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Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib
Distt. Ropar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways,
Ludhiana

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4706 OF 2023

Present : (i) Sh. Manjit Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Ms. Kamaljeet Kaur, Steno Typist (78147-77136)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.08.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant states that he has already pointed out the deficiencies in the information provided to the respondent, but the complete information has not been provided to him.

3. Ms. Kamaljeet Kaur, Steno Typist is appearing on behalf of the respondent today. She is not in a position to satisfy the Commission.

4. In view of the above, it is observed that the respondents are being represented by officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. *From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear.* Appearance of officials other than PIO/APIO will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also award of compensation to the appellant and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

5. Further the respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information, after the removal of deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant 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 **11.11.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. sd/-

Date : 23.09.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh Shivrati Khan, (M-98555261167)
S/o Sh Chottu Khan, R/o VPO Bhudan,
Tehsil & Distt Malerkotla-148023

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Malerkotla-2

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Malerkotla

.....Respondent

AC No.2979of 2025

Present : Sh.Shivrati Khan the appellant alongwith Sh.Hardeep Singh and Sh. Rashid
For the respondent: Sh.Bashih Mohammed, Panhayat Secretary (950102763),
Sh.Akashdeep Singh, GRS (98158600038)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.08.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that he has already deposited a sum of Rs. 15000/- towards the copying fee for obtaining the information, but the information supplied to him is incomplete. The appellant further states that he has not been provided the information within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. For this the appellant demands that the Respondent be penalized and he be compensated for the detriment suffered.

3. After hearing the appellant, it appears that the PIO has not provided the information to the complainant as yet. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005, to PIO, o/o BDPO, Malerkotla -2 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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4. The respondent is also directed to refund the excess amount of fee, if any deposited by the appellant, after calculating the fee actually payable for the information supplied. 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)
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Date :23.09.2026

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

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka.

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 178 OF 2024

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.08.2026 vide which Sh Harjinder Singh, DDPO assured the Bench that the information will be provided to the appellant before the next date of hearing i.e today.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
3. The respondent is not present today.
4. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the eighth hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default.
5. 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.
6. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the Commission comes to a logical conclusion that the appellant is 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 Thousands Only)** is awarded to the Appellant as



APPEAL CASE NO. 178 OF 2024

compensation. I order accordingly. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

7. Looking at the lackadaisical and highly irresponsible attitude of the respondents, **PIO O/o DDPO Fazilka** is directed to show cause under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, before the penalty is imposed as to:- (i) Why supply of information as per RTI request has been delayed. (ii) Why penalty be not imposed upon him for not supplying the information within time as prescribed under RTI Act 2005.

8. Respondent-PIO is directed to file an affidavit in this regard before the next date of hearing. Respondent-PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The Respondent-PIO may also make use of the next date of hearing for his personal hearing as well under the principles of natural justice.

9. 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 through Video conferencing facility in the O/o DC Fazilka**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :23.09.2026

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Sh. AnkitSehgal, C/o Bombay Studio Near Main
Post office Chowk, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, MC, Dinanagar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (UD) Gurdaspur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5507 OF 2023

Present : (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant is not present today. He has sent an e-mail through which he has sought exemption from today's hearing. Further, he has also filed his submission through the said e-mail, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that they have already sent their replies to the appellant.

4. In view of the above, the copy of the submission, as filed by the appellant, is sent to the respondent along with these orders, with direction to file their reply regarding the same, on the next date of hearing. Further the appellant is also given an opportunity 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 28.10.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :23.09.2026

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Sh. Harmesh Singh, (M-9501338846)
S/o Sh Chet Singh,
R/o Village Ahmed dandi, Mamdot,
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.1244 of 2025
AC No.838 of 2025
alongwith
AC No.640 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh. Harmesh Singh the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2026 passed by the commission.

2. The appellant has filed abovesaid appeals with the Commission seeking information from PIO O/o BDPO, Mamdot, Distt. Ferozepur. As in all these cases, the appellant and the PIO is the same so all these cases are clubbed together.

