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Shri Hakam Singh, (85568-58742)
S/o Shri Amar Singh,
Village Ramgarh, Tehsil Abohar,
Distt Fazilka.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Anterpreet Singh (83606-64689),
Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Abohar, Distt Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 688 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Hakam Singh, (85568-58742)
Respondent: Shri Anterpreet Singh, PIO-cum-BDPO (83606-64689) and
Shri Sahil, Panchayat Secretary (83606-78278)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.11.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has received the information from the respondent but the same does not pertain to his RTI application. Further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Anterpreet Singh, states that the complete information has already been sent to the appellant. He also brought a copy of the same at today's hearing and the same was handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing.

4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, the appellant is given an opportunity to examine the information provided and list deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO as well as to this Commission. The respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies (if any), pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 22.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. through cisco webex. (Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345.)** It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.04.2026

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Shri Manjit Singh, (84274-98620)

S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh,
Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt Ropar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Administrative Officer,
Establishment Branch,
Director, State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab,
Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab,
Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4306 OF 2022

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjit Singh, (84274-98620)
Respondent: Shri Ekjot, PIO-cum-Inquiry Officer (77396-77758),
Shri Sharanjit Singh, Superintendent (97815-30815), and
Ms. Harmohan Kaur, JA (98783-26706)

ORDER:

- This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.11.2025**.
- The appellant states that he has not received affidavit as directed at the last hearing.
 - The respondent has sought some time to provide the affidavit.
 - After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the affidavit has not been provided to the appellant. The respondent has sought some time to provide the affidavit. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, **last and final opportunity** is given to him to provide affidavit to the appellant, within 20 days of receiving this order, under intimation to the Commission office. Further, it is also made clear that in case of noncompliance of the orders of the Commission, action u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 will be initiated.
 - 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.
 - To come up on 22.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.04.2026

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Shri Manjit Singh, (84274-98620)

S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh,
Village Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt Ropar.

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Sharanjit Singh, (97815-30815)

Public Information Officer-cum-Superintendent,
O/o Administrative Officer,
Establishment Branch,
Director, State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh.
Encl: RTI application

Shri Jyoti Raman, (88724-52220)

Public Information Officer-cum-Superintendent,
O/o Administrative Officer,
Construction Branch,
Director, State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh.
Encl: RTI application

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, State Transport,
Punjab, Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, State Transport,
Punjab, Sector – 17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1258 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Manjit Singh, (84274-98620)
Respondent: Shri Ekjot, PIO-cum-Inquiry Officer (77396-77758),
Shri Sharanjit Singh, Superintendent (97815-30815), and
Ms. Harmohan Kaur, JA (98783-26706)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **11.11.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he went for inspection in the respondent's office as directed at the last hearing, but even then the respondent did not show him any record.
3. The respondent states that all the information has already been provided to the appellant and only information sought at point no. 9 is pending, it pertains to construction branch and establishment branch. Further, he states that said branches are not cooperated with him.
4. Accordingly, Shri Sharanjit Singh from Establishment Branch and Shri Jyoti Raman, from Construction Branch, are impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to file a reply / information to the information sought at point no. 9 of the RTI application before the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI request along with this order is being sent to him for reference.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1258 OF 2023

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 22.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.04.2026

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Shri Baljinder Singh, (98552-41541)

S/o Shri Karnail Singh,
R/o Village Chappiyawali,
P.O Baba Bakala Sahib,
Distt Amritsar – 143202

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Harpal Singh, (98144-08989)

Public Information Officer-cum-Panchayat Secretary,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Raiya, Distt Amritsar.

Encl: RTI application

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1997 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Baljinder Singh is present via mobile (98552-41541)
Respondent: Shri Sarbjit Singh, PIO-cum-BDPO (98036-57893) and
Shri Major Singh, Superintendent (62807-07771)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **17.11.2025**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Sarbjit Singh, states that the letters were written to the concerned panchayat secretary to provide the sought information to the appellant but the concerned panchayat secretary did not cooperated with him. Further, he tenders unconditional apology regarding delay occurred in this case and submit his detailed written submissions in this regard. Also he has requested to withdraw the show cause notice issued. Keeping in view all the facts the show cause notice is, hereby, **dropped**.

