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Sh. Harpreet Singh Kahlon

MS Civil Surgeon (Retd.)

Kahlon Hospital, Model Town,
Jalandhar

M: 9814680904

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development &

Panchayat Officer, Kalanaur,

Distt. Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development &

Panchayat Officer,

Gurdaspur

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4844 of 2023

Present: Sh. Ajay Kumar (9463342018) on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.05.2026.

2. The representative of the appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. None is present on behalf of the respondent PIO. It is also a fact that notices/orders of the Commission are being sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent. Viewing the casual attitude towards dealing the RTI application a show cause notice was issued in this case and thereafter, penalty amounting to Rs. 25,000/- was imposed upon the concerned respondent PIO and compensation amounting to Rs. 10,000/- was awarded to the appellant. Furthermore, it is also appropriate to mention that bailable warrants was issued by the then State Information Commissioner, Sh. Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon dated 04.10.2026 and still the appellant is struggling to get the complete sought information.

3. In light of the non-appearance of the concerned Sh. Surjit Singh, BDPO, Kalanaur, the Commission must proceed with the procedure as has been laid down under Section 18(3) of RTI Act read with relevant provisions of Civil Procedure Code. **Accordingly, I here by direct that Bailable Warrant be issued for appearance of concerned respondent PIO-cum-BDPO Sh. Surjit Singh** to produce the record and give evidences pertaining to the RTI queries. As such a copy of this order is endorsed to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, for execution of the bailable warrants.

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Appeal Case No. 4844 of 2023

4. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the **Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur** to ensure the presence of the concerned officials, failing which, **disciplinary proceedings will be recommended against him** as per the procedure established by Law.
5. To come up on **03.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Aditya, IPS

Senior Superintendent of Police,
Gurdaspur

Sh. Uma Shankar Gupta, IAS

Director
Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62,
SAS Nagar

Sh. Harpreet Singh (M: 8872300819)

District Development & Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur

Sh. Surjit Singh (M: 9815627004)

Block Development & Panchayat Officer,
Kalanaur, Distt. Gurdaspur

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Sh. Ankit Sehgal

C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post Office Chowk,
Pathankot

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust,
Jalandhar

Encl.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust,
Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6279 of 2023

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gursewak Singh, SA (9876080685)
Sh. Jagdeep Singh (9888118080) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.07.2026

2. The representative of the appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan submits that the appellant has sent the deficiencies in the supplied information and requested for the complete sought information, which is taken on record. Accordingly, a copy of the same is **being sent** to the respondent PIO to remove the same within 30 days from the issue of this order.
3. Both the parties are directed to remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, to take the matter to its logical end.
4. To come up on **02.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
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Punjab

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Sh. Captain Singh

S/o Sh. Kashmir Singh
R/o Village Marar Khurd,
PO Block Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala,
Distt. Gurdaspur-143507
M: 9872037527

...Appellant

V/s

**Ms. Paramjeet Kaur, BDPO
-cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development &
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Fatehgarh Churian,
Distt. Gurdaspur**

**First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development &
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Gurdaspur**

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2282 of 2024

Present: Sh. Captain Singh the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 14.07.2023 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 22.01.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.03.2024 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. 16.09.2026.

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. None is present on behalf of the respondent PIO. It is also appropriate to mention notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent without intimation. It is pertinent to mention that the appellant filed the RTI application on 14.07.2023 and still struggling to get the complete sought information.

3. In light of the non-appearance of the concerned **Ms. Paramjeet Kaur, Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur**, the Commission must proceed with the procedure as has been laid down under Section 18(3) of RTI Act read with relevant provisions of Civil Procedure Code. **Accordingly, I here by direct that Bailable Warrant be issued for appearance of concerned respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Ms. Paramjeet Kaur, Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur** to produce the record and give evidences pertaining to the RTI queries. As such a copy of this order is endorsed to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, for execution of the bailable warrants.

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Appeal Case No. 2282 of 2024

4. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the **Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur** to ensure the presence of the concerned officials, failing which, the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

5. To come up on **03.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Sh. Aditya, IPS
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Gurdaspur

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Sh. Balwinder Singh

S/o Sh. Gurnam Singh,
H No. 126 B, Sector 37 A,
Chandigarh
M: 9876368404

RTI Application No. 101165

...Appellant

V/s

Sh. Sukhbir Singh Bal

**District Education Officer (SE)-
-cum- Public Information Officer
Fazilka**

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Fazilka**

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2288 of 2024

Present: Sh. Rajnish Bharara, (9918896100) on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 03.12.2023 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 09.01.2024 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.03.2024 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. 16.09.2026.

