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Sh. Rohit Bhardwar, # 34/1,
Harnam Dass Pura, OppVasal Hospital
Jalandhar -144001 (9915280405)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
o/o ADC (Urban Development) , Jalandhar

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. 853 OF 2023

Present : (i) Sh. Rohit Bhardwar the appellant through Video Conference
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Jagdeep Singh, EO-cum-PIO (988818080), Sh. Rajesh Choudhary, EO-cum-PIO (9463815204) *in the commission*

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.08.2026 passed by the Commission in the present matter.

2. Today, the respondents, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, appeared before the Commission and produced the relevant record in compliance with the directions contained in the previous order.

3. The appellant, Sh. Rohit Bhardwar, did not appear before the Commission today. It is submitted/observed that the appellant was present before the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar through video conference facility, whereas the matter was fixed for hearing before the Commission.

4. It is noticed that the present matter is also subject to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana in CWP No.23616 of 2026, decided on 26.08.2026, whereby expeditious disposal of the pending RTI appeal was sought. The Commission is, therefore, required to proceed with the matter without unnecessary delay.

5. During the course of today's proceedings, with the consent of both the parties, the appellant has been granted an opportunity to inspect the relevant record available with the respondent. Accordingly, the respondent shall make the relevant record available for inspection by the appellant on 25.09.2026 at 11:30 AM. The respondent shall facilitate the inspection of the relevant record by the appellant on the aforesaid date and time, in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The appellant is directed to avail the opportunity of inspection on 25.09.2026 at 11:30 AM and thereafter appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing with his specific submissions, if any, so that the matter may be brought to its logical conclusion expeditiously in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court.

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7. It is made clear that the appellant's presence before the Commission on the next date is necessary, as the matter cannot be effectively and expeditiously concluded in his absence.

8. 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/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :17.09.2026

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ShSuba Singh, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh
R/o Village ChakKandhe Shah
PO Pindi, Block Mamdot, Tehsil Guruharsahai,
Distt.Ferozepur -152022

.....Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat
ChakKandheshah, Block Mamdot,
Distt.Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No. 5802of 2024

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

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.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been provided to him. The respondent is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has not been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 17.07.2025, but till today no information has not been given to the appellant. The respondent has not even filed his reply to the show-cause notice, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.3000/- (Rupees Three thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation.

5. The respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information to be provided to the appellant. To come up on **14.10.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

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Sh.Gurdev Singh, Member Block Samiti
Zone Bare K 15, Ferozepur , S/o Sh. Makhan Singh
R/o Village Peer Ismail Kha,
Tehsil and Distt.Ferozepur – 152002

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director Rural Development and Panchayats
Sarovar Path, Phase 8, Sector 62, SahibzadaAjit
Singh Nagar, 160062

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 647 OF 2024

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 vide which Bailable Warrant was issued to the respondent –PIO.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been provided to him. The respondent is not present today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

3. After hearing the appellant and perusing the case file, it is ascertained that no information has not been given to the appellant so far. The appellant filed RTI with the Respondent-PIO on 25.09.2023, but till today no information has not been given to the appellant. The respondent has not even filed his reply to the show-cause notice, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. This has resulted in much avoidable inconvenience and hardship to the Appellant. He is, therefore, entitled to be compensated under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him. In the circumstances, the Commission is of the view that ends of justice would be met if a sum of **Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation.

5. The respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information to be provided to the appellant. To come up on **14.10.2026 at 11:30AM through video conference facility in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.
sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

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Sh.YogeshMahajan, S/o Late Sh
Kuldip Raj Mahajan, President of Anti
Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining and Geology Division,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Draining cum Mining and Geology Division Punjab
Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO.93 OF 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 passed by the Commission. During the last hearing the appellant was absent, whereas the respondent was present and had brought the requisite information. Since the appellant was absent, the information was placed on the Commission's record and the appellant was directed to collect the same from the Commission.

2. Today, none of the parties is present. However, the appellant has collected the information from the Commission on 12.08.2026. Thereafter, the appellant sent a deficiency letter dated 17.08.2026 to the Commission as well as to the respondent, pointing out the deficiencies in the information supplied. The appellant has also informed the Commission telephonically today that he is unable to attend the hearing.

3. The deficiency letter submitted by the appellant is forwarded to the respondent with a direction to examine the deficiencies pointed out therein and remove the same, and furnish the complete requisite information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on **16.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

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ShManjit Singh, (M-8427498620)
S/o ShGurcharan Singh,
Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt-Ropar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Transport Department,
Sector-17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Transport Department,
Sector-17, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4712 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Manjit Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-ShKaramjit Singh, SrAsstt. (9501050329) MsVeena, SrAsstt (98763-60940) MsGurpreetKaur, JrAsstt. (98780-90882) and MsVirpalKaur, Clerk (95923-75128)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which an inspection rights were given to the appellant pertaining to point no. 10 and 11.

2. Today the appellant states that he has inspected partial record and identified the information required. He adds that the respondent had not facilitated him for the inspection of the complete record.

3. The respondent submits that the appellant has identified the partial record and identified 33 files required by him.

4. In view of the above, the respondent is directed to facilitate the appellant for the inspection of the complete record on any working day, with prior intimation. Further, regarding the information identified by the appellant, after the inspection, the appellant is directed to deposit the requisite copying cost to the respondent and obtain the information.

5. 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 **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 :17.09.2026

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/oPolice Public Diary
15A, Shashtari Nagar, Model Town,
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SMO, Civil Hospital
Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Gurdaspur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4978 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. However, a communication dated 17.09.2026 has been received from the appellant, requesting that complete information as sought in the RTI application be provided to him.

3. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the third hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default.

4. The Commission is constrained to observe that the conduct of the respondent is wholly unacceptable. Repeated absence from the proceedings, failure to furnish information, failure to submit any written explanation and continued disregard of the Commission's directions amount to gross negligence in the discharge of statutory duties. Such conduct also results in unnecessary harassment to the appellant, who has been compelled to attend repeated hearings without any fault on his part. The Commission, therefore, takes a serious view of the continued and deliberate non-compliance by the respondent public authority.

5. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO o/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Gurdaspur 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.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4978 of 2025

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. To come up on **24.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :17.09.2026

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ShLakhwinder Singh, (M-9814910649)
S/o ShBalwinder Singh,
Village Madyake, PO Pindi,
Tehsil Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur-152022

..... Appellant

.Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

..... Respondent

AC No.1086 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh. Nimardeep Singh Sodhi, representative for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShKulwinder Singh, PDS Mamdot (98553-45094)s

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which the respondent was given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state their case.

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

3. The representative for the appellant states that the complete information has not been provided.

4. After hearing both the parties, it transpired that the representative of the appellant is not conversant with the facts and circumstances of the present case and is unable to assist the Commission effectively. Therefore, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case *failing which, appropriate orders in his absence 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 **27.10.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

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ShRakesh Kumar Walia,
Flat 501, Tower-1, Infinity Galaxy,
New Airport road, Near Mc Donald's
Zirakpur-140603(M-97816-52376)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare,Pb
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sec-34, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare,Pb
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sec-34, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No.3191 of 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Rakesh kumar Walia, appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh Sukhwinder Singh, Computer operator (8196921313)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which the respondent was given an opportunity to be present along with the complete information.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information. He also demands that action be taken on the respondent-PIO for the delay in providing the information.

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

4. 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 has also been observed that the respondent has delayed in providing the information to the appellant.

5. In view of the above, **PIO- O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare Punjab** to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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.

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AC No.3191 of 2024

6. 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/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :17.09.2026

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Sh Chanderdeep Maggu, Advocate,
Chamber 179, Block C,
District Court complex, Fazilka

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (G) Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.2961 of 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh. Sandeep Kumar, (8427422023)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has sent an email stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing.
3. Respondent sought time.
4. Considering the request of the respondent, the above said appeal case is adjourned on 27.10.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

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Sh Chanderdeep Maggu, Advocate,

Chamber 179, Block C,
District Court complex, Fazilka

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.2980 of 2024

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-Sh. Sandeep Kumar, (8427422023)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again the appellant is not present. He has sent an email stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing.
3. Respondent sought time.
4. Considering the request of the respondent, the above said appeal case is adjourned on 27.10.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :17.09.2026

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ShManavMonga, (M-98146-97601)
S/o ShKrishanGopal,
R/o MandiGururharsahai,
Distt Ferozepur-152022

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN (Civil)
Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o XEN (Civil)
Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Bathinda

.....Respondent

AC No.6100 of 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Manav Monga appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO- Sh. Vijesh Sharma, EE (C) (9781114848)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, in the information provided.

