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Sh.Harvinder Singh Chugh, (M-8699220011)
House no-1, Urban Estate,
Phase-I, Jalandhar-144005 Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar

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

APPEAL CASE NO. 5582 OF 2023

Present : (i) ShHarvinder Singh Chugh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO- ShManbir Singh, SDE (98728-06817) O/o Jalandhar Development Authority and PIO- ShGursewak Singh, Supdt. (9256334922) O/o respondent no. 2

ORDER

This order may be read in continuation of the previous order dated 16.09.2026, vide which both the parties were directed to file their respective affidavits on the next date of hearing.

2. The case has been taken up for hearing today. Both the parties have appeared before the Commission and submitted their respective affidavits in compliance with the directions issued vide the previous order. The original affidavit of the appellant has been handed over to him, and a copy thereof has been retained on the record of the Commission.

3. The appellant has sought further time in the matter. Accordingly, the request is allowed.

4. The matter is adjourned to 27.01.2027 at 11:30 AM for further proceedings. Both the parties are directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :27.10.2026

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Sh ChanderdeepMaggu, 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 : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.09.2026 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. He adds that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has sent his reply that the point-wise reply has already been sent to the appellant. ***Copy of the same be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.*** Since both the parties are not present, hence one last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. To come up on 01.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :27.10.2026

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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 : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.09.2026 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. He adds that no information has been given to him so far. Respondent has sent his reply that the point-wise reply has already been sent to the appellant. ***Copy of the same be sent to the appellant alongwith these orders.*** Since both the parties are not present, hence one last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. To come up on 01.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Sh.Rajinder Kumar Sharma,
RTI Activist and Reporter
VPO Raiser, Tehsil and Distt.Barnala — Appellant

Versus

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

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

APPEAL CASE NO. 592 OF 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma the appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.09.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent was directed to file an affidavit that no verification of the disability certificate was ever conducted by the office concerned and that no record thereto is available with the respondent department.

2. Today the respondent is not present. Taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case. He may take note that this is the last opportunity given to him to appear before the Commission and state his case. To come up on **01.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :27.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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CC: Director School Education Punjab, PSEB Complex, E-Block, 4th Floor, Phase-8, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), Punjab – 160062 (for compliance).

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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
ParivarKalyanBhawan, Sec-34, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare,Pb
ParivarKalyanBhawan, Sec-34, Chandigarh .....Respondent

AC No.3191 of 2024

Present :(i)ShRakesh Kumar Walia, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShSukhminder Singh, Computer operator (8196921313)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.09.2026 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that the information has been provided to him but after delay. Hence, the respondent be penalized for the delay in providing the information and the harassment caused to him on account of delay.

3. The respondent has filed his written submissions in response to the show-cause notice.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, the Bench is of the view that the submissions filed by the respondent for the delay in providing the information are not found to be satisfactory. Respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy. The RTI Act 2005 is not to be used as a substitute for availing of services available under various statutes for matters not involving the bringing to light the mannerism of / flaws in the working of public authority. In view of above, the court 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, I am 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. This amount shall be payable by the Respondent from the State exchequer within fifteen days from the receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.

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AC No.3191 of 2024

5. 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 27.01.2027 at 11:30 for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :27.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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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.1378of 2025
AC No.2841 of 2025

Present :(i) Sh Rahul Manchanda, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.09.2026 vide which a show-cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.

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

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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 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. Accordingly, a copy of this order be forwarded to the Director, Mining and Geology Deptt., Punjab, who is directed to take serious note of the repeated absence and non-compliance on the part of the concerned respondent, XEN, Drainage cum Mining, and Geology Division Hoshiarpur, and to ensure that the respondent appears before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the complete point-wise and duly attested information sought by the appellant. The Director, Mining, Punjab, shall personally ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission and submit a written compliance report before the next date of hearing. The reasons for the absence of the respondent shall also be furnished in the compliance report. The Director, Mining and Geology Deptt., Punjab, is further directed to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned officers/officials under his administrative control that the notices and directions issued by the Commission are to be complied with strictly and within the prescribed time, and that the concerned officers must appear before the Commission whenever directed. Such directions shall be circulated for strict compliance in future so that recurrence of such lapses is avoided.