2. The representative of the appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent PIO to supply the complete sought information. None is present on behalf of the respondent PIO. It is also appropriate to mention that an email has been received from the respondent requesting therein to hear the case through video conference facility, which is taken on record but nothing is mentioned regarding the sought information. It is pertinent to mention that the appellant filed the RTI application on 03.12.2023 and still struggling to get the complete sought information.

3. In light of the non-appearance of the concerned Public Information Officer, O/o District Education Officer (SE), Fazilka, the Commission must proceed with the procedure as has been laid down under Section 18(3) of RTI Act read with relevant provisions of Civil Procedure Code. **Accordingly, I hereby direct that Bailable Warrant be issued for appearance of concerned respondent Sh. Sukhbir Singh Bal, District Education Officer (SE), Fazilka** to produce the record and give evidences pertaining to the RTI queries dated 03.12.2026. As such a copy of this order is endorsed to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, for execution of the bailable warrants.

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Appeal Case No. 2288 of 2024

4. A copy of this order is **being sent** to the **Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka** to ensure the presence of the concerned officials, failing which, the decision will be taken as per the procedure established by Law.

5. To come up on **03.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Sh. Gagan Ajit Singh, PPS
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Fazilka

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Sh. Jasbinder Singh Bhogal

S/o Late Sh. Daya Singh Bhogal,
27/6, Hajipur Chowk, GT Road,
Dasuya
M: 9815306228

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Regional Officer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Environment Engineer,
Zone Office,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1247 of 2025

Present: Sh. Jasbinder Singh Bhogal, the appellant.

Sh. Rackinder Veer Singh, JEE (7888807458) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2026

2. The appellant submits that the DG set has been installed on his neighbor's rooftop and there is a huge vibration and noise in the adjoining houses. He also submits that the said DG set is polluting which has been installed in the residential area but no action has been taken by the department in this regard by the department. However, the respondent requested for an adjournment to verify the facts.

3. Since, the appellant submitted that the DG set has been installed in the residential area wherein the Commission is of the view that Executive Officer (EO), Dasuya is also directed to verify the facts and remain present, in person, on the next date of hearing. Accordingly, a copy of the RTI application is **being sent** to him along with this order.

4. To come up on **15.10.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Executive Officer (by name)
O/o Municipal Council
Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur

Encl. RTI application

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Sh. Paras Garg

S/o Sh. Arun Kumar,
Near Dera Baba Bhai HazooriJoga,
Tehsil & Distt. Mansa

RTI Application No. 153624

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
General Administration, PB,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
General Administration, PB,
Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 332 of 2025
Heard through Cisco Webex

Present: Sh. Paras Garg, the appellant through Cisco Webex.
Sh. Gurjit Singh, Superintendent (9501427036)
Sh. Inderjit Singh, Senior Assistant (9781616348) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2026

2. It is appropriate to mention that the appellant was earlier present through cisco webex but when the call was made for the hearing of this case, he was absent. Accordingly, **last opportunity** is given to him to remain present on the next date of hearing to take the matter to its logical end, failing which, the case will be decided as per the procedure established by Law.

3. To come up on **23.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

Superintendent (by name)
-Cum-Public Information Officer,
O/o Higher Education Department
(Education 1 Branch)
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh

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Sh. Sanjeev Thakur

S/o Sh. Baldev Singh
R/o Village Gurha Khurd,
PO Madhopur,
Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot
M: 9814289764

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 58 of 2025

Present: Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, the appellant.

Sh. Vikrant Salhotra, Accountant (9646074898) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.07.2026

2. The appellant requested for an adjournment to file the reply against the reply supplied by the respondent. Accordingly, the request of the appellant is accepted and the case is adjourned. He is directed to send the reply within 30 days from the issue of this order with a copy to the respondent PIO to enable him to represent the case on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on **25.11.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

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Sh. Vishvdeep Singh Bhangu,
Assistant Commissioner, State Taxes,
R/o 22B, City Central,
Apartment Near 22 No. Crossing
Patiala
M: 9814000028

RTI Application No. 216646

V/s

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Financial Commissioner (Taxation),
PB, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Financial Commissioner (Taxation),
PB, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1258 of 2026

Present: Sh. Vishvdeep Singh Bhangu the appellant.
Sh. Dinesh Garg. SG-I (9814527606)
Sh. Makhan Singh, Senior Assistant (8196097263) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2026

2. The appellant requested for the complete sought information. Also, he submits that the information is in the Larger Public Interest as the prosecution sanction has been issued by the department in favor of the certain employees and the prosecution sanction has been denied to other employees including the appellant although a FIR was registered and the allegations were leveled equal against all the employees.

