be ensured that while purchasing any asset/property the value of which is more than Rs. 30,000/- is being disclosed by these Tehsildar's/Naib Tehsildar's to their concerned department.
- Expenditure on Living Standard of the said official as comparison to their salary be reckoned.
- Under the Probation of Corruption Act, F.I.R against these said officials and all the other officials found guilty in this matter be lodged.

3. However, the respondent submits that the complaint of the appellant has already been sent to the office of Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, Department of Revenue, Rehabilitation & Disaster Management. Accordingly, the said department is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. As such the said department is directed to submit an action taken on the letters sent by the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, i.e. letter no. 25686 dated 27.06.2024 and 12556 dated 03.04.2025. A copy of the RTI application along with reply so submitted by the Vigilance Bureau is **being sent** to him along with this order.

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4. Also, a copy of this order is **being sent** to Ms. Jaspreet Talwar, IAS, Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, Department of Revenue, Rehabilitation & Disaster Management, for the appropriate orders at this stage.

5. To come up on **18.11.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 29.10.2026

CC:

Ms. Jaspreet Talwar, IAS
Secretary, Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Revenue, Rehabilitation &
Disaster Management,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Sector 1, Chandigarh

Senior Superintendent of Police,
Vigilance Bureau,
Ludhiana

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Sh. Satish Dhingra
580-O Omaxe Phase-2,
Pocket-4, New Chandigarh
M: 7018013465 …Appellant

V/s

Sh. Rajbeer Marwaha, Naib Tehsildar-
-Cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o Naib Tehsildar, Majri,
Distt. SAS Nagar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Kharar, Distt. SAS Nagar ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6405 of 2024

Present: Sh. Satish Dhingra, the appellant.
Sh. Vishal Kumar (8901488887) on behalf of the 3rd party i.e. Omaxe Builders.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.10.2026.

2. The Counsel of the 3rd party submitted a reply, which is taken on record. He also handed over a copy of the same to the appellant during the course of hearing to file the counter submissions, if any, well before the next date of hearing, to take the matter to its logical end. It is also pertinent to mention that bailable warrants was issued to Sh. Rajbir Marwaha, Naib Tehsildar, Majri but in-spite of that he remained absent. Accordingly, a copy of this order is being sent to the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kharar to ensure the presence of the concerned Naib Tehsildar, Majri, Sh. Rajbir Marwaha on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **10.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Dated: 29.10.2026 **Chief Information Commissioner,**
Punjab.

CC:

Ms. Jaspreet Talwar, IAS
Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

Ms. Komal Mittal, IAS
Deputy Commissioner,
Mohali

Sh. Varun Sharma, IPS
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Mohali

Sh. Gurmit Singh, PCS
Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Kharar, Distt. SAS Nagar

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Public Information Officer,
O/o Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Chandigarh

Director (by name)
Omaxe Builders,
New Chandigarh

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Sh. Amitabh Arora
S/o Sh. Jagdish Raj Arora,
H No. 1222, Sector-123,
Mohali
M: 9316134065
RTI Application No. 149678

Encl. …Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Roopnagar Range,
Roopnagar ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 133 Of 2025

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Maninder Singh, HC (9637741687)
Sh. Dilpreet Singh (9814315785) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.10.2026

2. The respondent submits a reply, which is taken on record. However, the appellant is absent. Accordingly, a copy of reply so submitted by the respondent is **being sent** to him to file the counter submissions, if any, well before the next date of hearing.

3. Both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, to take the matter to its logical end.

4. To come up on **09.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 29.10.2026

CC:

Station House Officer (by name)
(Sadar), Kharar

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Sh. Yogesh Manhajan
S/o Late. Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan
President of Anti-Corruption Council,
Opposite Water Tank Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot
M: 9814354649 …Appellant

V/s

Sh. Harinder Singh
Executive Engineer-Cum-
-Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer (C)
Mandi Board Division,
Moga

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer (North),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Mohali ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2825 Of 2025
Through Cisco Webex

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant through Cisco Webex.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.05.2026

2. The respondent is absent but a reply has been received from the respondent, which is taken on record. The relevant portion of the said reply is as follows:

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਅਪੀਲ ਕੇਸ ਨੰ:2825 ਆਫ 2025 ਨੋਟਿਸ ਅੰਡਰ ਰਾਈਟ ਟੂ ਇੰਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਐਕਟ 2005

