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Shri Sandeep Khattri (70091-78045),
126/ B/6, Gulmohar City, Dera Bassi,
Distt S.A.S Nagar – 140507

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (UD), Mohali.

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8132 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Harjeet Singh, Clerk (98141-22247)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **15.09.2023** 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 **25.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Harjeet Singh, Clerk, files a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide letter dated 29.05.2026 mentioning therein that the sought information has already been furnished to the appellant. Copy of the same 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. 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 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. The respondent PIO is exempted for the next hearing of this appeal case.

6. **To come up on 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Ms. Veena Rani (94789-40160),

D/o Shri Vasdev, # 4381,

Rounti Street, Jagraon,

Distt Ludhiana.

RTI Application No. 83199

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Civil Surgeon,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare,

Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8137 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Chandan, Clerk (84278-78577)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **16.08.2023** 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 **13.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Chandan, Clerk, states that the sought information has already been furnished to the appellant. Further, he states that no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date.

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. 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 opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed.

5. The respondent PIO is exempted for the next hearing of this appeal case.

6. **To come up on 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Ms. Veena Rani (94789-40160),

D/o Shri Vasdev, # 4381,

Rounti Street, Jagraon,

Distt Ludhiana.

RTI Application No. 83391

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare,

Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Health & Family Welfare,

Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8138 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Shri Chandan, Clerk (84278-78577)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **17.08.2023** 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 **14.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Chandan, Clerk, files a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide letter dated 16.05.2026 mentioning therein that the reply has already been furnished to the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record.

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. 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 opportunity** is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state her case. It is made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in her absence shall be passed.

5. The respondent PIO is exempted for the next hearing of this appeal case.

6. **To come up on 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Shri Ashish Kaura (62831-63705),
S/o Shri MP Kaura, # 250, Phase - 3,
South City Colony, Umarpura,
Tehsil Batala, Distt Gurdaspur – 143505
RTI Application No. 88954

....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8140 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **11.09.2023** 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 **13.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **06.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. However, an email has been received from the respondent today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested to hear the case online mode.

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 going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first date of hearing before the undersigned hence taking a lenient view **one last and final opportunity** is given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. The respondent is directed to provide the appellant point wise reply in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. 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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APPEAL CASE NO. 8140 OF 2023

5. The request of the respondent 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 29.09.2026 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: 02.06.2026

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Shri Ashok Kumar (99881-42163),
S/o Shri Raghunath,
VPO Sanghol,
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib - 140802

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Khamanoo,
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (D), Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8149 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Ashok Kumar (99881-42163)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **21.11.2022** 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 **15.05.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **04.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

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. After hearing the appellant 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 opportunity** is given to the respondent to provide the appellant point wise reply / information in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

5. The respondent PIO, office of, BDPO, Khamanoo, District Fatehgarh Sahib, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person at Commission office. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005.

6. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically.

7. **To come up on 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Shri Avtar Singh (94648-44179),
S/o Shri Gurmeet Singh,
R/o Village Kalaur, Tehsil Bassi Pathana,
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Kalaur,
Bassi Pathana, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8153 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **27.06.2023** 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 **21.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **05.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

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 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 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Shri Munish (Reporter) (99150-12528),
1943 C, Urban Estate, Phase - II,
Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o IGP, Rupnagar Range,
Rupnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8158 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Head Constable Shri Maninder Singh (78377-41687)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **22.07.2023** 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 **19.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **07.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Head Constable Shri Maninder Singh, states that he 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 having detailed deliberations with the respondent and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant is not present today. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to send the sought information to the appellant through registered post at the earliest, under intimation to the Commission. The appellant is also advised to go through the information whenever he receives and revert back to the respondent PIO, in case of any deficiency found in the information, within fifteen days, from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. On receipt of the rebuttal, the respondent is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, 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 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Shri K.K. Bhatia (94175-17744),
(General Secy. Struggle Committee for Justice
& Anti Corruption Drive/ Adm
Reform Caretaker Human Violation),
B-06-0788, Ward No. 3,
Nagar Talwara, Tehsil Mukerian,
Distt Hoshiarpur - 144216

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (D),
Hoshiarpur.
Encl: RTI application.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (D),
Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8165 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri K.K. Bhatia (94175-17744)
Respondent: Shri Vikas Sharma, Superintendent (88722-26586)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **13.07.2023** 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 **01.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **07.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri K.K Bhatia, attended the hearing via mobile and states that he has received irrelevant information from the respondent PIO after lapse of approximately three years. He also submits a written submission via email dated 28.05.2026. The said email is taken on record.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Inspector Shri Vikas Sharma, Superintendent, is not aware of the facts of the case. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by officials who are not in a position to satisfy the Commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person other than the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear in the Commission. Appearance of officials other than the PIO or APIO will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 8165 OF 2023

