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ShriAshok Kumar, S/o Late Sh. Sham Lal,
R/o Bank Street, New BastiNabha, Distt Patiala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Transport Officer, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
SCO 177-178, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Floor,
Sector-17C, Chandigarh – 160017

.....Respondent

APPEAL CASE NO. : 4724/2022, 4725/2022, 4726/2022

ORDER (10th hearing)

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's earlier interim orders dated 30.04.2025, 27.08.2025, the order dated 20.11.2025 and the last order dated 25.02.2026, whereby the respondent PIO was directed to ensure compliance of the Commission's earlier orders and submit a compliance report before the Commission.
2. The matter was taken up for hearing today. The appellant remained absent. On behalf of the respondent public authority, Sh. Gurjit Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, appeared before the Commission.
3. During the course of hearing, Sh. Gurjit Singh submitted that the concerned dealing hand is presently on medical leave and, therefore, requested some further time to ensure compliance in all the above-mentioned three cases.
4. He further submitted **letter No.1048 dated 01.06.2026, wherein case-wise replies pertaining to the RTI applications have been furnished.** It has been stated therein that the requisite replies/information have already been supplied to the appellant and, in case the appellant is still not satisfied, he may visit the office concerned for inspection of the relevant record.
5. The Commission has considered the submissions made during the hearing. However, it is observed that the issue regarding **payment of compensation of ₹5,000/- in each of the three cases, as awarded vide the Commission's orders dated 13.09.2023, still remains pending compliance.**
6. Accordingly, the respondent PIO, O/o District Transport Officer, Sangrur, is directed to ensure that the compensation amount awarded by the Commission is released to the appellant in all the three cases without any further delay. The amount shall be disbursed through the competent authority by way of account payee cheque, bank transfer or any other permissible mode under the applicable financial rules. The respondent PIO shall coordinate with the concerned Drawing and Disbursing Officer/Treasury authorities, wherever required, for processing and release of the compensation amount.
7. The respondent PIO shall place on record a **comprehensive compliance report**, along with documentary proof of payment of compensation. Failure to comply with the Commission's directions may invite appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
8. Adjourned to **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at PSIC, Chandigarh** for further proceedings and consideration of compliance.

Chandigarh
03.06.2026

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, (M: 9888296107)
R/o Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana. Pin Code- 141123

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6866 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
25.07.2023	----	25.08.2023	----	23.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Jasbir Singh

Respondent: Sh. Deepak Singh (M: 7837002512), ARTO

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is present. **Sh. Deepak Singh, ARTO**, appeared on behalf of the respondent and submitted written submissions vide **letter Ref. No. 171 dated 20.04.2026**, stating that the **requisite information along with supporting documents/enclosures** has been furnished to the appellant. A copy thereof was also handed over to the appellant during the hearing.
3. The appellant sought time to examine the information/documents supplied by the respondent.
4. In view of the above, the appellant is directed to examine the information and, if any **discrepancy in information** is found, the same shall be pointed out **specifically and point-wise** before the **PIO**, with a copy to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing.
5. The **PIO** shall consider the representation, if any, and furnish an appropriate reply/compliance under the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**, with a copy to the Commission.
6. The matter is adjourned to a later date. **In case no discrepancy is pointed out by the appellant, the case shall be decided on the basis of the material available on record.**
7. Adjourned to **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at PSIC, Chandigarh** for further proceedings and consideration of compliance.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, (M: 9888296107)
R/o Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana. Pin Code- 141123

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Civil Surgeon,
Ludhiana.

,...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6868 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
28.07.2023	----	28.08.2023	----	23.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Jasbir Singh

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is present and submitted that the information sought through the RTI application has not been furnished to him till date.
3. None has appeared on behalf of the respondent public authority despite notice of hearing. No request for adjournment has been received from the respondent.
4. In the interest of justice and to afford an opportunity to the respondent public authority to present its case and furnish the requisite information, the matter is **adjourned to a later date**.
5. The **PIO/concerned respondent** is directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with a point-wise status regarding the RTI application and ensure that the requisite information, if not already supplied, is furnished to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**. Failure to comply with these directions may invite appropriate action under the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**.
6. To come up on **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at PSIC, Chandigarh.**

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Dr Rekha Rani, W/o Sh. Rajinder Singh,
H.No B-11/510, Shiv Niwas, Gali No 6, Ram Nagar,
Patiala – 147001 (M; 7889163995)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Sector- 35, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7106 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
21.06.2023	----	01.08.2023	----	02.11.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent today. She has not informed the Commission about her absence for today's hearing despite notice of hearing was sent to her through registered post. Neither any submission has been received from the appellant.
3. Neither the respondent nor any of his representatives is present at today's hearing despite notice of hearing was sent through registered post. Neither any submission has been received from them.
4. In this view, an opportunity is being granted to both parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case any of the party doesn't appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

