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Dr. Pyara Lal Garg (99145-05009),
1178, Progressive Enclave,
Sector - 50 B, Chandigarh - 160047

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Registrar, Punjabi University,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Dean Academic Affairs,
Punjabi University, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4854 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Dr. Pyara Lal Garg (99145-05009),
Respondent: Shri Vikrant, Advocate (98141-05515)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **05.03.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **25.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The appellant states that no information has been given to him so far. He further requested that a penalty be imposed upon the respondent PIO for not providing the information. The appellant submits his written submission during the course of hearing, which is taken on record.

3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is still under investigation. The respondent also filed his reply vide Commission's diary no. 17613 dated 27.08.2026, which is taken on record.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent PIO is hereby directed **to expedite the ongoing investigation and complete it in a time-bound manner**. The respondent PIO is further directed to provide a revised, point-wise reply along with the available information to the appellant, free of cost, within a period of 20 days from the date of receipt of this order. A compliance report to this effect shall be submitted by the PIO to the Commission immediately thereafter.

5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **To come up on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 01.09.2026

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Shri Rabinder Kumar Singla (97801-42200),
S/o Shri Dev Raj Singla,
Bibi Wala Road,
Tehsil & Distt Bathinda - 151001
RTI Application No. 123248

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Bathinda Development Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Bathinda Development Authority,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4855 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **10.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

4. **To come up on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Ms. Navjot Sharma (88470-27920),
S/o Shri Parshotam Dev,
155, Khanna, Distt Ludhiana - 141401
RTI Application No. 124940

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DIGP, Ludhiana Range,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4856 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **23.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in her RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, an email dated 31.08.2026 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to her through registered post but even though she is absent, which seems her absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has she opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

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Shri Karan Luthra (93000-32600),
S/o Shri Deepak Luthra,
D/30, Silver Heights Near Wadala Chowk,
Jalandhar - 144001
RTI Application No. 122260

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, cum District Mining Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer,
Drains cum Mining & Geology,
Water Resource Department, Punjab,
Sector – 18, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4857 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **02.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

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Shri Karan Luthra (93000-32600),
S/o Shri Deepak Luthra,
D/30, Silver Heights Near Wadala Chowk,
Jalandhar - 144001
RTI Application No. 122238

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, cum District Mining Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer, Drains cum Mining & Geology,
Water Resource Department, Punjab,
Sector – 18, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4858 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **02.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **28.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

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Shri Abhay Jain (92168-23842),
S/o Sh.Parmod Jain,
Flat 4886, Pancham Socirty,
Sector - 68, S.A.S Nagar - 160062
RTI Application No. 123089

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4859 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **09.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **26.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, an email has been received from the respondent this morning i.e. 01.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last 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.

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Shri Kuldeep Singh (94178-76648),

S/o Shri Sadhu Singh,
B - 30/10, Sharda Nagar,
Gulab Devi Hospital Road, Jalandhar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4861 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Gaurav Shukla, JA, Property Tax Branch (62805-35231) and
Shri Jasbir Singh, Clerk, Water Supply Branch (98766-70951)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **29.02.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 26.08.2026 has been received from the appellant. The said email is taken on record.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Gaurav Shukla, JA, Property Tax Branch and Shri Jasbir Singh, Clerk, Water Supply Branch, states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 14.08.2026. A copy of the same is taken on record.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the PIOs reply adequately addresses the RTI application. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one last and final opportunity** is given to the appellant 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.

5. **To come up on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this present appeal case. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 01.09.2026

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Shri Harjinder Singh Sarkaria (70093-29092),
S/o Shri Mohinder Singh,
R/o 270, Backside Gurdwara Patti Sarkaria,
Extension Gali Sarkaria, Kot Khalsa,
P.O Khalsa College, Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab,
Sector – 34, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4863 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **11.02.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **27.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **23.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, he files a reply to this Commission's Notice of hearing via email this morning i.e. 01.09.2026. The said email is taken on record.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

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Shri Mohan Lal Sharma (78370-13096),
S/o Shri Gori Shankar Sharma,
Village Maruli Brahmanan, P.O Bassi Daulat Kha,
Phagwara Road, Hoshiarpur.

....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4864 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Pirthipal, Panchayat Secretary (98780-89758)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **18.10.2023** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.12.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **19.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The respondent states that he has brought the complete information today to be provided to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The respondent has brought the information today. Since the appellant is not present today, therefore, the respondent is directed to send the same to him through registered post, within 15 days of receiving these orders. 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.