ਹਵਾਲਾ:- ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ:23688 ਮਿਤੀ:08.10.2026 ਜੋ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਮਿਤੀ:12.10.2026 ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਇਆ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਤੇ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਅਪੀਲ ਨੰ:2825 ਦੀ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ:29.10.2026 ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸਚਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਅਪੀਲ ਦੇ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੋਏ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਅਤੇ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਹਾਈਕੋਰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੇਸ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਦੀ ਅਗਲੀ ਪੇਸ਼ੀ ਮਿਤੀ:25.01.2027 ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਅਪੀਲ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੀ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

3. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant, the Commission is of the view that the presence of both the parties is necessary to adjudicate the matter. Accordingly, **last opportunity** is given to the appellant to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

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Through Cisco Webex

4. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 29.10.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
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Sh. Sanjeev Dewra
Associate Professor (ECE),
Shaheed Bhagat Singh
State University,
Ferozepur
M: 7973788453 …Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Dream College
Development Council,
Punjab University,
Chandigarh

Dr. Aradhana Bahri
Principal
O/o RSD College,
Makhu Gate, Ferozepur-152001
Encl.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Registrar,
Punjab University,
Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5734 of 2026

Present: Sh. Sanjeev Dewra, the appellant.
Sh. Rohit Sood, Superintendent (8847465948)
Ms. Jasmin Ahluwalia (9781376768) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026

2. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the Principal, RSD College, Ferozepur is impleaded as a necessary party in this case. Accordingly, a copy of RTI application and written submissions made by the appellant is **being sent** to her along this order to file the counter submissions. She is further directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **18.11.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Dated: 29.10.2026 **Chief Information Commissioner,**
Punjab

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

V/s

Sh. Shankar Sharma, PCS
Regional Transport Officer-
-Cum-Public Information Officer,
Pathankot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, PB,
Sector-17, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 232 of 2025
Heard through Cisco Webex

Present: Sh. Ankit Sehgal, the appellant through Cisco Webex.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but an email has been received mentioning therein that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant on 27.03.2026, which is taken on record

3. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that presence of both the parties is necessary to adjudicate the matter. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, to take the matter to its logical end.

4. It is pertinent to mention that a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Shankar Sharma, PCS, vide order dated 06.08.2026 but neither he appeared nor filed any reply in this regard. Accordingly, the decision regarding the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **09.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. through Cisco Webex application (Cisco Webex Meeting No. 2516-203-2957, Password: 12345).**

Dated: 29.10.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
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Punjab

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Regional Transport Officer-
-Cum-Public Information Officer,
Pathankot

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, PB,
Sector-17, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7356 of 2024
Heard through Cisco Webex

Present: Sh. Ankit Sehgal, the appellant through Cisco Webex.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. However, the respondent PIO is absent but an email has been received mentioning therein that the sought information has already been sent to the appellant on 27.03.2026, which is taken on record

3. After having detailed deliberations with the appellant and examining the case file, the Commission is of the view that presence of both the parties is necessary to adjudicate the matter. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, to take the matter to its logical end.

4. It is pertinent to mention that a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Shankar Sharma, PCS, vide order dated 06.08.2026 but neither he appeared nor filed any reply in this regard. Accordingly, the decision regarding the same will be taken on the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **09.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. through Cisco Webex application (Cisco Webex Meeting No. 2516-203-2957, Password: 12345).**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Dated: 29.10.2026

CC:

Sh. Daljinder Singh Dhillon, PPS
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Kozhikode, Kerala-673015
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RTI Application No. 169816 …Appellant

V/s

Sh. Rajiinder Kumar, Supdt.
Public Information Officer,
O/Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Muktsar Sahib ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7208 of 2025
Heard through Cisco Webex

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Sukhpreet Kaur, Clerk (7719637709) through Cisco webex, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.09.2026

2. The respondent is present but the appellant remained absent without intimation. It is pertinent to mention that a copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.

3. After having detailed deliberations with the respondent, the Commission is of the view that presence of both the parties is necessary to adjudicate the matter. Accordingly, **last opportunity** is given to the appellant to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

4. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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RTI Application No. 213339 …Appellant

V/s

Sh. Rohit Kumar, A.T.O.Cum-
Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional State Transport Authority,
Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, PB,
Sector-17, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7254 of 2025

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rohit Kumar, ATO (9888860708)
Sh. Arvind Kumar, ATO, STC (9501481500) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.09.2026

2. Both the parties are absent without intimation. It is pertinent to mention that a copy of previous order was sent to them through registered post but even though they are absent.

