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Sh Ankit Sehgal, C/oBombay Studio
NearMain Post Office Chowk, Pathankot

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC,Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC, Batala, Distt.Gurdaspur

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5505 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.07.2026 passed by the Commission

2. The appellant is absent today. He has sent an email dated 22.09.2026 that neither the compensation nor the information has been given to him. Respondent is absent today without any intimation. Since both the parties are not present hence one last and final opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. 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 :22.09.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. DharuvDev Singh,
S/o Sh. Daljit Singh, Village Akhrota,
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot-143534.
M : 7009781585

RTI Application No 54359

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (D),
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3700 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.06.2026 passed by the Commission vide which copy of the order was sent to ADC (D) for compliance.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that today is the third hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default. During the hearing dated 12.02.2026, the appellant stated that the deficiencies had already been sent to the respondent but no information has been given to him. The record reveals that despite due notice, the respondent has remained absent for the last two consecutive hearings. No written reply, compliance report or request for adjournment has been received by the Commission. The repeated non-appearance of the respondent demonstrates a lack of seriousness towards the proceedings of the Commission and amounts to failure to discharge the statutory obligations under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

3. Looking at the lackadaisical attitude of the respondents, the respondent-PIO deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO o/o ADC(D) Pathankot 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.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 3700 OF 2023

4. During the last hearing the ADC (D), Pathankot was directed to ensure compliance of the orders of the Commission. However, today it is observed that no compliance report has been received from the office of ADC (D) Pathankot. Thus despite the earlier directions of the Commission, the requisite compliance has not been reported hence the Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot is hereby directed to ensure compliance of the directions of the Commission in the matter and shall ensure that the concerned officer/official appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the requisite record.

5. 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.

Date :22.09.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: Dr.Palavi , IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot (for compliance)

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Sh. Sawinder Singh, S/o Sh. Bal Singh,
VPO Shutrana, Tehsil Patran, Distt Patiala-147105
M : 9814824772; 9417924772

Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Patran, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Distt Revenue Officer, Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5007 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh.NareshKumar, Sr. Assistant (9646700790)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.06.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. However, a written communication has been received from the appellant, wherein he has sought exemption from personal appearance on medical grounds, stating that due to the chronic and persistent low platelet count of his spouse, he is unable to attend the hearing. The appellant has also submitted that the compensation awarded by the Commission has not been received by him and has requested that appropriate directions be issued in this regard.

3. The respondent is present and submits that the reply in the matter has already been submitted before the Commission. It is further submitted that the compensation amount of Rs. 3,000/-, as awarded by the Commission, is ready to be sent to the appellant.

4. The Commission has considered the submissions made by the respondent and the written communication received from the appellant. Since the appellant has not appeared today, but has furnished a written communication seeking exemption from personal appearance, in the interest of justice, one further opportunity is being afforded to him to appear and make his submissions.

5. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to send the compensation amount of Rs. 3,000/- to the appellant before the next date of hearing and submit proof of such payment before the Commission. Copy of the reply submitted by the respondent be sent to the appellant along with these orders. The appellant is granted one last opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and make his submissions. In case the appellant fails to appear on the next date, the Commission shall proceed to consider and decide the matter on the basis of the material available on record.

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6. To come up on 30.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :22.09.2026

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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside SanjhKender, Phillaur - 144410

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

..... Respondent

AC No. 2399 of 2023

Present : (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh the appellant without authority letter
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The perusal of the case file shows that the present appeal has remained pending before the Commission for a considerable period. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the tenth hearing in the matter. 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. Not only a show cause but even bailable warrants were issued to secure his present. However, even after issuance of the Show Cause Notice and bailable warrants, the respondent has chosen not to appear before the Commission or submit any explanation. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

3. 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.

4. Today an email dated 15.09.2026 has been received from Sh. Narinder Sharma, Municipal Town Planner, Department of Municipal Town Planning, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, wherein he has requested that a Webex meeting link for the hearing fixed for 22.09.2026 be provided to him. In the said email, he has stated that he is required to appear continuously in different appeal cases fixed for hearings on 21.09.2026, 22.09.2026 and 23.09.2026 and, therefore, is unable to attend the hearing on 22.09.2026 physically.



AC No. 2399 of 2023

5. The said communication has been taken on record. However, it is pertinent to note that the present proceedings have been pending for a considerable period and the respondent-PIO has already been granted repeated opportunities to appear before the Commission. Despite the orders dated 20.01.2026 and 28.04.2026, issuance of bailable warrant, and the subsequent opportunity granted vide order dated 16.07.2026, the respondent has not effectively participated in the proceedings before the Commission.

6. The Commission further observes that the email dated 15.09.2026 primarily seeks a Webex link for appearance on the date of hearing and does not constitute a substantive explanation to the show-cause notice issued under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005. No cogent explanation has been placed on record in the said communication explaining the repeated failure of the respondent-PIO to comply with the directions of the Commission and to participate in the proceedings despite the opportunities granted to him.

7. In view of the repeated opportunities granted to the respondent-PIO, the bailable warrant issued against him, the show-cause notice under Section 20(1), and the subsequent communication dated 15.09.2026, the Commission is of the considered view that the respondent has been afforded sufficient opportunities. This is indeed a serious matter.

8. 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.4000/- (Rupees Four thousand Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as compensation.

9. 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 **30.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :22.09.2026

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Sh.Manjinder Singh, # 2469
Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar
Distt. Mohali -140301

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Ferozepur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5032 OF 2023

Present :- (i) Sh.Manjinder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh.Sunil Kumar, Clerk (8283849198)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.07.2026 passed by the Commission

2. Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk, appeared on behalf of the State Transport Commissioner office. However, no compliance report in terms of the directions contained in the previous order was produced before the Commission.

2. Respondent, o/o Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur has requested that the proceedings be conducted through online mode. The said request is declined. The concerned respondent/representative shall appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

3. In view of the fact that the compliance of the previous order has not been furnished, the PIO, Office of the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Ms. Sukhveer Kaur, is directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a complete compliance report regarding the directions contained in the order dated 15.07.2026, along with the relevant record, if any.

4. One last and final opportunity is given to the Respondent, o/o Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5032 OF 2023

5. To come up on **17.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :22.09.2026

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

CC: (i) State Transport Commissioner, Sector 17, Chandigarh
(ii) Madam Sukhveer Kaur, PIO, O/o State Transport commissioner, Sector 17, Chandigarh

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Sh Bhupinder Singh, (M-8054320705)
S/o ShRai Singh,
R/o Village Dhoda, Block Dehlon,
Distt Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Dehlon,
Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 488 OF 2024

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.08.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant states that no information has been given to him so far.
3. Respondent is absent today. He has sent a letter that he is unable to attend the hearing. Further he has sought another date.
4. Since the respondent has sought another date, taking a lenient view one last opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission alongwith complete record and state his case, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated.
5. To come up on **09.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :22.09.2026

Sd/-
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Sh Bhushan Jain, (M-8146300392)
#392, Street No. 3,
Nirmal Nagar, Dugri, Ludhiana

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Ludhiana

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 5547 of 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing. Respondent has sent his reply which is as under:-

ਦਫਤਰ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ-ਕਮ-ਪਬਲਿਕ ਇੰਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਫਸਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ (ਪੰਛਮੀ)

ਵੱਲ,

ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਭੁਸ਼ਨ ਜੈਨ
ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 392 ਗਲੀ ਨੰਬਰ 3, ਨਿਰਮਲ ਨਗਰ
ਦੁੱਗਰੀ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

ਨੰਬਰ /ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਮਿਤੀ

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ: ਏ.ਸੀ ਨੰਬਰ 5547 of 2024, ਏ.ਸੀ ਨੰਬਰ 5548 of 2024 ਅਤੇ ਆਪ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ File Number 205/Teh(W)PIO ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਭੁਸ਼ਨ ਜੈਨ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 392 ਗਲੀ ਨੰਬਰ 3, ਨਿਰਮਲ ਨਗਰ ਦੁੱਗਰੀ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਐਕਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਪ ਦੀ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜੋ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ/ਪੱਤਰ/ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪਲੱਬਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਲੜੀ ਨੰਬਰ 2 ਤੇ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਫੀਲਡ ਸਟਾਫ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਫੀਲਡ ਸਟਾਫ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਆਮਦਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਜੋ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਕੇ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀ ਮਿਲ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਪਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਹੀ ਨਕਲ ਪਰਤ ਪਟਵਾਰ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ-ਕਮ-ਪੀ.ਆਈ.ਓ
ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ (ਪੰਛਮੀ)

ਪਿੰ:ਅੰ:ਨੰ: 30-31 / ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਮਿਤੀ 14/7/2026
ਇਸ ਦਾ ਇਕ ਉਤਾਰਾ:-

1. Hon'ble Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਨੰਬਰ 10549 ਮਿਤੀ 21 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ 2026 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

2. ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਮਾਲ ਅਫਸਰ-ਕਮ-ਲੋਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 1179/ਪੀ.ਆਈ.ਓ/ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਮਿਤੀ 24-04-2026 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ-ਕਮ-ਪੀ.ਆਈ.ਓ
ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ (ਪੰਛਮੀ)

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AC No. 5547 of 2024

3. Since, both the parties are not present hence one opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated. To come up on **30.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :22.09.2026

**Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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#392, Street No. 3,
Nirmal Nagar, Dugri, Ludhiana

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Ludhiana (West)

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Ludhiana (West)

.....Respondent

AC No.5548 of 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 01.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email vide which he has sought another date.

3. Since, both the parties are not present hence one opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated. To come up on **27.10.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :22.09.2026

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ShriManjeet Singh, M:-78888 65424
S/o ShriBalvir Singh, R/o Village Khanpur,
Tehsil & District Ferozepur.

Appellant

Versus

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

2. Public Information Officer
O/o BDPO, GhallKhurd, Ferozepur

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 56 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Natha Singh Bhullar, PIO(9814506281), Sh. Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Development Officer (9877661740)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.06.2026 vide which a penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) was imposed on the PIO-O/o BDPO, GhallKhurd, Ferozepur.

2. The appellant is not present. However, he has informed telephonically that the information sought by him has not yet been supplied. The respondent is present and submits that the penalty of Rs. 25,000/- imposed by the Commission has already been deposited. The respondent has also produced the challan/deposit receipt in proof thereof, which is taken on record. Since the appellant has stated that the information has still not been received, the respondent is directed to furnish the complete information sought by the appellant. In case the complete information has already been furnished, the respondent shall produce proof of such supply before the Commission. If the information has not yet been supplied, the respondent shall furnish the same to the appellant before the next date of hearing and, in case of any difficulty in supplying the information, shall bring the complete record/information before the Commission on the next date. The appellant is granted one last opportunity to appear before the Commission and make his submissions. In case the appellant fails to appear on the next date without sufficient cause, the matter shall be decided by the Commission on the basis of the material available on record.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 56 OF 2023

3. To come up on **30.12.2026 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 :22.09.2026

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Sh. Ankit Grover, (M : 8968165400)
29, Street No 1, Vijay Colony,
Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.-152123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Fazilka.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 36 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Ankit Grover, appellant

(ii) For the respondent-PIO-Sh Vikram Dhuria, EO (98889-00445)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.07.2026 vide which the respondent –PIO was directed to be present today.

2. The appellant states that he has already pointed out deficiencies in the information provided to the respondent, but the complete information has not been provided to him. The appellant has also filed his detailed written submissions today, which is taken on record. Further, he also mentioned therein that due to deliberate non-compliance and delay in supplying the information, maximum penalty be imposed upon the respondent-PIO and he be compensated for the detriment and harassment suffered.

3. As directed, PIO-Sh Vikram Dhuria, EO is appearing personally today. He submits that he has brought the complete information, after the removal of deficiencies, to be provided to the appellant today. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant. Further, he has also filed an affidavit, duly notarized, mentioning that the information, as available has been provided to the appellant and that no other record is available with the O/o MC, Fazilka. Copy of the affidavit is also provided to the appellant today.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the submission filed by the appellant, it has been ascertained that there has been a delay in providing the information to the appellant. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to **PIO, O/o MC, Fazilka**, 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 on 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.