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

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. 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. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and

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AC No.1244 of 2025

AC No.838 of 2025

alongwith

AC No.640 of 2025

complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

6. 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/-

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Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, # 10493,
Street no. 5/6, Janta Nagar
Bhagwam, Chowk, Ludhiana

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer
O/o Chairman, PPCB, Patiala

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chairman, PPCB, Patiala

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5726 of 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar the appellant
(ii) for the respondent : Sh. Ishmanjot Singh, AEE-cum-APIO (8968501155)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant states that he has submitted his written submissions before the Commission, the same is taken on record. During the last hearing, the respondent sought time to file an affidavit as directed during the hearing dated 04.06.2026. In compliance thereof, the respondent has submitted his reply on plain paper in the shape of an affidavit. However, the same is not a duly sworn and attested affidavit.

3. Accordingly, the respondent is again directed to file a proper point-wise reply on an affidavit, duly sworn and attested by a Notary Public, before the next date of hearing. Further, in view of the circumstances of the case and the manner in which the information sought by the appellant has been dealt with, the PIO is hereby issued a Show Cause Notice as to why penalty under Section 20(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 should not be imposed upon him for the alleged delay/default in furnishing the requisite information. 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. 5726 of 2024

4. To come up on **11.11.2026 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 :23.09.2026

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Sh. Hardeep Singh, S/o Sh. Harnam Singh
R/o MandiHazoor Singh
Tehsil and Distt.Fazilka

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Fazilka

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (G) Fazilka

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2962 of 2024

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.07.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent was not present.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email vide which he has sought another date. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence.

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. 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 and set aside without application of mind 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.

4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

5. 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 :23.09.2026

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MsGursimranKaur, (M : 8264563295)
804, MIG, Jamalpur Colony,
Ludhiana-141010.

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. 202 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh Tejinder Singh, representative for the appellant along with ShTejveer Singh
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

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

2. The representative for the appellant states that as directed, the information pertaining to point no. 3 and 4 has not been provided by the respondent-PIO.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant filed RTI on 10.09.2023, but after lapse of more than three years, no information has been given to him, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Neither the respondent has bothered to inform the Commission about his absence nor he has sent any reply. This is indeed a serious matter

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



APPEAL CASE NO. 202 OF 2024

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

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing 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.

Sd/-

Date :23.09.2026

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Ms. Anguri Rani, W/o Late
Sh. Hem Raj, House No. 2650, Ward No.
12, Near Dusshera Ground, Kharar
Distt. Mohali (M-99149-22650)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Council, Kharar
Distt. Mohali

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (UD), Mohali

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 243 OF 2024

Alongwith

APPEAL CASE NO. 334 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh Parmod Kumar, representative for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh Sandeep Kumar, Draftsman (9464322996)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.06.2026 vide which the appellant was directed to provide the copy of complaints, regarding which he has sought information, to the appellant.

2. The representative for the appellant states that as directed, he has submitted the said complaints in the O/o respondent. He adds that he has brought the copy of complaints today also.

3. The respondent states that he has not received the said complaints.

4. Hence, the appellant has handed over the copy of the complaints, running into 03 pages, to the respondent today. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to provide the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Further, the respondent is also directed to file his specific 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 11.11.2026 at 11:30AM in the Commission office for further proceedings. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Prem Singh, S/o Sh. Veer Singh, (M : 9417116773)
Village MandiHazoore Singh,
PO KarniKhera, Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner(D),
Fazilka.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5116 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 one last and final opportunity was given to the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. Since both the parties are not present hence one last opportunity is given to both the parties 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.

3. 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 :23.09.2026

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Sh. Prem Singh, S/o Sh. Veer Singh, (M : 9417116773)
Village MandiHazoore Singh,
PO KarniKhera, Tehsil & Distt Fazilka.

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner(D),
Fazilka.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5120 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 one last and final opportunity was given to the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. Since both the parties are not present hence one last opportunity is given to both the parties 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. 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.

3. 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.

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Sh. Rajinder Singh, S/o Sh. ReshamSingh, (M :6283013546))
Village MandiHazoor Singh,
PO KarniKhera, Tehsil & DisttFazilka.

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner(D),
Fazilka.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5118 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 one last and final opportunity was given to the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. Since both the parties are not present hence one last opportunity is given to both the parties 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.

3. 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.