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, a copy of RTI application is sent to the respondent along with this order with directions to provide the appellant point wise reply / information within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The respondent PIO O/o ADC (D), Hoshiarpur, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person at Commission office. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission to initiate penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005.
5. However, the appellant is exempted from personal hearing on the next date of hearing. He shall be contacted telephonically.
6. To come up on 22.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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State Information Commissioner
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Shri Arjun Kumar (98722-97979),
S/o Shri Mohinder Lal,
254, Vikas Nagar, Sector - 1 B,
Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil Amloh,
Distt Fatehgarh Sahib – 147301
RTI Application No. 88277

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Mandi Gobindgarh, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8166 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Palakdeep Singh, Sub Fire Officer (83603-14006)

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **08.09.2023** 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 **11.10.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **07.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 29.05.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Palakdeep Singh, Sub Fire Officer, states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.

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 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. The respondent PIO is exempted for the next hearing of this appeal case.

6. **To come up on 01.12.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Shri Manpreet Singh (98551-00351),

S/o Shri Davinder Singh,
Village Kailpur, P.O Dakha,
Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o DDPO, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o ADC (Development),
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8011 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **07.08.2023** 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 **20.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

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. After going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one opportunity** is given to the respondent to provide the appellant point wise reply / information in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

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 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Shri Manpreet Singh (98551-00351),
S/o Shri Davinder Singh,
Village Kailpur, P.O Dakha,
Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o ADC (Development), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8012 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **17.07.2023** 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 **30.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

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. After going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one opportunity** is given to the respondent to provide the appellant point wise reply / information in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

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 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Manpreet Singh (98551-00351),
S/o Shri Davinder Singh,
Village Kailpur, P.O Dakha,
Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o BDPO, Block - I,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8013 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **25.07.2023** 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 **08.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is absent. However, an email has been received from the respondent today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing

4. After going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one opportunity** is given to the respondent to provide the appellant point wise reply / information in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

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 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Shri Manpreet Singh (98551-00351),
S/o Shri Davinder Singh,
Village Kailpur, P.O Dakha,
Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8014 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **12.08.2023** 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 **15.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is absent. However, an email has been received from the respondent today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and also mentioned that the sought information has already been furnished to the appellant.

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 to take the matter to its logical end 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 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Village Kailpur, P.O Dakha, Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8015 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **12.08.2023** 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 **18.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

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. After going through the case file, it is observed that this is the first hearing before the undersigned, hence in the interest of justice **one opportunity** is given to the respondent to provide the appellant point wise reply / information in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the reply provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records.

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 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDO, PSPCL,
Sub Urban Division, Hambra,
Distt Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o XEN, PSPCL, Division Dakha,
Distt Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 8071 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Deep Singh, JE (96461-11779) and
Shri Manjeet Singh, LDC

ORDER:

The RTI application is dated **24.07.2023** 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 **15.09.2023** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **01.12.2023** 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. **02.06.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from the appellant today morning i.e. 02.06.2026 mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Deep Singh, JE and Shri Manjeet Singh, LDC, files a reply to this Commission's Notice of Hearing vide letter dated 01.06.2026 mentioning therein that the reply has already been sent to the appellant. Copy of the same is taken on record.

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 opportunity** is given to 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. 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 29.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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Shri Rajesh Sharma (98150-99056),
S/o Shri Sukhdev Raj,
VPO Kalanaur, Distt Gurdaspur - 143512

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Govt. High School, Sanawa,
Distt SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (SE), SBS Nagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4614 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Rajesh Sharma, present via mobile (98150-99056)
Respondent: Ms. Meenakshi, Head Mistress (88152-30007) and
Ms. Manjeet Kaur, Mistress (70825-71609)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **12.05.2026**.

2. The appellant, Shri Rajesh Sharma, attended the hearing via mobile and states that the sought information is still pending.
3. The respondent states that, as directed at the previous hearing, she submitted an estimate of the information available for disclosure to the appellant, totaling approximately 3000 pages.
4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, the appellant is directed to enumerate the larger public interest that would be served by disclosing this information to him. This Commission will take a view in this appeal case subsequent to the aforesaid reply by the appellant.
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 22.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 02.06.2026

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