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Sh. Balwinder Singh Garcha, (M-84376-52286)
S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh Garcha, VPO
Majara, Tehsil and Distt. Ludhiana (East)-141120
(RTI application no. 178981)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

2. Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, KoomKalan, Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4273 OF 2025

Present :- (i) Sh. Balwinder Singh Garcha, appellant
(ii) For the respondent : PIO-Sh Hitesh, DDPO (9780780000), Sh. Sukhdeep Singh, BDPO
KoomKalan (9815276062)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.08.2026 passed by the respondent in this case.

2. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him till date.
3. PIO- Sh Hitesh, DDPO is appearing personally today. He states that the information sought by the appellant is related to PIO O/o BDPO, Koomkalan, Ludhiana. Hence, the RTI of the appellant has been forwarded to them.
4. Sh. Sukhdeep Singh, BDPO, Koomkalan, Ludhiana is also appearing today. He submitted that the information sought relates to the concerned Panchayat Secretary, who is presently under suspension and is not providing the requisite information. He adds that a written intimation regarding the same has already been sent to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab.
5. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it emerged that the information sought by the appellant is available in the records maintained at the Panchayat level. However, the same had not been furnished to the appellant despite the statutory mandate under the RTI Act. The BDPO has intimated that the concerned Panchayat Secretary had failed to provide the requisite information.



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6. The Commission further observes that if the relevant record was not traceable or had gone missing, the concerned authorities were under an obligation to take immediate remedial measures, including initiation of proceedings for tracing the record, lodging of DDR/FIR wherever required, and fixing responsibility upon the officials responsible for the loss or misplacement of public records. No satisfactory material has been placed on record to demonstrate that such steps were taken with the promptness expected from a public authority. The non-availability of record, if any, cannot be used as a ground to defeat the valuable right of a citizen to access information under the RTI Act. Public records are required to be maintained and preserved in a systematic manner and the concerned officers are accountable for their custody and management.

7. In view of the above, *PIO O/o BDPO, Koomkalan, Ludhiana is impleaded as a necessary party in this case.* Further he is given an opportunity either to furnish the necessary information to the appellant or furnish an affidavit regarding the action taken against the concerned Panchayat Secretary for the missing record. ***DDPO, Ludhiana is exempt from further hearings.*** 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 **30.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties

Date :30.09.2026

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ShNathu Ram Sihag, (M-9463822000)
S/o Shmahavir,
R/o Village Taja Patti, Tehsil Abohar

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,
Distribution, PSPCL, Sri Mukatsar Sahib

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer, Distribution (West) zone,
PSPCL, Bathinda

.....Respondent

AC No.5705 of 2024

Present :- (i) ShNathu Ram Sihag
(ii) For the respondent :ShHarpreet Singh, Circle Asstt. (96461-24103)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.08.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is third party information. Hence, the same has not been provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant states that the information demanded by him is a part of public record. Hence, the same be provided to him.

4. After examining the documents placed on record, it has been observed that, as directed in the previous hearing, the respondent has failed to file his reply today. Hence, the Respondent-PIO is given one ***last and final opportunity*** to file their point-wise reply, indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof, failing which the matter shall be proceeded with ex-parte on the basis of the available record and appropriate action, as deemed fit under the provisions of the RTI Act,, may be considered for non-compliance of the directions of the Commission.

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 **17.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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ShRamandeep Singh, (M-9417617718)
S/o ShJeet Singh,
R/o Basti Tara Singh, Tehsil Zira,
DisttFerozepur

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Zira, DisttFerozepur

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.380 of 2026

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.08.2026 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he has neither received the information nor any reply from the respondent.
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 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 but the respondent is again not present today. Neither they have bothered to inform the Commission about their absence nor they have filed any reply. Despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through SSP, Ferozepur so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally. To come up on **29.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Date :30.09.2026

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In case of Sh. ShRamandeep Singhv/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira, DisttFerozepur

Complaint/Appeal No. : 380 of 2026

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

NEXT DATE OF HEARING :29.12.2026

To

The SSP, Ferozepur

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira, Distt Ferozepur has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira, Distt Ferozepur to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector-16, Chandigarh on 29.12.2026 at 11:30 AM and submit his/her written submissions alongwith the information to be provided to the Appellant.

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Dated :30.09.2026

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ShRamandeep Singh, (M-9417617718)
S/o ShJeet Singh,
R/o Basti Tara Singh, Tehsil Zira,
DisttFerozepur

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Makhu, DisttFerozepur

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.386of 2026

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.08.2026 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he has neither received the information nor any reply from the respondent.

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 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 but the respondent is again not present today. Neither they have bothered to inform the Commission about their absence nor they have filed any reply. Despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through SSP, Ferozepur so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally. To come up on **29.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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In case of Sh. ShRamandeep Singh v/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Makhu,
DisttFerozepur

Complaint/Appeal No. : 386 of 2026

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

NEXT DATE OF HEARING :29.12.2026

To

The SSP, Ferozepur

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Makhu, DisttFerozepur has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Makhu, DisttFerozepur to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector-16, Chandigarh on 29.12.2026 at 11:30 AM and submit his/her written submissions alongwith the information to be provided to the Appellant.

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S/o ShJeet Singh,
R/o Basti Tara Singh, Tehsil Zira,
DisttFerozepur

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Zira, DisttFerozepur

.Vs

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Ferozepur

.....Respondent

AC No.387of 2026

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

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.08.2026 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO.

2. The appellant states that he has neither received the information nor any reply from the respondent.
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 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 but the respondent is again not present today. Neither they have bothered to inform the Commission about their absence nor they have filed any reply. Despite repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO is not appearing before the Commission. Hence, bailable warrant be issued to him through SSP, Ferozepur so that he should appear before the Commission to present his case personally. To come up on **29.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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In case of.ShRamandeep Singh v/s Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira, Distt Ferozepur

Complaint/Appeal No. : 387 of 2026

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

NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 29.12.2026

To

The SSP, Ferozepur

Whereas the Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira, Distt Ferozepur has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner despite the issuance of repeated notices/directions in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on Public Information Officer, O/o BDPO, Zira, Distt Ferozepur to appear before the undersigned at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector-16, Chandigarh on **29.12.2026 at 11:30 AM** and submit his/her written submissions alongwith the information to be provided to the Appellant.

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, C/oPolice Public Diary

15A, Shashtari Nagar, Model Town,
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division,
PWD B&R, Pathankot

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4983 of 2025

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

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

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent an email that he is unable to attend today's hearing. Respondent has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 :30.09.2026

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ShRanjit Singh, (m-9888262914)
S/o late ShMahinder Singh,
VPO Ladowal, Distt Ludhiana

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

.Vs

O/o XEN, Construction Division no.1,
PWD B&R, ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o SE, Construction Circle,
PWD B&R, ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No.4152 of 2025

Present :- (i) ShRanjit Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent :ShGursharan Singh, JE (99156-81586)

ORDER

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

2. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant
3. The appellant states that the complete information has not been provided to him. He only wants that the copy of complaint no. 272 dated 12.11.2024, as mentioned in his RTI application, be provided to him.
4. In view of the above, the respondent is given an opportunity to provide the copy of the complaint, as demanded through his RTI application, to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission office. Further the concerned PIO, to whom the information sought relates, is directed to remain present before the commission on the next date of hearing. To come up on **30.12.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg,
S/o Sh. Harbans Lal, Romana Street
Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information officer
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5933 of 2023

Present: - (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector (9888381909)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing, hence he has sought another date.

3. Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector is appearing on behalf of the respondent and states that the reply has been sent to the appellant. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has not filed proper reply so far. Hence ***one last and final opportunity*** is given to the respondent to file proper, point-wise reply, duly attested before the next date of hearing. *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.*

4. 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.

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Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information officer
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5934 of 2023

Present: - (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector (9888381909)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing, hence he has sought another date.

3. Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector is appearing on behalf of the respondent and states that the reply has been sent to the appellant. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has not filed proper reply so far. Hence ***one last and final opportunity*** is given to the respondent to file proper, point-wise reply, duly attested before the next date of hearing. *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.*

4. 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.

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg,
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Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information officer
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5935 of 2023

Present: - (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector (9888381909)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing, hence he has sought another date.

3. Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector is appearing on behalf of the respondent and states that the reply has been sent to the appellant. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has not filed proper reply so far. Hence ***one last and final opportunity*** is given to the respondent to file proper, point-wise reply, duly attested before the next date of hearing. *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.*

4. 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.

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Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information officer
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5936 of 2023

Present: - (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector (9888381909)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing, hence he has sought another date.

3. Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector is appearing on behalf of the respondent and states that the reply has been sent to the appellant. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has not filed proper reply so far. Hence ***one last and final opportunity*** is given to the respondent to file proper, point-wise reply, duly attested before the next date of hearing. *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.*

4. 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.

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Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information officer
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority
O/o EO, MC, Gurdaspur

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 5937 of 2023

Present: - (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector (9888381909)

ORDER

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

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that he is unable to attend today's hearing, hence he has sought another date.

3. Sh. Maninder Singh, Inspector is appearing on behalf of the respondent and states that the reply has been sent to the appellant. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the respondent has not filed proper reply so far. Hence ***one last and final opportunity*** is given to the respondent to file proper, point-wise reply, duly attested before the next date of hearing. *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.*

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