3. After examining the case file, **last opportunity** is given to both the parties to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

4. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o MD, Milkfed, PB,
SCO 153-154, Sector- 34A,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o MD, Milkfed, PB,
SCO 153-154, Sector- 34A,
Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6716 of 2025

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Karanveer Singh, Clerk (8968969799)
Sh. Ashwani Prasha. Advocate (8847235362) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2026. The relevant portion of the said order is as follows:

"2. *The respondent filed the written reply on 06.05.2026 and the relevant portion of the same is as follows:*

"5. That the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India while deciding ***Civil Appeal No. 9017 of 2013-Thalappalam Ser. Coop. Bank Ltd. and others Versus State of Kerala and othe****rs reported as* ***2013 (4) RCR (Civil) 912*** *has categorically held that a co-operative society registered under Co-operative Societies Act is not a Public Authority under RTI Act, if the society was not owned, controlled or substantially financed by Government. It has also been held that* ***"The burden to show that a body is owned, controlled or substantially financed or that a non-government organization is substantially financed directly or indirectly by the funds provided by the appropriate Government is on the applicant who seeks information****..."."*

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And also, the respondent relied upon the following judgments:

- *S.S. Rana v. Registrar, Co-operative Societies and another, 2006(2) S.C.T. 570: (2006) 11 SCC 634.*
- *Ajay Hasia v. Khalid Mujib Sehravardi (Zoroastrian Coop. Hosuing Society Ltd. V. Distt. Registrar, Coop. Societies (Urban))*
- *State of West Bengal and another v. Nripendra Nath Bagchi, AIR 1966 SC 447.*

3. *However, the appellant submitted the counter submissions in this regard, which are taken on record.*

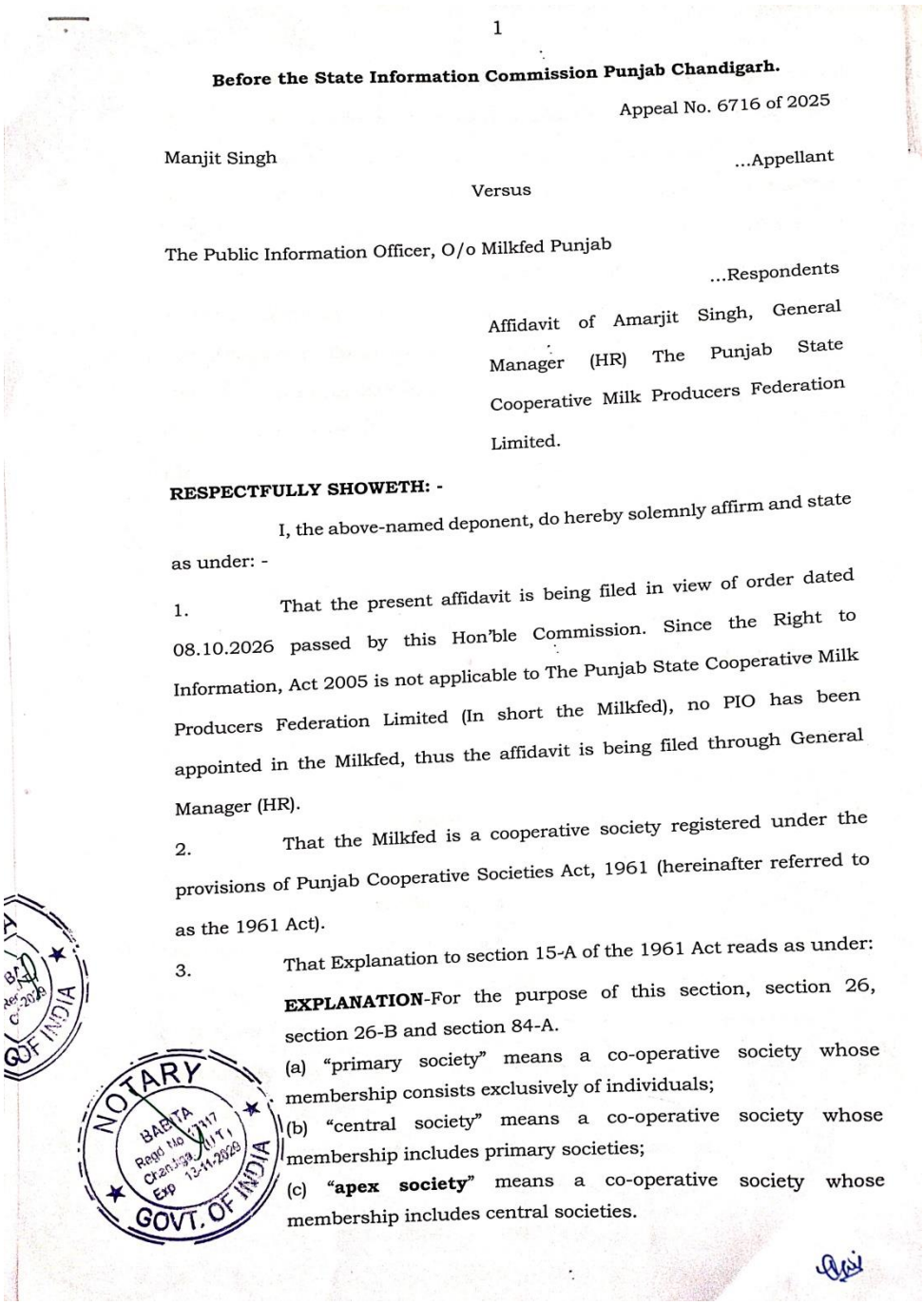
4. *After perusal of the same, a copy of the same is **being sent** to the respondent with the direction to file the counter submissions, in an annotated form. The respondent PIO is further directed to file an affidavit that the working of the Milkfed is at par with the Housefed and Co-operative Bank. He is further directed to file an affidavit duly sworn, that no State/Centre and/or any loan has been raised wherein the Government has given the guarantee be submitted from the inception of the institution."*

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Appeal Case No. 6716 of 2025

In today's hearing i.e. 29.10.2026:

2. The respondent filed an affidavit, which is taken on record. The relevant portion of the said affidavit is as follows:



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Before the State Information Commission Punjab Chandigarh.

Appeal No. 6716 of 2025

Manjit Singh ...Appellant

Versus

The Public Information Officer, O/o Milkfed Punjab

...Respondents

Affidavit of Amarjit Singh, General Manager (HR) The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Limited.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH: -

I, the above-named deponent, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under: -

1. That the present affidavit is being filed in view of order dated 08.10.2026 passed by this Hon'ble Commission. Since the Right to Information, Act 2005 is not applicable to The Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Limited (In short the Milkfed), no PIO has been appointed in the Milkfed, thus the affidavit is being filed through General Manager (HR).

2. That the Milkfed is a cooperative society registered under the provisions of Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the 1961 Act).

3. That Explanation to section 15-A of the 1961 Act reads as under:

EXPLANATION-For the purpose of this section, section 26, section 26-B and section 84-A.

(a) "primary society" means a co-operative society whose membership consists exclusively of individuals;

(b) "central society" means a co-operative society whose membership includes primary societies;

(c) "**apex society**" means a co-operative society whose membership includes central societies.

Perusal of the same would show that there is a three-tire system in cooperative societies in the state of Punjab. Under this system, there are three type of societies viz. Primary, Central and Apex societies.

4. That the Punjab State Federation of Cooperative House Building Societies Ltd. (In short the Housefed) and the Punjab State Cooperative Bank Limited (In short the Apex Bank) are Apex level societies registered under the provisions of the 1961 Act and in the same manner, the Milkfed is also an Apex level society, thus as per the provisions of the 1961 Act, structure of the Milkfed is at par with the Housefed and the Apex Bank. In all these three Apex Cooperative societies, there is an elected Board of Directors with Managing Director appointed by the Government and in the absence of the Board, Administrator is appointed by the Registrar Cooperative Societies, Punjab under the provisions of the 1961 Act. All these three Apex cooperative societies are governed by the provisions of the 1961 Act, The Punjab Cooperative Societies Rules, 1963, their respective registered bye laws and guidelines/instructions issued by the Registrar Cooperative Societies, Punjab from time to time. Service Rules for all the employees working in these societies are either framed under Rule 28 of the 1963 Rules or approved under section 84-A of the 1961 Act by the Registrar, thus in nut shell, functioning of all these societies come under the ambit of 1961 Act and Rules framed thereunder.

5. That the Apex Bank primarily deals in the Banking and Credit business, Housefed primarily deals in with the construction, repair, maintenance etc. of houses/flats/apartments and buildings. Milkfed primarily deals in the business of promoting production, procurement processing and marketing of milk and milk products for economic development of farming community. Otherwise, business of all the three Apex Societies is as mentioned in the objects of their respective registered bye laws.

That no State/Centre and/or any loan has been raised wherein Government has given the guarantee, from the inception of the Milked.

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7. That since the Housefed and the Apex Bank are not amenable to RTI, as held by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, similarly Milkfed, which is also an Apex level cooperative society registered under the provisions of the Act is also not amenable to RTI being not a public authority as defined under section 2(h) of RTI Act 2005.

(Amarjit Singh)
Deponent

VERIFICATION:-

Verified that the contents of my affidavit from paras no. 1 to 7 are true and correct to my knowledge and information as derived from the official record and nothing has been concealed therein. No part of it is false.

Verified at Chandigarh on this ___ day of October, 2026.

(Amarjit Singh)
Deponent

NOTARY BABITA Regd. No. 2317 Chandigarh (U.T.) Exp. 13-11-2029 GOVT. OF INDIA

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BABITA 29/10/26
Notary, Chandigarh (U.T.)

29 OCT 2026

I identify the deponent / declarant executant has signed the document in my presence
Signature

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3. However, the appellant is absent but has sent an email mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for the sought information, which is taken on record. The request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned.

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O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
PB, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5703 of 2025

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rishi Sharma, General Manager Nangal (7986329124)
Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Steno (6280193012) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The above mentioned case was earlier heard by the Bench of Ms. Pooja Gupta, on 03.06.2026. Thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned Bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for hearing today i.e. 29.10.2026.

2. The respondent, Sh. Rishi Sharma made his written submissions, which is taken on record. Since, the appellant is absent. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **18.11.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 29.10.2026

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V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
PB, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5704 of 2025

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rishi Sharma, General Manager Nangal (7986329124)
Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Steno (6280193012) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The above mentioned case was earlier heard by the Bench of Ms. Pooja Gupta, on 03.06.2026. Thereafter, this case was allocated to the undersigned Bench and this case was fixed for hearing today i.e. 29.10.2026.

2. The respondent, Sh. Rishi Sharma made his written submissions, which is taken on record. Since, the appellant is absent. Accordingly, both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, to take the matter to its logical end.

3. To come up on **18.11.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Dated: 29.10.2026 **Chief Information Commissioner,**
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V/s

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State Transport, Punjab
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh
Encl.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
State Transport, Punjab
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1235 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Karmjit Singh, (9501050329) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.09.2026. The relevant portion of the said order is as follows:

"2. *The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the sought information pertaining to the Point No. 3 and requested for an adjournment to file the deficiency in the remaining information. Accordingly, the respondent PIO is directed to file the specific reply pertaining to the Point No. 3 of the RTI application on/or before the next date of hearing.* ***He is also directed to remain present with the concerned Superintendent and Senior Assistant who is custodian of record with regard to the Point No. 3 on the next date of hearing for deliberations, to take the matter to its logical end.***

3. *The respondent PIO was directed to submit the supplied information duly certified with page numbering at least 05 days prior to the date of hearing vide order dated 20.08.2026 but the same has not been received. Accordingly, he is directed to submit the same before the next date of hearing.*

4. The appellant is directed to file the deficiency, if any, pertaining to Point Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5, well before the next date of hearing with a copy to the respondent PIO in advance so that the matter be adjudicated accordingly."

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Appeal Case No. 1235 of 2024

2. The appellant is absent but has sent his written submissions, which is taken on record. A copy of the same is **being sent** to the respondent PIO along with this order to file the counter submissions, if any, well before the next date of hearing,

3. Both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing, for deliberations, failing which, the case will be decided as per the procedure established by Law.

4. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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V/s

Sh. Gurinder Singh, General Manager –
Cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Jalandhar- II

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
State Transport Department,
PB, Sector 17- A, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5887 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurinder Singh, General Manager (9878090718) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.09.2026

2. The respondent submits a reply, which is taken on record. However, the appellant is absent but has sent an email mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for the sought information, which is taken on record. The request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned. Also a copy of the reply so submitted by the respondent is **being sent** to him along with this order.

3. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 29.10.2026

CC:

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Punjab Roadways,
Batala, Distt- Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
State Transport Department, PB,
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6661 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harsh Luthra, Clerk (9876294196) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026

2. The respondent submitted the attested copy of the sought information vide letter no. 1817 dated 28.10.2026, which is taken on record. However, the appellant is absent but has sent an email mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. The appellant is directed to collect the information so submitted by the respondent from the Commission within 15 days from the issue of this order against its receipt. He is also directed to point out deficiency, if any, within next 15 days to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.

4. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Patti

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
State Transport Department, PB,
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5886 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Assistant (9066247000) through Cisco Webex, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026.

2. The respondent is present but the appellant requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
State Transport Department, PB,
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6659 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Karmjit Singh, Senior Assistant (9501050329) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026

2. The respondent is present but the appellant requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned.

3. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

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Punjab Roadways,
Amritsar-II
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First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
State Transport Department, PB,
Sector-17 A, Chandigarh ….Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5884 of 2024

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.09.2026

2. The appellant is absent but has sent his written submissions through email, which is taken on record. However, the respondent is absent. Accordingly, a copy of submissions so sent by the appellant is being sent to the respondent PIO to file the counter submissions, if any, well before the next date of hearing.

3. Both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

4. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 29.10.2026

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