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Sh. Madan Lal, S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
10803, Z-2, Street No 18, Guru TegBahadur Nagar,
Parinda Road 18, Bathinda-151001.
M : 9872367068

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (Urban Development), Faridkot.

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (General), Faridkot

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

.....Respondent

AC No. 433 of 2023

Present :- (i) Sh. Madan Lal, Appellant
(ii) For the respondent: None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.02.2026, passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant Sh. Madan Lal states that the information sought has not been provided to him.

3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have neither informed the Commission about their absence nor filed any reply.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent-PIO is absent for the third consecutive hearing before the undersigned, the respondent-PIO has not even filed his reply which shows that the Respondent-PIO has no regard for the RTI regime. This is indeed a serious matter. Respondent may take note that the RTI Act 2005 is meant for promoting transparency in governmental functioning by bringing to light governmental actions done behind closed doors so that the common man is kept well informed of the goings on in the public authorities with a view to strengthening democracy.

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5. However, in the interest of justice, **one last and final opportunity** is given to the Respondent-PIO to be present on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **06.08.2026 at 11:30AM through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC, Bathinda**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :02.06.2026

Through registered post

CC: DC, Faridkot -It is brought to his personal notice that inspite of repeated directions, the Respondent-PIO O/o ADC (Urban Development), Faridkot is not appearing before the Commission. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is therefore recommended that necessary action may be taken, to ensure the presence of the PIO on the next date of hearing.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :02.06.2026

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ShMander Singh, (m-98158-14400)
S/o shGurdeepsingh,
House no. 10897, Street No. 20,
Guru TegBahadur Nagar, Bathinda
(RTI application no.122596)

..... Appellant

.Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

.....Respondent

AC No.5698 of 2024
(Heard through Video conferencing facility in the O/o DC, Bathinda)

Present :- (i) Sh Mander Singh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- ShYogesh Kumar, SDO (96468-83220)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 04.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.09.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.06.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant states that no information has been provided to him.
4. The respondent states that the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee of Rs 12000/- as demanded from him. Hence, the information has not been provided. He has also filed his reply regarding the same through e-mail which is taken on record.
5. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant has filed his RTI application on 04.05.2024. The respondent has demanded the requisite fee from the appellant through

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registered letter dated 13.05.2024, which is within the time period as prescribed under the RTI Act. However, the appellant states that he has not received the said letter through which the respondent has demanded the fee. He further submitted that he wishes to ascertain the delivery status of the said letter from the concerned post office and, therefore, requested time.

6. Hence, considering the request of the appellant, an opportunity is given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state his case. To come up on **06.08.2026 at 11:30 AM through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC, Bathinda**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :02.06.2026

Sd/-
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Sh.Ajit Singh Talwandi
Village NikkuChak, PO Hajipur
Tehsil Mukerian, Distt.Hoshiarpur

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DDPO, Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o DDPO, Hoshiarpur

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5630 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Ajit Singh Talwandi, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 07.05.2024 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.09.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.06.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
5. Sh.Ajit Singh Talwandi stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

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APPEAL CASE NO. 5630 of 2024

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **21.07.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Date :02.06.2026

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Sh.Iqbal Singh Rasulpur, (m-8872200515)
c/o Advocate SP Singh Dhaliwal, Off,
Street No. 4, Guru Nanak Nagar, KachaMalk Road,
Jagraon, Distt.Ludhiana - 142026

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary, Home Affairs and
Justice Punjab, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary, Home Affairs and
Justice Punjab, Chandigarh

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2964 of 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Iqbal Singh Rasulpur, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- PIO- Sh Rajesh Kumar, Supdt. (7696224294)
Sh Harmeet Singh, Sr Asstt. (9988676430) Home-1 Branch, ShParamvir Singh,
SrAsstt. (98888028031) Home-3 Branch)

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.06.2026 in the Commission.
3. The respondents state that the letters, regarding which the appellant has sought information, has not been received in their respective branches.
4. The appellant states that the said letter has been addressed to the PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Home Affairs & Justice, Pb Chandigarh and not to any particular branch. Therefore it is the responsibility of the respondent department to identify the concerned branch holding the relevant record and provide the information sought.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2964 of 2024

5. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the department has multiple branches. Further the respondent sought time to trace the information sought by the appellant. Hence, considering the request of the respondent, an opportunity is given to him to provide complete information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing.

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **21.07.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

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(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Date :02.06.2026

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Sh.Iqbal Singh Rasulpur, (M-8872200515)
c/o Advocate SP Singh Dhaliwal, Off,
Street No. 4, Guru Nanak Nagar, KachaMalk Road,
Jagraon, Distt.Ludhiana - 142026

Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2965 of 2024

Present :- (i) ShIqbal Singh Rasulpur, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 21.10.2023 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.04.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.06.2026 in the Commission.
3. The appellant states that he has not received the information till date.
4. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
5. Sh.Iqbal Singh Rasulpur stated that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them. In the interest of justice, Respondent PIO is afforded one more opportunity to provide the appellant point-wise complete specific information, duly attested, free of cost, by registered post, in accordance with his RTI application and present a photocopy of the relevant postal receipt along with a copy of the information provided, before the Commission on the next date fixed, for its perusal and

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2965 of 2024

records. Respondents to note that in case no one comes present on their behalf on the next date fixed, punitive provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 may be invoked against the erring officer(s).

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on **21.07.2026 at 11:30AM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Sh. AnkitSehgal, (M-98888625152)
C/o Bombay Studio,
Near Main Post office Chowk,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub-Divisional Officer, Provincial,
Sub Divisional, PWD B&R, Nakodar,
Distt Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle No.1,
PWD B&R, Jalandhar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4853 OF 2023

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.02.2026 vide which one last opportunity was given to the respondent to appear before the Commission and state his case.

2. Today neither the respondent nor the appellant is present. However, the appellant has sent an e-mail intimating that no information has been provided to him.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent is absent for fourth consecutive hearing, which shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a good lesson so that rest of the employees have a right kind of message to wake up and perform their duties under the RTI Act for ensuring complete transparency and due accountability in the governance affairs of the public authorities. The appellant also demands that he be compensated for the detriment suffered by him in getting the information.

4. Therefore, the Commission deem it appropriate to issue show cause notice under section 20 (1) of the RTI Act , 2005, to **PIO , O/o Sub-Divisional Officer, Provincial, Sub**



APPEAL CASE NO. 4853 OF 2023

Divisional, PWD B&R, Nakodar, Distt Jalandharas to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay / denial in providing the information to the RTI applicant. He is directed to file reply to the show cause notice in writing before the next date of hearing.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte

5. The Respondent-PIO is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant.

6. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte. To come up on at **11.08.2026 at 11:30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :02.06.2026

Through registered post

CC: Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle No.1, PWD B&R, Jalandhar -It is brought to his personal notice that in spite of repeated directions, the PIO is not appearing before the Commission. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO. It is therefore recommended that necessary action may be take, to ensure the presence of the PIO on the next date of hearing.

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Sh.Bhushan Kumar,
S/o Sh. AmitLal, Near Bus Stand
RampuraPhul, Distt. Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o IGP Bathinda Range, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4876 OF 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-ASI Resham Singh, (7009880345)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 02.04.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to the appellant to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant is not present today. However, he has informed telephonically that he shall not be able to attend the hearing personally today. He has also requested that his case be heard through CISCO-Webex.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

4. Hence, considering the request of the appellant an opportunity is given to him to appear through CISCO-Webex and state his case. *However, it is also made clear that in case the appellant does not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.* To come up on **05.08.2026 at 11:30AM through CISCO-Webex (online video conferencing)** The meeting number is **25154060883** and the password is **12345**.

Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Date :02.06.2026

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Sh. Ashutosh Bansal, S/o
Pritam Chand, SCF 46 A, Mall Road
Hanuman Chowk,
Tehsil and Distt. Bathinda-151001
(RTI Application no.64965)

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO Improvement Trust,
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, Bathinda

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4716 OF 2023

(Heard through Video conferencing facility in the O/o DC, Bathinda)

Present :- (i) Sh Ashutosh Bansal, appellant
(ii) For the respondent: none

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.04.2026 vide which the appellant was given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case. Further, the respondent was also directed to file his specific point wise reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant.

2. Today the appellant states that he has not received the complete information.
3. The respondent is not present today.
4. In view of the above, one last and final opportunity is given to the Respondent-PIO to be present on the next date of hearing and file his point-wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. Both the parties are directed to appear, in person, on the next date of hearing for deliberations, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.To

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Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
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Date :02.06.2026