8. Further, 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. To come up on **12.11.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :27.10.2026

CC: Director, Mining and Geology Deptt., Punjab

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, R/o Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Distt. Ludhiana - 141010 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 : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.09.2026 passed by the Commission vide which Rs. 5000/- as compensation was awarded to the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought another date. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. The Commission has carefully perused the record available on file. It is observed that this is the fourth hearing in the matter. Not only has the respondent remained absent, but no explanation has been offered for such continued default.

3. The record further reveals that a Show Cause Notice has already been issued to the concerned respondent requiring him to explain why action under Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, should not be initiated against him. Not only a show cause but even compensation of Rs. 5000/- was also awarded. 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. Accordingly, a copy of this order be forwarded to the **Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana**, with the direction to personally examine the matter, identify the officer(s) responsible for the repeated non-compliance of the proceedings before this Commission, and ensure that appropriate administrative action is initiated against the defaulting official(s). The DC,Ludhiana shall also ensure that the information sought by the appellant is furnished strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, if not otherwise exempt under the Act, and shall submit a detailed Action Taken Report/Compliance Report before this Commission.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4992 of 2025

5. 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 demand draft of compensation i.e. Rs. 5000/-. 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. To come up on 28.01.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :27.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana (for compliance)

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Sh. Surjit Singh, S/o Sh.Gokul Singh
VPO Jarg Tehsil Payal,
Distt.Ludhiana -141415 (M-9855900321) Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Payal
Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM,Payal,
Distt.Ludhiana Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5057 of 2025

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.10.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again 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 absent, hence taking a lenient view one last and final opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their 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. To come up on 01.12.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :27.10.2026

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Ms. AnjanaKumari, W/o
Sh. Narinder Kumar Aadiya Advocate
R/o House No. 154 R, Navi Dana Mandi
Bahadarke Road, Jalandhar, Bye Pass chowk,
PO Central Post Office, Ludhiana – 141008 Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1484 of 2025

Present : (i) Sh A.P. S Chibber Advocate and ShShubhamMalhotra, Advocate
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.10.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The Counsel for the appellant states that no information has been provided till date.

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

4. In view of the above, one last and final opportunity is given to the respondent to remain personally present before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with complete records pertaining to the RTI application. In case of failure to comply with these directions or continued absence, the Commission shall be constrained to proceed further in accordance with law, without granting any further opportunity. To come up on **27.01.2027 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :27.10.2026

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ShJasdevInder Singh, (M-9717887178)
S/o ShJaswant Singh,
R/o House no. 254, Phase I,
Urban Estate, Patiala-147002 …… Appellant

Public Information Officer, **.Vs**
O/o Regional Transport officer, Patiala

2.Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb
Sector-17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb
Sector-17, Chandigarh

……Respondent

AC No. 3912 of 2024

Present : (i) Sh. Jasdev Inder Singh the appellant
(ii) For the respondent Sh.sher Singh, PIO (9876024728)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.10.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The case has been taken up for hearing today. The respondent submits that the requisite information has already been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant, however, expresses his dissatisfaction with the information supplied by the respondent. He submits that the information provided to him is different from the information available online and, therefore, the information supplied by the respondent is not correct with the information available in the public domain.

4. In view of the submissions made by both parties, the matter requires further clarification regarding the discrepancy pointed out by the appellant. The respondent is required to explain the difference between the information supplied to the appellant and the information available online.

5 Accordingly, Ms. Poonam Preet ,RTO is directed to remain present before the Commission on the next date of hearing without fail, along with the relevant official record and a proper explanation regarding the discrepancy pointed out by the appellant. The directions shall be complied with

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AC No. 3912 of 2024

strictly. To come up on 19.01.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties

Date :27.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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CC:Madam Poonam Preet, RTO, Patiala

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Sh Rajesh Kumar Garg, (M-9417133054)
#150, Balaji Estate,
Adjoining Kunal Colony,
#33 Feet road, Bhamian, Khurd,
Distt Ludhiana-141015 …… Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana **……**Respondent

AC No.7015 of 2024

Present :(i) Sh Rajesh Kumar Garg, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.10.2026 passed by the Commission in this case.

2. The appellant states that no information has been furnished to him by the respondent.

3. The respondent is not present today.

4. 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.

5. After hearing the appellant, it appears that the appellant filed RTI with the department on 12.08.2024, but after lapse of more than two years no information has been provided to the appellant 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 Tehsildar, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana* 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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AC No.7015 of 2024

6. To come up on **01.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :27.10.2026

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State Information Commissioner
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ShJasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur,
PO Ramgarh, Chandigarh road,
Distt Ludhiana-141123 ..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, **.Vs**
O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana .....Respondent

AC No.5373 of 2024

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.10.2026 passed by the Commission vide which neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email stating that he is unable to attend today's hearing and has sought another date. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. 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 **19.11.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :27.10.2026

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Ms Bindu Gupta,
D/o Sh Rattan Lal Gupta,
R/o House no 429, LakkarMandi,
Janipur, Jammu-180006 ..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, **.Vs**
O/o Director, Health and Family Welfare, Pb
ParivarKalyanBhawan, Sector 34A, Chandigarh **.....Respondent**

CC No.259 of 2016

Present : None for the parties

ORDER

The matter was taken up for hearing today. None appeared on behalf of the complainant or the respondent today in the Commission.

2. The record has been perused. The complainant, Ms. Bindu Gupta, had filed Complaint Case No. 259 of 2016 in respect of her RTI application dated 10.11.2015, seeking information relating to Patel Hospital, Jalandhar, including its registration and other information concerning the treatment of her brother. The complaint was disposed of by the Commission vide order dated 06.04.2016, observing that the information sought related to a private hospital and did not fall within the purview of the Right to Information Act, 2005.Thereafter, the complainant filed CWP No. 213 of 2017 (O&M) before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh, challenging the order passed by the Commission.

3. The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, vide its order dated 17.09.2025, directed the Public Information Officer Office of the Civil Surgeon concerned, to furnish the information sought at Point No. 1 of the RTI application dated 10.11.2015. With regard to the remaining information, the petitioner was granted liberty to avail herself of other remedies available in accordance with law. The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court disposed of the writ petition with the aforesaid directions.

4. In view of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, the concerned PIO is directed to ensure compliance with the order dated 17.09.2025 and furnish the information sought at Point No. 1 of the RTI application, if not already supplied. Since none

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appeared on behalf of either party today, the matter is adjourned for **24.12.2026 at 11.30 AM** for consideration of compliance with the directions issued by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date :27.10.2026

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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ShLovejinder Singh, (m-9595000072)
Owner M/s Royal Construction Company,
#237, phase 02, Urban Estate,
Patiala-147002 ..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, **.Vs**
O/o XEN, Drainage & Mining,
Nabha Road, Patiala-147001

First Appellate Authority
O/o SE, Drainage Circle, Patiala .....Respondent

AC No.2534of 2026

Present : (i) ShLovejinder Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShGulshan Kumar, SDO (8168767617)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 16.12.2025 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 25.03.2026 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 27.10.2026 in the Commission.

2. The respondent states that the information has been supplied to the appellant. He also presents the copy of the receiving given by the appellant in lieu of receiving the information, for the perusal of the Bench.

3. The appellant states that the information supplied to him is not complete and he is not satisfied with it.

4. In view of the above, an opportunity is given to the respondent to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI Application. Further, it is also clarified that, in case no other information is available to be supplied to the appellant, then the respondent to file an affidavit mentioning that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and notarized by the notary public.To come up on **01.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :27.10.2026

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