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Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur
Sahib, Distt.Ropar

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4710 OF 2023

Present : (i) ShManjit Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShKaramjeet Singh, SrAsstt. (9501050329)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.06.2026 passed by the Commission in this case,

2. The respondent states that they have already provided the information pertaining to point no. 2 to the appellant. Further, regarding point no. 3 he reiterates that the information demanded is in question form.

3. The appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply of the respondent. He demands that the information be provided to him.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the respondent is directed to provide the following part of information, pertaining to point no.3 of the appellant, before the next date of hearing :-

“ਕੀ VTS System ਅਤੇ ਚੈਕਿੰਗ ਸਟਾਫ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਰਿਪੋਰਟਾਂ ਦਾ ਮਿਲਾਣ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜੇਕਰ ਹਾਂ ਤਾਂ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ੀ ਨਕਲਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ”

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 **29.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :23.09.2026

Sd/-
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(M-9877103550)

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, Gurdaspur

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Gurdaspur

.....Respondent

AC No.3358of 2024

Present : (i) Sh.Mohinder Pal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh.Gulshan, Patwari (9041921851)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant states that he has already sent deficiencies to the respondent. Respondent states that he has not received any deficiencies so far. ***Copy of the deficiencies handed over to the respondent today in the Commission*** with these directions to remove the same within fifteen days from the receipt of this order. 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 :23.09.2026

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Mandi Gobindgarh,
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib-147301
(RTI application no. 90450)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o General Manager,
Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation,
Sector 34-A, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 10 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Avinash Goyal the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Manish Bansal, Sr. Assistant –cum-APIO
(9914812444)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.08.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant, Sh. Avinash Goyal, submitted that the affidavit already furnished by the respondent does not satisfactorily address the issues involved in the present matter. He submitted that certain relevant documents have now been placed by him before the Commission as well as before the respondent and requested that the same may also be duly considered while filing the affidavit.

3. The appellant specifically requested that the documents/rules placed on record by him be considered and appropriately dealt with in the affidavit instead of merely reiterating the contents of the earlier affidavit. He further submitted that the issues relating to House Rent Allowance (HRA) and Subsistence Allowance have also not been satisfactorily dealt with and requested that these aspects may specifically be examined and mentioned in the affidavit.

4. The appellant placed on record, the following documents/extracts for consideration by the Commission and the respondent:



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(i) Extract from Punjab Financial Rules, Volume-II, page 446, containing provisions regarding enforcement of pecuniary liability and recovery of loss caused to Government, including the circumstances in which the pecuniary liability of a Government employee is required to be considered.

(ii) Extract from Punjab Financial Rules, 1970, page 82, containing provisions regarding recovery from pension and withholding of increments of pay, including the relevant provisions concerning pecuniary loss, negligence/misconduct and recovery from a Government employee.

5. The appellant further submitted that the provisions relating to HRA and Subsistence Allowance are also relevant to the issues under consideration and requested that the respondent be directed to specifically deal with the same in the affidavit, along with the relevant rules and factual position applicable to the appellant.

6. The Commission has considered the submissions made by the appellant and has also taken on record the documents placed before it. It is observed that the earlier affidavit filed by the respondent has been questioned by the appellant on the ground that the same does not satisfactorily deal with all the issues raised by him. Since the appellant has now placed additional documents/rule provisions on record and has specifically raised the issues of HRA and Subsistence Allowance, these aspects require specific examination by the respondent.

7. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to file a fresh, comprehensive and duly verified affidavit, on the basis of the submissions of the appellant mentioned above.

8. The respondent shall ensure that the fresh affidavit is point-wise and supported by the relevant record/rules, wherever relied upon. A mere repetition of the earlier affidavit shall not be treated as sufficient compliance with this order.

9. The respondent shall also specifically indicate in the affidavit whether the documents relied upon by the appellant have been examined, and, if any contention/document is not accepted, the reasons for the same shall be clearly stated.

10. The fresh affidavit, along with supporting documents, shall be furnished to the appellant and filed before the Commission before the next date of hearing. The matter is accordingly adjourned on 28.10.2026 at 11.30 AM for consideration of the fresh affidavit and further proceedings.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :23.09.2026