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Dr Rekha Rani, W/o Sh. Rajinder Singh,
H.No B-11/510, Shiv Niwas, Gali No 6, Ram Nagar, Patiala – 147001 (M; 7889163995)
V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Managing Director,
Markfed, Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Managing Director,
Markfed, Punjab, Sector- 35, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7107 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
21.06.2023	----	01.08.2023	----	02.11.2023

Present:

Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. JR Syal (M: 9872204497), Advocate, Sh. Rajesh, SA, Sh. Paramanand, Sh. Pawan Narang, CDA, Sh. Gurpreet Singh (M: 9646731813), SA, Sh. Baldev (M: 9915245207)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant is absent and has not intimated any reason for her absence.
3. **Sh. J.R. Syal, Advocate**, appearing on behalf of the respondent public authority, submitted a detailed reply vide **letter dated 03.06.2026** comprising approximately **60 pages**. It has been submitted that the information sought by the appellant is exempt from disclosure under **Section 8(1)(h) of the RTI Act, 2005**, as the information forms part of the record connected with and relevant to issues presently under consideration before the competent forum(s). A copy of the written submissions has been placed on record.
4. Since the appellant is not present to examine and respond to the submissions made by the respondent, the Commission deems it appropriate to grant **one final opportunity** to the appellant to represent her case. The respondent is directed to furnish a copy of the reply dated **03.06.2026**, along with all supporting documents/annexures, to the appellant through **Registered Post/Speed Post** within **15 days** from the receipt of this order and place proof of dispatch on record.
5. The appellant shall examine the reply and, if aggrieved, may file her objections/rejoinder, if any, before the Commission with a copy to the respondent well before the next date of hearing.
6. The matter is accordingly **adjourned to a later date**. The appellant is directed to appear on the next date of hearing and make her submissions, if any, regarding the reply furnished by the respondent.
7. **Failing appearance of the appellant on the next date of hearing, the matter shall be decided on the basis of the material available on record without any further opportunity.**
8. With this case, the case is adjourned to **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Amarjit Singh, (M: 9417790004),

H.No 109, Street No 4, Harman Nagar,
Near Baba Ram Lal Gurdwara, Ferozepur- 152002

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6890 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
20.06.2023	----	10.08.2023	----	19.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Amarjit Singh (M: 9417790004)

Respondent: Sh. Rakesh Bansal (M: 9781989166), ATO (webex)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. **Sh. Amarjit Singh**, appellant, and **Sh. Rakesh Bansal, ATO**, respondent, were present and heard.
3. During the course of hearing and upon consideration of the submissions made by both parties, it emerged that the issues involved in the present appeal can be appropriately addressed through inspection of the relevant records.
4. Accordingly, the Commission directs the **PIO/respondent authority** to facilitate inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a **mutually convenient date and time**, within **15 days** from the receipt of this order. The respondent shall intimate the date and time of inspection to the appellant well in advance.
5. The appellant shall be at liberty to identify the documents required by him during the inspection. Copies of the documents so identified shall be supplied in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**.
6. The **PIO** shall submit a compliance report regarding the inspection conducted and documents supplied, if any, to the Commission.
7. The matter is **adjourned to a later date** for awaiting compliance. To come up on **25.06.2026 at 11.00 AM at PSIC, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Amarjit Singh, (M: 9417790004),
H.No 109, Street No 4, Harman Nagar,
Near Baba Ram Lal Gurdwara, Ferozepur- 152002

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7079 of 2023

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
18.05.2023	----	03.07.2023	----	19.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Amarjit Singh (M: 9417790004)

Respondent: Sh. Rakesh Bansal (M: 9781989166), ATO (webex)

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. **Sh. Amarjit Singh**, appellant, and **Sh. Rakesh Bansal, ATO**, respondent, were present and heard.
3. During the course of hearing and upon consideration of the submissions made by both parties, it emerged that the issues involved in the present appeal can be appropriately addressed through inspection of the relevant records.
4. Accordingly, the Commission directs the **PIO/respondent authority** to facilitate inspection of the relevant records to the appellant on a **mutually convenient date and time**, within **15 days** from the receipt of this order. The respondent shall intimate the date and time of inspection to the appellant well in advance.
5. The appellant shall be at liberty to identify the documents required by him during the inspection. Copies of the documents so identified shall be supplied in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**.
6. The **PIO** shall submit a compliance report regarding the inspection conducted and documents supplied, if any, to the Commission.
7. The matter is **adjourned to a later date** for awaiting compliance. To come up on **25.06.2026 at 11.00 AM at PSIC, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Mandeep Singh, S/o Sh. Roop Singh,
R/o Village Lehal Khurd, Tehsil – Lehera,
Distt Sangrur. (M: 9876904313)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Lehragaga, Distt Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4391 of 2024

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
30.03.2024	----	09.05.2024	----	02.07.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Mandeep Singh (webex)

Respondent: Sh. Chamandeep Singh , O/o BDPO, Lehragaga

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant appeared through **CISCO Webex** and stated that no satisfactory reply/information has been furnished to him till date.
3. **Sh. Chamandeep Singh, O/o BDPO, Lehragaga**, appeared on behalf of the respondent public authority and sought time to furnish the requisite information/reply pertaining to the RTI application.
4. In the interest of justice and considering the request made by the respondent, the Commission grants **one final opportunity** to the respondent to furnish a complete and point-wise reply/information to the appellant strictly in accordance with the provisions of the **RTI Act, 2005**, within **15 days** from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.
5. The matter is **adjourned to a later date**. The respondent shall remain present on the next date of hearing along with the compliance report and relevant record, if required. **Failure to furnish the requisite information/reply within the stipulated period may invite appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**
6. With this case, the case is adjourned to **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Surjit Singh, S/o Sh. Gokul Singh,
VPO Jarg, Tehsil Payal,
Distt Ludhiana. - 141415 (M: 9855900321)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Department of Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab,
Sector- 62, Phase- VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director,
Department of Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab,
Sector- 62, Phase- VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4328 of 2025

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
19.03.2025	----	27.06.2025	----	01.07.2025

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Surjit Singh (webex)

Respondent: Sh. Jatinder Singh (M; 7009391703), O/o PIO, FCRDP, Mohali

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant appeared through **CISCO Webex** and submitted that no satisfactory reply/information has been furnished to him till date.
3. **Sh. Jatinder Singh, O/o PIO, FCRDP, Mohali**, appeared on behalf of the respondent and submitted letter **Ref. No. 8648 dated 29.05.2026**, duly signed by the **Superintendent Grade-I/APIO**, stating that a reply had already been furnished to the appellant vide **letter Ref. No. 9094 dated 12.12.2025**, wherein it was informed that only **Point No. 1** pertains to the concerned branch, while **Point Nos. 2 & 3** do not relate to **RDE-I Branch**. The respondent further sought time to obtain the requisite information from the concerned branch and furnish a comprehensive reply.
4. In view of the above, the respondent is granted **one final opportunity** to examine the matter with the concerned branch(es) and furnish a **complete and point-wise reply/information** to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission, within **15 days** of receipt of this order. The matter is **adjourned to a later date**. **Failure to comply with the above directions may invite appropriate action under the RTI Act, 2005.**
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

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Sh. Vikas Goyal, (Ex- President= Municipal Council),
R/o Ward No 3, Near PNB Bank, Baretta,
Distt Mansa- 151501 (M: 9915133957)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Naib Tehsildar,
Baretta, Distt Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM),
Budhlada, Distt Mansa.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 650 of 2026

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
06.11.2025	19.11.2025	21.11.2025	----	-----

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Vikas Goyal, Dr Uttam Singh (M; 8146728658), Appellant's Counsel
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant appeared with Counsel Dr Uttam Singh. He states that no information/reply has been provided to him so far.
3. Neither the respondent nor any of his representatives is present at today's hearing despite notice of hearing was sent through registered post. Neither any submission has been received from them.
4. In this view, an opportunity is being granted to both parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case any of the party doesn't appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

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Distt Mansa- 151501 (M: 9915133957)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Naib Tehsildar,
Baretta, Distt Mansa.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM),
Budhlada, Distt Mansa.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 651 of 2026

Date of RTI Application	Date of Reply, if any of SPIO	Date of First Appeal made, if any	Date of decision/reply, if any of FAA	Date of Second Appeal received in the Commission
07.11.2025	19.11.2025	21.11.2025	----	-----

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Vikas Goyal, Dr Uttam Singh (M; 8146728658), Appellant's Counsel
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The appellant filed the above-mentioned appeal case before the Commission, which is fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant appeared with Counsel Dr Uttam Singh. He states that no information/reply has been provided to him so far.
3. Neither the respondent nor any of his representatives is present at today's hearing despite notice of hearing was sent through registered post. Neither any submission has been received from them.
4. In this view, an opportunity is being granted to both parties to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case any of the party doesn't appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
5. With this case, the case is adjourned to **10.09.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

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