4. Accordingly, Shri Harpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Chappiyawali, District Amritsar, is impleaded as necessary party in this appeal case who is custodian of the information. Shri Harpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, is directed to provide the appellant complete requisite information before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 1997 OF 2023

5. Shri Harpal Singh is further directed to appear in person 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 22.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Jaspal Singh, (99888-14680)

2542, Mari Wala Town,
Manimajra, Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Tehsildar, Majri,

Distt SAS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Tehsildar, Majri, Distt SAS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4807 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jaspal Singh, (99888-14680)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **12.04.2024** 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 **08.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **24.07.2024** 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. **02.04.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards the notices of the Commission. It is also a fact that notice of hearing was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

4. However, this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice, **one opportunity** is awarded to the respondent PIO to provide the point wise reply / information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission, failing which stringent action will be initiated against the respondent PIO, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 22.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.04.2026

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Shri Vijay Pal Sharma, (78883-35365)

3105/1, Sector - 44 D,
Chandigarh.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Water Resource Department, Punjab,
Sectt. – 2, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Under Secretary, Water Resource Department, Punjab,
Sectt. – 2, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4957 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Vijay Pal Sharma, (78883-35365)
Respondent: Shri Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent (95015-66111) and
Shri Sharanjeet, SA (76967-89634)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **19.07.2024** 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 **17.05.2024** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **31.07.2024** 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. **02.04.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant in his RTI application is third party information and denied vide judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in "Civil Appeal No.10044 of 2010 titled Central Public Information Officer, Supreme of Court of India Vs. Subhash Chandra Aggarwal" and this decision has been circulated by Punjab Government (Department of GR) vide letter no. 4/5/2021-4GR1/1/225467/2021 dated 09.08.2021.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to supply the sought for information to the appellant, after redacting all personal details, within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission, failing which punitive and stringent provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 could be invoked against him.

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 16.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.04.2026

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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)

Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
P.O Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana – 141123

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab,
Civil Sectt. Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Financial Commissioner (Revenue), Punjab,
Civil Sectt. Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2805 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)
Respondent: Shri Jasbir Singh, JA (76960-08651)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **13.02.2025** 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 **12.03.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **08.05.2025** 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. **02.04.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent states that he has brought the information today to be provided to the appellant. Copy of the information is handed over to the appellant. After examining the same the appellant states that it does not pertain to his RTI application.

4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, **one last opportunity** is given to the respondent PIO to file the reply that what action has been taken by the respondent from the date of application of the appellant i.e. 13.02.2025.

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 12.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.04.2026

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Dr. Anand Pawar, (97810-29799)

(Prof.), RGNUL Campus Sidhuwal,
Bhadson Road, Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law,
Sidhuwal, Distt Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law,
Sidhuwal, Distt Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 3895 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Pranshu Goyal advocate on behalf of appellant (94172-33339)
Respondent: Dr. Geetika, PIO-cum-Assistant Professor (96460-23882) and
Shri Naresh, Professor (70863-36601)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **05.02.2025** 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 **27.03.2025** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.07.2025** 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. **02.04.2026**.

2. Shri Pranshu Goyal, Advocate, is appearing on behalf of the appellant and states that no information has been given to the appellant so far.

3. The respondent PIO-cum-Assistant Professor, Dr. Geetika, files a detailed reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide Commission diary no. 6336 dated 01.04.2026, which is taken on record. Further, she brought a copy of reply at today's hearing and the same has been handed over to Shri Pranshu, during the course of hearing.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties, the appellant is given an opportunity to examine the reply / information provided and list deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO as well as to this Commission. The respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies (if any), pointed out by the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

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 22.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.04.2026

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Shri Pavitar Singh, (87400-25000)

R/o Samadhi Road, Khanna,
Distt Ludhiana - 141401

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Tirath Singh,

Public Information Officer-cum-JA,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

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

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5037 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.03.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 01.04.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that the respondent did not invited him for inspection as directed at the last hearing and the sought for information is still pending.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

“Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a lesson and in my view, they are unfit to hold the post of Public Information Officer or any other post in connection with the discharge of duties under RTI Act and they should be shown the doors, so that it will be a lesson for other Officers to act in accordance with the terms of the Act, falling which they may also face the similar or more consequences.”

4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to respondent PIO-cum-JA, Shri Tirath Singh, to invite the appellant in writing for an inspection of the official record pertaining to the RTI application. The respondent PIO is further directed to remain present on the mutually fixed date and time of inspection. The respondent PIO is also directed to supply the identified information pertaining to the RTI application within one week of the inspection.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5037 OF 2024

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 20.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.04.2026

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....Appellant

Versus

Shri Tirath Singh,

Public Information Officer-cum-JA,

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5107 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.03.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 01.04.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that the respondent did not invited him for inspection as directed at the last hearing and the sought for information is still pending.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, which shows his carelessness and casual attitude towards orders of the Commission. It is also a fact that copy of previous order was sent to the PIO through registered post despite of that, he is absent. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

“Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a lesson and in my view, they are unfit to hold the post of Public Information Officer or any other post in connection with the discharge of duties under RTI Act and they should be shown the doors, so that it will be a lesson for other Officers to act in accordance with the terms of the Act, falling which they may also face the similar or more consequences.”

4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to respondent PIO-cum-JA, Shri Tirath Singh, to invite the appellant in writing for an inspection of the official record pertaining to the RTI application. The respondent PIO is further directed to remain present on the mutually fixed date and time of inspection. The respondent PIO is also directed to supply the identified information pertaining to the RTI application within one week of the inspection.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5107 OF 2024

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 20.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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