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Sh. Sandeep Kamal

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Encl.

V/s

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer (by name)

O/o Director,
Sports, PB, Sector-42,
Chandigarh

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Sports, PB, Sector-42,
Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6367of 2026

Present: Sh. Sandeep Kamal the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 23.07.2026 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 14.08.2026 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.08.2026 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for today i.e. 15.09.2026

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. However, the respondent PIO is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that the notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent.

3. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, **Public Information Officer, O/o Director Sports, Punjab, Sector-42, Chandigarh, is, thus, issued a show cause notice** to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

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In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also 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 take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. A copy of this order is **being sent** to Director, Sports, Punjab, to ensure the presence of the concerned Public Information Officer. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the presence of the concerned officials will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or **disciplinary action** may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

5. To come up on **14.10.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 15.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Sorabh Kumar Arora, PCS
Director,
Sports, Punjab,
Sector-42, Chandigarh

After the hearing was over, a reply has been received from the respondent, which is taken on record. Accordingly, a copy of the same is **being sent** to the appellant along with this order to point out the specific deficiency, if any, in an annotated form, well before the next date of hearing. Also the respondent PIO is directed to place on record a copy of the notice sent to the respondent to ascertain whether the said notice was received in time or not.

Dated: 15.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab