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**Ms. Kamla Devi Rattan, (85095-80002)**

W/o Shri Ayodhya Prasad,  
# 78/8, Park Road, NaviMandi,  
Dhuri, Distt Sangrur.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sangrur.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7559 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **22.01.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email has been received from her today morning i.e. 03.06.2026 mentioning therein that she is unable to attend the hearing and requested to hear the case through online mode. Further, she mentioned that the sought 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 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.”

4. However, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give another opportunity to the respondent PIO to provide the reply / information to the appellant within 20 days from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.

5. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex (**Webex Meeting Number : 25180667401 and Password : 12345**), failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

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6. The respondent PIO, office of, Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person at Commission office for deliberations. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission, to initiate penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005.
7. A copy of this order be sent to **Smt. Poonamdeep Kaur, IAS**, DC, Sangrur, to ensure compliance of the above order.
8. **To come up on 22.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 03.06.2026

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Cc: Smt. Poonamdeep Kaur, IAS,**  
**Deputy Commissioner,**  
**Sangrur.**

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**Shri Bimal Gill,**  
S/o Shri Bachan Singh,  
R/o # 2591, Sector - 123, New Sunny Enclave,  
S.A.S Nagar.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Principal Secretary,  
Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training,  
Punjab Sectt. – 2, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Principal Secretary,  
Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training,  
Punjab Sectt. – 2, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 7808 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Bachan Singh, Advocate on behalf of appellant (84277-55237)  
Respondent: Shri Balwinder Singh, Superintendent (99142-19912) and  
Shri Vickramjeet Singh Bains, Clerk (78888-34855)

### **ORDER:**

- This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **21.01.2026**.
2. Shri Bachan Singh, Advocate is appearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that he is not satisfied with the reply furnished by the respondent. Further, he states that the same information has already been supplied by the respondent to the other applicant.
  3. The respondent states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant.
  4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to submit a written explanation regarding the contradiction in information disclosure. The respondent must clarify why the information provided to other applicant is now being denied to the present applicant. The written statement must be filed on or 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 06.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 03.06.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Pardeep Kumar Mehta, (94630-71312)**

R/o Krishna Valley, Street No. 4,  
Village Kakkon, Tehsil & Distt Hoshiarpur.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Chief Judicial Magistrate,  
Rupnagar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Chief Judicial Magistrate,  
Rupnagar.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7809 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Absent  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **21.01.2026**.

2. The respondent is absent. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 22.05.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that the sought information is still pending and requested to hear the case through online mode.

3. The perusal of the case file shows that during the last hearing held on 21.01.2026 the appellant was directed to point out the specific deficiency in the information already provided. However, instead of complying with the said directions, the appellant merely submitted that the information must be furnished by the Court Reader.

4. The request of the appellant to hear this case through online mode is accepted. Accordingly, **one opportunity** is awarded to both parties to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations through Cisco Webex, to take the matter to its logical end, failing which the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **Both parties are directed to attend the next hearing on 22.09.2026 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: 03.06.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)**

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

....Appellant

Versus

**Shri Harjinder (94631-87914)**

**Public Information Officer-cum-Superintendent,**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Transport Department, Punjab,  
Mini Sectt. Sector – 9,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Transport Department, Punjab,  
Mini Sectt. Sector – 9,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7544 OF 2023

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98882-96107)  
Respondent: Shri Jaspal Singh, SA (98550-55499)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **07.04.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not been provided the reply / information within the time as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005. He has, therefore, suffered mental harassment and financial loss in attending the hearings in the Commission. For this the appellant demands that the respondent be penalized and he be compensated for the detriment suffered.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Jaspal Singh, SA, states that he brought a reply vide letter dated 02.06.2026 at today's hearing to be provided to the appellant and the same was handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. After examining the reply, the appellant states the he is not satisfied with the reply supplied by the respondent.

4. After having detailed deliberations with both the parties and going through the case file, it is observed that the appellant, Shri Jasbir Singh, has been made to suffer much harassment for no fault of his own. Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate to award a compensation to the appellant.

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## APPEAL CASE NO. 7544 OF 2023

5. In view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, **Shri Jasbir Singh**, this Commission deems it appropriate to award a **compensation of Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5,000.00)**. This is to be paid vide a crossed cheque / demand draft, by the Public Authority, in this instance, **the office of, Principal Secretary, Transport Department, Punjab, Mini Sectt. Sector – 9, Chandigarh,** within 15 days of receiving this Order. Proof of payment is to be submitted to this Commission.

6. **To come up on 03.08.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh, for compliance.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 03.06.2026

Sd/-  
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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**Shri Sarbjit Singh, (98146-91777)**  
S/o Shri Jagir Singh,  
# 298, Sector - 15, Sai Kirpa, Village Sarna,  
Tehsil & Distt Pathankot - 145025  
RTI Application No. 83977

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Govt. ITI,  
Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Govt. ITI,  
Pathankot.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 7663 OF 2023 Through Cisco Webex

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Sarbjit Singh, (98146-91777)  
Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **21.01.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received partial information from the respondent and requested the court for complete requisite information.

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.

4. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, it is observed that the information sought by the appellant is approximately 19 years and the appellant has not pointed out any specific deficiency in the provided information as directed at the last hearing. Accordingly, both parties are directed to appear in person at Commission office at the next hearing for deliberations to take the matter to its logical end. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.

5. **To come up on 23.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 03.06.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Shri Pritam Singh Bedi, (98555-43185)**

S/o Shri Balbir Singh,  
R/o Village Fatehgarh Gahri,  
Tehsil Guru Harsahai, Distt Ferozepur.

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 7824 OF 2023**

**PRESENT:** Appellant: Shri Pritam Singh Bedi (98555-43185)

Respondent: Shri Rakesh Kumar Bansal, PIO-cum-ATO, via mobile (97819-89166)

### **ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **21.01.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received partial information from the respondent and requested the court for complete requisite information.
3. The respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Shri Rakesh Kumar Bansal, attended the hearing via mobile and states that the reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 25.05.2026.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the respondent is directed to invite (in writing) the appellant for inspection of the official record pertaining to the RTI application on a mutually acceptable date and time. Accordingly, the respondent and concerned officials are directed to remain present at the time of inspection. The PIO is to thereafter provide the information, which will be pointed out by the appellant, free of cost. This must be done under intimation to the Commission on or before the next 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 23.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 03.06.2026**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinderjit Singh Billing)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**