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Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN PWD B&R, Fazilka

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

Respondents

COMPLAINT CASE NO.66 of 2025

Present : (i)None for the complainant

(ii) For the respondent-Sh Karan Kamboj, JE (98721-37269) and ShSantokh Singh, clerk
(92801-10943)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO for delay in providing the information to the complainant.

2. The complainant is not present today.

3. As directed, the respondent has filed his reply today.

4. After considering the submissions contained in the written reply and the facts and circumstances of the case, it has been ascertained that the respondent-PIO has not justified any valid reasons responsible for the delay in dealing with the RTI application. The Commission is of the considered view that such conduct not only defeats the very object of the RTI Act, which seeks to ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities, but also undermines the authority of this Commission. Public Information Officers are expected to assist the Commission in the effective adjudication of matters and to comply with its directions in a timely manner. Any indifference towards such obligations cannot be permitted to go unchecked.

5. The RTI Act 2005 casts a statutory duty upon every Public Information Officer to deal with RTI applications diligently and within the prescribed time. The continued default on the part of the respondent not only defeats the very object of the Act but also undermines the principles of transparency, accountability and good governance. The conduct of the respondent clearly attracts the provisions of Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. Accordingly, the Commission hereby imposes the maximum penalty of ₹25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) upon the concerned Public Information Officer under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The Head of the Department/Competent Authority is directed to recover the said



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amount from the salary of the concerned PIO and remit the same in the following Head of Account as per the applicable rules and procedure, within the prescribed period.

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

A compliance report regarding recovery and deposit of the penalty amount shall be furnished to the Commission within the stipulated time.

7. To come up on **08.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :16.09.2026

CC: (i) SE Construction Circle, PWD B&R, Ferozepur Cantt (for compliance)

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Shri Sanjeev Thakur, (98142 89764)
S/o Shri Baldev Singh Salaria,
R/o Mohalla Rajput Nagar, Village GurhaKhurd,
Post Office Madhopur Cantt., Pathankot – 145024

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Narot Jaimal Singh, District Pathankot.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 127 OF 2023

Present : (i) Shri Sanjeev Thakur, appellant along with Sh Rahul Dev Singh
(ii) For the respondent-Sh Dharminder Kumar, PDS (9463312157)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 vide which the respondent was not present. Hence, a copy of the order was sent to DDPO, Pathankot and DRDP, Punjab to ensure the presence of the respondent-PIO on the next date of hearing, ie. today.

2. Today the respondent states that he has brought the information to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the information is handed over to the appellant today.

3. In view of the above, the appellant is given an opportunity to point out deficiencies, if any in the information provided, to the respondent before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondents are directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. Further, it is also observed that the respondent has also failed to file his reply to the show cause notice. Hence one last opportunity is also given to the respondent to file his reply on the next date of hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **23.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :16.09.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh.Rajinder Kumar Sharma,
RTI Activist and Reporter
VPO Raiser, Tehsil and Distt.Barnala

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal SHS Sahour, Distt.Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o DEO (SE), Barnala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 592 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 vide which the appellant was given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case. Further, the respondent was exempt from the next date of hearing i.e today.

2. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply of the respondent that the information sought by him is not available in their official record and that no verification of the disability certificate was ever conducted by the office concerned and that no record thereto is available with the respondent department.

3. In view of the above, the respondent-PIO is directed to be present on the next date of hearing and file his reply on affidavit, on the next date of hearing. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and notarized by the notary public.

4. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **27.10.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :16.09.2026

Sd/-
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Sh.AnkitSehgal, C/o Bombay Studio
Near Main Post Office Chowk,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Pathankot

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Pathankot

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 403 OF 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-ShSidhhantDhiman, JE (8360948086)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 vide which the respondent was directed to provide the information to the appellant.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an adjournment from today's hearing. Further, he has also intimated that he has already pointed out the deficiencies to the respondent but the complete information has not been provided to him.

3. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information, after the removal of deficiencies, 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 this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **22.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :16.09.2026

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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, Construction Sub Division
PWDB&R, Sultanpur Lodhi

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Construction Circle No. 2,
PWDB&R, Jalandhar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 404 OF 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-ShManjeet Singh, clerk (7888577547)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies.

2. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an adjournment from today's hearing. Further, he has also intimated that he has already pointed out the deficiencies to the respondent.

4. In view of the above, the respondent is given an opportunity to remove the deficiencies in the information provided, and provide the rectified information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **22.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :16.09.2026

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Sh. Balwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Mahil Singh,
R/o Village Peere Ke Uttar, Tehsil Jalalabad (West),
Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 383 OF 2024

Present : (None for the parties)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous orders passed by the commission vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the ninth hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent today, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default.

3. The record further reveals that a Show Cause Notice has already been issued to the concerned respondent requiring him to explain why action under Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, should not be initiated against him. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice, the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission. Despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally.

4. To come up on **28.10.2026 at 11:30AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Sd/-

Date :16.09.2026

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BEFORE DR BHUPINDER S BATTH, STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER, PUNJAB

Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector16, Chandigarh

In case of Sh. Balwinder Singh v/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai,
Distt. Ferozepur, FAA o/o DDPO, Ferozepur
Complaint/Appeal No. : AC :383/2024

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

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 28.10.2026

To

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Guruharsahai, FAA, DDPO, Ferozepur 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 BDPO, Guruharsahai, FAA, DDPO, Ferozepur to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector-16, Chandigarh on 28.10.2026 at 11.30 AM and submit his/her written submissions alongwith the copy of the complete information to be provided to the Appellant.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :16.09.2026

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Sh. Prince, S/o Sh. Vijay Kumar,
Village Awa Urf Waryampura,
Fazilka - 152123

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4693 of 2025

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh. Lal Singh, BDPO, Fazilka

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. Today the appellant is not present. He has sent an email vide which he has sought his hearing through online mode.

3. Respondent promised that the information will be sent to the appellant before the next date of hearing, hence he has sought time.

4. Considering the request of the respondent, the above said appeal case is adjourned on **14.10.2026 at 11.30 AM through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.** Further, it is also observed that the respondent has also failed to file his reply to the show cause notice. Hence one last opportunity is also given to the respondent to file his reply on the next date of hearing. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :16.09.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh.Harvinder Singh Chugh, (M-8699220011)
House no-1, Urban Estate,
Phase-I, Jalandhar-144005

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar

Public Information Officer.
O/o Executive Officer,
Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5239 OF 2023

Present : (i) Sh.Harvinder Singh Chugh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh Sikander Singh, SrAsstt. (9257170007)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.06.2026 vide which PIO O/O EO, JDA was impleaded as a necessary party in this case.

2. The appellant Sh.Harvinder Singh Chugh states that the information has not been provided to him till date. He demands that action be taken against the respondent-PIO.

3. The respondent states that that he has joined recently and is not aware of the facts of the case.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 13.02.2023, 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. This is indeed a serious matter.

5. 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



APPEAL CASE NO. 5239 OF 2023

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.

6. 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 EO, Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar*** as 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.

7. To come up on **17.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :16.09.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Bathi)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh.Harvinder Singh Chugh, (M-8699220011)
House no-1, Urban Estate,
Phase-I, Jalandhar-144005

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar

Public Information Officer
O/o Principal Secretary, PUDA
PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali),
Punjab – 160062

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5582 OF 2023

Present : (i) Sh.Harvinder Singh Chugh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO-Sh.Gurshak Singh, Supdt. (92563-34922) O/o Housing & Urban Development, Punjab Ms.Surjit Kaur, Sr. Planning draftsman (9592929598) O/o PUDA, Sh.Davinderpal Singh, Sr.Asstt. (9257170007) O/o JDA Jalandhar and Sh. Akash Kumar, JE (8360697127)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.06.2026 vide which the PIO O/o Urban Housing and Development Department/PUDA was impleaded as a necessary party in this case.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date. He has filed his submissions on affidavit today.
3. PIO-Sh. Gurshak Singh, Supdt appearing today states that the information sought by the appellant is not available in their official record.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information sought by the appellant is not available in the official record of the respondent no. 2 also. The Appellant has expressed his dis-satisfaction on the reply of the respondent. Further, the copy of the affidavit filed by the appellant is handed over to the respondent today. Hence, both

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5582 OF 2023

the PIO's are directed to file their reply on affidavit on the next date of hearing. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and notarized by the notary public. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **27.10.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :16.09.2026

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Sh Chanderdeep Maggu, Advocate
Chamber No. 179, Block C,
District Court Complex, Fazilka

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (D) Fazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (D) Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.3153of 2024

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 01.02.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.09.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent a letter vide which he has sought another date. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Since this is the first date of hearing hence one last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on **28.10.2026 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 :16.09.2026

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Sh Harinder Kumar, (M-98886-27135)
s/o Sh Sripal,
R/o House no.3485, Street no. 14
Gopal Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana
Appellant

.....

Public Information Officer,
O/o GADVASU, Ludhiana

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o Registrar, GADVASU, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.3154of 2024

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.10.2023 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 29.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.09.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. Both the parties have sent an email mentioning therein that they have unable to attend today's hearing. Further they have sought another date.

3. Considering the request of both the parties, one last opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their 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 28.10.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :16.09.2026

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Ms SukhwinderKaur, (M-9877601790)
2030B, Ward no. 6, Street no. 8,
Near Delhi colony, Kartar Nagar, Moga-142001

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE) Pb,
Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DPI (SE) Pb,
Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

.....Respondent

AC No.3156of 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-ShParampal Singh, SrAsstt. (99140-16539) O/o DEO (S) Moga

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 18.12.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.09.2026 in the Commission.

3. The appellant is not present today.

4. The respondent has sought some 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 this, the Commission shall proceed to decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record and may issue appropriate directions in accordance with law. To come up on 22.12.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :16.09.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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CC: DEO (SE), Moga

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Sh Jagmeet Singh, (M-9041000420)
S/o Sh Sarwan Singh,
Rajgarh Channa, Tehsil Amlloh,
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib-147203
(RTI application no. 97149)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Patiala

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADGP, Patiala Range, Patiala

.....Respondent

AC No.3173 of 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh.Hakam Singh, ASI (9464392783), o/o SSP, Patiala and Sh.
Gurpreet Singh, Bhadson (9876432891)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 01.11.2023 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 29.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.09.2026 in the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. Respondent states that the information has already been sent to the appellant. Since the appellant is not present and this is the first date of hearing hence one more opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission and state his case. It is made clear that in case the Appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in his absence shall be passed. To come up on 21.10.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :16.09.2026

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Sh Gurinder Singh Grover, (M-9815938295)
S/o Sh Santokh Singh,
A-5/503, Ashberry Homes,
Crescent parc vallah by Pass, Amritsar-I-43501
(RTI application no. 98450)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

.Vs

O/o Director, Rural Dev & panchayats, Pb
Sector-62, SAS Nagar Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Rural Dev & panchayats, Pb
Sector-62, SAS Nagar Mohali

.....Respondent

AC No.3174 of 2024

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

ORDER

2. The RTI application is dated 09.11.2023 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 29.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.09.2026 in the Commission.

2. Sh. Gurinder Singh Grover 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 09.11.2023 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).

3. To come up on 14.10.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Bath)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :16.09.2026

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S/o Sh Ajit Singh, Sanet Mohalla,
Ward no 11, Fatehgarh Churian,
Distt Gurdaspur-143602

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Distt Programme Officer, Gurdaspur

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o Distt Programme Officer, Gurdaspur

.....Respondent

AC No.3187of 2024

Present : None for the parties

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 24.08.2023 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 30.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.09.2026 in the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions in the Commission. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This is the first date of hearing hence one last opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their 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 **28.10.2026 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 :16.09.2026