5. **To come up on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this present appeal case. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 01.09.2026

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Shri Jugraj Singh alias Shri Raj Singh (90565-45419),
S/o Shri Gurnam Singh,
Ward No. 1, Near Swami Market, Patran,
Distt Patiala – 147105

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Mansa.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4867 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **06.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **10.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, an email dated 26.08.2026 has been received from the respondent mentioning therein that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

5. **To come up on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 01.09.2026

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Shri Kamalpreet Singh (77197-91331),
S/o Shri Gurbir Singh,
134, Basant City, Ludhiana - 142022
RTI Application No. 121551

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Agriculture, Punjab,
Phase – 6, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Agriculture, Punjab,
Phase – 6, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4868 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Amit Kumar, Clerk (85590-66509) and
Shri Bhupnder Singh, Clerk (81959-30076)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **27.04.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 01.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and also requested to hear the case through online mode.

3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is not specific and letter was written to the appellant to specify the information but the appellant not responded to said letter till date.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the appellant is directed to list specific information from the PIO through registered post under intimation to the Commission. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco Webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 01.09.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
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Shri Kamalpreet Singh (77197-91331),
S/o Shri Gurbir Singh,
134, Basant City, Ludhiana - 142022
RTI Application No. 121711

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Agriculture Officer,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Agriculture, Punjab,
Phase – 6, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4869 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Iqbaljit Singh, Block Agriculture Officer (95018-00975)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **29.04.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 01.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and also requested to hear the case through online mode.

3. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information.

4. After hearing the respondent and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the information has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the information. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, as demanded through his RTI application, within one week of receiving these orders, under intimation to the Commission office.

5. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

6. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco Webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

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Shri Kamalpreet Singh (77197-91331),
S/o Shri Gurbir Singh,
134, Basant City, Ludhiana - 142022
RTI Application No. 121095

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Agriculture, Punjab,
Phase – 6, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Agriculture, Punjab,
Phase – 6, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4871 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **25.04.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **09.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant this morning i.e. 01.09.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and also requested to hear the case through online mode.

3. The respondent is absent. However, he submitted a reply sent to the appellant vide Commission's diary no. 16385 dated 13.08.2026, which is taken on record.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission through Cisco Webex 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.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco Webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)**

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Shri Rajvinder Singh (96533-69965),
S/o Shri Amarjit Singh,
VPO Malupota, Tehsil Banga,
Distt S.B.S Nagar - 144505
RTI Application No. 124245

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SE / DS Circle,
PSPCL, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer, Operations West,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4872 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **18.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **13.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

4. **To come up on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 01.09.2026

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(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Shri Rajiv Sharma (62395-09191),
292, Kothey Bhim Sain,
Tehsil Dinanagar, Distt Gurdaspur - 143531
RTI Application No. 125047

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DEO (SE), Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DC, Pathankot.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4874 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Shri Balbir Kumar, Principal (99881-14423)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **24.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **06.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The respondent submits that the identical information requested by the appellant has already been provided to him in another similar appeal case. Since both RTI applications seek the same information, providing it again is repetitive and redundant.

3. The appellant is absent without intimation. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to him through registered post but even though he is absent, which seems his absence is intentional and willful. The appellant has not submitted any written submission and nor has he opted to be present at today's hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one last and final opportunity** is given to the appellant 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.

5. **To come up on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** The respondent PIO is exempt for the next hearing of this present appeal case. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Parveen Kohli (92172-00099),
S/o Shri Sawdesh Kohli,
451/2, College Road, Jagroan,
Distt Ludhiana - 142026

....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4878 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **18.05.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **19.06.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. They have even not informed the Commission about their absence for today's hearing. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to both the parties through registered post despite of that, they are absent.

3. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

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Shri Baljit Singh (62807-23293),
(Fauji), S/o Shri Lal Singh,
Village Jandali Kalan, Tehsil Ahmedgarh,
Distt Malerkotla.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Editor, Ajit Newspaper,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Editor, Ajit Newspaper,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4880 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **15.04.2024** vide which the appellant had sought the information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **24.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **29.07.2024** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. **01.09.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, he submits a reply vide Commission's diary no. 15574 dated 05.08.2026, mentioning therein that the newspaper Daily Ajit cited in the RTI application is run by a private trust and is not covered under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 31.08.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment. He also submitted a detailed written submission vide Commission's diary no. 17778 dated 31.08.2026, which is taken on record.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **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.

5. **To come up on 15.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 01.09.2026

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