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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 27.10.2026 at 11:30AM for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh Rahul Manchanda, (M-9809002222)
S/o Late ShHari Om Manchanda,
#39, Geeta Colony,
Tehsil & Distt Jalandhar-1-144002
(RTI application no. 166815)

..... Appellant

.Vs

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Drainage cum Mining & Geology Division,
Hoshiarpur

.....Respondent

AC No.2724 of 2025
Along with
AC No.1698 of 2025
AC No.1699 of 2025
AC No.1378 of 2025
AC No.2841 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh Rahul Manchanda, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShManjinder Singh, JE (75278-77562)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.08.2026 passed in these cases vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. The appellant has filed abovesaid appeals with the Commission seeking information from PIO O/o XEN, Drainage cum Mining & Geology Division, Hoshiarpur. As in all these cases, the appellant and the PIO is the same so all these cases are clubbed together.

3. Today the appellant states that no information has been supplied to him in any of the said cases. He demands that action be taken against the respondent-PIO for delay in supplying the information.

4. The respondent has sought time.

5. 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-PIO remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default. The respondent appearing today is not aware of the facts of the case. Upon enquiring, it has also come to the notice that the respondent is appearing before the Commission without any authority letter. He submits that he appeared today merely on the basis of a telephonic communication.

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

7. 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 XEN, Drainage cum Mining & Geology Division, Hoshiarpur** 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.

8. 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** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh.Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, Distt. Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Registrar, Central
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, East Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4652 OF 2025

Present :- (i) ShJasbir Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh Ajay Goyal, clerk (98036-42982)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.06.2026 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The respondent states that their reply has already been sent to the appellant. He has also brought his reply today, which is handed over to the appellant.

3. The appellant has sought time to file his rejoinder.

4. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given the appellant to file his rejoinder, if any, before the next date of hearing to the respondent, with a copy to the Commission office. Further, the respondent has also filed his reply to the show-cause notice today. The same is kept pending till 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 for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, R/o Guru Nanak
Nagar, PORamgarh, Distt.Ludhiana - 141010

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Joint Sub Registrar
Koomkalan, Distt.Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM (East), Distt.Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4994 of 2025

Present : (i) ShJasbir Singh, appellant.
(ii) For the respondent- none

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.07.2026 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent-PIO is neither present today nor he has informed the Commission about his absence. He has not even filed any reply. However, taking a lenient view the respondent is once again directed to remain personally present before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with a point-wise reply, complete records pertaining to the RTI application, proof of dispatch of the information, if any, and a detailed explanation in response to the pending Show Cause Notice. In case of failure to comply with these directions or continued absence, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law, including the continuation of proceedings under Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, without granting any further opportunity.

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** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, R/o Guru Nanak Nagar,
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Appellant
Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Registrar East,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM East, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4992 of 2025

Present : (i) ShJasbir Singh, appellant.
(ii) For the respondent- none

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.07.2026 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information or any reply from the respondent. He also demands that he be compensated for the detriment suffered by him on account of delay in providing the information.

3. The respondent is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail mentioning that the information has been provided to the appellant.

4. 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.

5. 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 or submit any explanation. Such conduct clearly reflects deliberate, wilful and persistent disregard of the statutory proceedings before this Commission.

6. 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



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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.

7. Therefore, the Bench is of the view that the Appellant deserves to be awarded compensation under Section 19(8)(b) of RTI Act 2005 for the loss and detriment suffered by him on account of delayed supply of information.

8. The Bench is of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. **5000/- (Rupees five Thousand only)** by way of compensation to the Appellant. This amount shall be payable to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Further, the Respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant.

9. Respondent may take note that this is the last opportunity given to appear before the Commission, otherwise bailable warrant will be issued.

10. 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 for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority ,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority ,
Faridkot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 205 OF 2024

Present : (i) ShJasbir Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) For the respondent- none

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.06.2026 vide which the respondent was directed to provide the information pertaining to point no. 1, to the appellant.

2. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. However, as directed, the respondent has filed his reply pertaining to point no. 1, through e-mail. Copy of the same is handed over to the representative for the appellant. He has sought some time to peruse the same.

3. In view of the above, the appellant is given an opportunity to peruse the reply of the respondent pertaining to point no. 1 and file his rejoinder, if any, before the next date of hearing to the respondent, with a copy to the Commission office. 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 for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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