2. The appellant Sh.Manav Monga states that the complete information has not been provided to him.

3. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant, but as directed, the appellant has not filed any deficiencies.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the material placed on record, it has been ascertained that despite an opportunity to point out deficiencies, the appellant has not complied with the orders of the Commission. However, taking a lenient view, again an opportunity is given to the appellant 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.

5. 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 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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ShKulbir Pal, (M-98720-89251)
S/o ShAssa Ram,
VPO Kalyanpur, Jalandhar-144026

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (D) Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No.3045 of 2024
(Heard through VC facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar)

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the respondent to provide point wise specific information to the appellant.

2. The appellant states that the respondent has sent his reply, mentioning that the information sought by him is available on their official website. He adds that upon checking the website of the Commission the information sought by him could not be traced.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent. They have neither informed the Commission about their absence nor filed any reply.

4. In view of the above, the respondent is given one last opportunity to be present on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply pertaining to the RTI of the appellant, 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 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 **11.11.2026 at 11:30AM through VC facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Punjab

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ShKulbir Pal, (M-98720-89251)
S/o ShAssa Ram,
VPO Kalyanpur, Jalandhar-144026

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Jalandhar (west)

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No.3524 of 2024
(Heard through VC facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar)

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent. They have neither informed the Commission about their absence nor filed any reply.
4. In view of the above, the respondent is given one last opportunity to be present on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply pertaining to the RTI of the appellant, 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 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 **11.11.2026 at 11:30AM through VC facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh Kulbir Pal, (M-98720-89251)
S/o ShAssa Ram,
VPO Kalyanpur, Jalandhar-144026

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP (Rural), Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o SSP (Rural), Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No.3525 of 2024
(Heard through VC facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar)

Present : (i) Sh. Kulbir Pal, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Ms Gurpreet kaur, computer operator (98109-45483)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which the respondent was given an opportunity to provide point -wise specific reply to the appellant.

2. The respondent states that the information has been supplied to the appellant.
3. The appellant states that the information supplied to him pertaining to point no. 2 and 4, is not complete and he is not satisfied with it.
4. In view of the above, the appellant is given an opportunity to point out deficiencies pertaining to point no. 2 and 4, 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. 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 **11.11.2026 at 11:30AM through VC facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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ShKulbir Pal, (M-98720-89251)
S/o ShAssa Ram,
VPO Kalyanpur, Jalandhar-144026

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (D) Jalandhar

.....Respondent

AC No.3044 of 2024
(Heard through VC facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar)

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.07.2026 vide which the respondent was given an opportunity to be present on the next date of hearing i.e today along with the information provided.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent. They have neither informed the Commission about their absence nor filed any reply.
4. In view of the above, **one last and final opportunity** is given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, failing which action u/s 20(1) will be initiated against the respondent-PIO. Further, 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 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 **11.11.2026 at 11:30AM through VC facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :17.09.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh Jaswinder Singh, (M-8360961710)
S/o ShHarcharan Singh,
R/o Village BahawalBasi,
TehsilAbohar, DisttFazilka

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Abohar, DisttFazilka

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO Fazilka

.....Respondent

AC No.1817of 2025

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

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 13.12.2024 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 17.03.2025 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.09.2026 in the Commission.

2. It is pertinent to mention that the appellant had approached the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court by filing CWP No. 20686 of 2026 titled Jaswinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others. Vide order dated 10.07.2026, the Hon'ble High Court directed to consider and decide the Second Appeal dated 11.03.2025 expeditiously and within a time-bound manner by passing a speaking order in accordance with law.

3. Today the appellant has submitted that the information sought through the RTI application has not been supplied to him completely. He further states that the information supplied to him pertaining to point nos. 7, 9 and 10 is not complete He has also filed a written submission before the Commission reiterating the information sought and pointing out the deficiencies in the information supplied.

4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have not even informed the Commission about their absence nor filed any reply. However, the respondent has sent a written reply along with certain documents mentioning therein that the requisite information/documents have been supplied to the appellant. A postal receipt has also been placed on record in support of dispatch of the documents to the appellant.

5. In view of the above, the respondent is given an opportunity to provide complete information to the appellant, pertaining to point no. 7,9 and 10 along with the JE report, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, the respondent is also directed to file his specific reply on the next date of hearing. The respondent-PIO is also directed to comply with the orders of the Commission before the next date of hearing, so that the matter may

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be brought to its logical conclusion expeditiously in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court.

6. 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 **14.10.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Date :17.09.2026