Also, he submits that the similar role was played by all the employees but the department has taken a different stand for the different employees although the matter remained the same and requested for the complete sought information, which does not comprise 3rd party information.

3. However, the respondent reiterated the response already sent to the appellant vide which the information was denied i.e. the instructions issued by the Government of Punjab.

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Appeal Case No. 1258 of 2026

The relevant portion of the said instructions are as follows:

File No.DGRPG-GR10RTI(OTHR)/14/2021-GR-1
I/225467/2021


No.4/5/2021-4GR1/1/225467/2021
Government of Punjab
Department of Governance Reforms & Public Grievances
(Governance Reforms-1 Br.)
Dated, Chandigarh the 09/08/2021

To

(i) All Head of Departments in the State
(ii) All the Divisional Commissioners in the State
(iii) All the Deputy Commissioners in the State
(iv) Registrar, Punjab & Haryana High Court
(v) All the Sub Divisional Magistrates in the State.

Subject : Decision dated 13-11-2019 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in Civil Appeal No.10044 of 2010 titled in Central Public Information Officer, Supreme Court of India Vs. Subhash Chandra Agarwal- Regarding Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to address you on the subject cited above and to say that Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Para 59 of the above referred case has defined 'Personal Information' under the Right to Information Act, 2005. The relevant part of the Judgment is reproduced below :-

xxx xxx xxx

"Reading of the aforesaid judicial precedents, in our opinion, would indicate that personal records, including name, address, physical, mental and psychological status, marks obtained, grades and answer sheets, are all treated as personal information. Similarly, professional records, including qualification, performance, evaluation reports, ACRs, disciplinary proceedings, etc. are all personal information. Medical records, treatment, choice of medicine, list of hospitals and doctors visited, findings recorded, including that of the family members, information relating to assets, liabilities, income tax returns, details of investments, lending and borrowing, etc. are personal information. Such personal information is entitled to protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. This list is indicative and not exhaustive"

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A copy is forwarded to All the Special Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries, Financial Commissioners, Principal Secretaries and Administrative Secretaries to Govt. of Punjab for information and necessary action pl.

Rajinder Kaur
Under Secretary

To

All the Special Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries,
Financial Commissioners, Principal Secretaries and
Administrative Secretaries to Govt. of Punjab.

I.D No.4/5/2021-4GR1/1/225467/2021 Dated, Chandigarh the 09/08/2021

RAJINDER KAUR, US(RK)-DGR & PG, O/o UNDER SECRETARY
09/08/2021

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Appeal Case No. 1258 of 2026

4. After detailed deliberations with both the parties, it appeared that the right of life is curtailed as according to the appellant a joint FIR was lodged and equal charges were framed against all the employees whereas prosecution sanction has been given in case of the appellant whereas the same was denied to other persons.

5. It is also a case, which falls under the category of Life & Liberty and disclosure of the information is in the Larger Public Interest. Furthermore, the respondent denied the information as stating that the same relates to 3rd party but the information related to 3rd party is not an exemption rather as per Section 11 of the RTI Act, 2005 it is a mandatory procedure to deal with whereas the exemptions should have been according to the Section 8 (1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Also, the information which relates to 3rd party can be disclosed, provided a Larger Public Interest is involved. More so there is a proviso under Section 8 (1) (j) in which it is clearly mentioned:

“Provided that the information which cannot be denied to the Parliament or a State Legislature shall not be denied to any person.”

6. It is also appropriate to mention that the respondent already supplied noting/correspondence related to the FIR No. 8 that is prior to 21.01.2025 and the appellant has now sought the information related to the said FIR after 21.01.2025.

7. Keeping in view the above and for the trial of the case, the disclosure of the information is in Larger Public Interest and submissions made by the respondent are not sustainable in the eyes of Law.

Therefore, the respondent PIO is directed to supply the complete information from 21.01.2025 at least 05 days prior to the date of hearing.

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

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

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Sh. Iqbal Singh Rasulpur

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Encl.

V/s

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3529 of 2023

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Lakhwinder Singh, SI (95017008606)
Sh. B. Sharma, HC (7986546191) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.07.2026

2. The respondent submits a reply, which is taken on record. However, the appellant is absent and requested for an adjournment. Accordingly, **last opportunity** is given to him to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which, case will be decided as per the procedure established by Law. A copy of reply so submitted by the respondent is **being sent** to him along with this order.

3. To come up on **03.12.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 16.09.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC:

Sh. Harpal Singh
Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana

In-charge (by name)
(PC Branch)
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana