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Sh. Raman Kumar, (M; 9988900339)
H No 186 A, Street No 6, Arman Nagar,
Near New Water Tanki Dakoha,
Ramamandi, Jalandhar-144023.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Sub Registrar, Pathankot,
DAC Malikpur, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Sub Registrar, Pathankot,
DAC Malikpur, Pathankot.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6067 OF 2022

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.04.2026 vide which an opportunity was given to both the parties to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. Today again neither the appellant nor the respondent is present.

3. Brief facts of the case are that the above said case was allotted to Former SIC Sh Maninder Singh Patti. The case was first heard on 22.08.2023 and then on 21.09.2023, on which a show-cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO. Then after the retirement of Former SIC Sh Maninder Singh Patti this case was reallocated to the Bench of the undersigned.

4. Accordingly, the case was first heard on 19.02.2025 before the bench of the undersigned. On the said hearing, both the parties were not present and an opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO to be present on the next date of hearing along with his reply to the show-cause notice and the copy of information, to be provided to the appellant. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 20.05.2025. On 20.05.2025, the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 23.05.2025. On the next date of hearing i.e 23.05.2025 again the respondent was not present and hence, last opportunity



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was given to him. A copy of this order was also sent to DC, Pathankot to ensure compliance of the orders of the Commission. Hence, the case was adjourned to be heard on 24.07.2025. On 24.07.2025, the respondent again did not appear and hence, bailable warrant were issued against him through SSP, Pathankot to appear on the next date of hearing, i.e 02.09.2025. On 02.09.2025, the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 04.11.2025.

5. On the next date of hearing i.e 04.11.2025, again the respondent did not bother to appear and hence, again bailable warrant were issued against him through SSP, Pathankot. Accordingly, the case was adjourned to be heard on 15.01.2026, on which the respondent did not appear before the Commission and the case was adjourned to be heard on 25.03.2026. On 25.03.2026, the case could not be heard and was postponed to be heard on 28.04.2026. On 28.04.2026, again the respondent did not bother to appear and hence, the case was adjourned to be heard on 03.06.2026.

6. Today again no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent nor filed any reply to the show-cause notice.

7. In this case, it is derived that the respondent-PIO has no respect for the orders of the Commission to be present, either himself or through his representative in the court. This is indeed a serious matter. The Commission has taken a very serious view of this deliberate and disrespectful action of the PIO.

8. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the **PIO-O/o Sub Registrar, Pathankot**. Therefore, the Commission impose a penalty of **Rs. 25000/- (Rs. Twenty Five thousands only) on PIO-O/o Sub Registrar, Pathankot**. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of O/o DC, Pathankot is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 25000/- from the salary of **PIO-O/o Sub Registrar**,



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Pathankot and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

9. Further, **PIO-O/o Sub Registrar, Pathankot** is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and file his reply.

10. To come up on **26.08.2026 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 :03.06.2026

THROUGH REGISTERED POST

CC: (i) DC, Pathankot (for compliance)

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President of Anti Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Patiala Draining Division, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer, Draining Circle,
Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 79 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that incomplete information has been given to him so far. He has also sent a letter in this regard. He has submitted that he has sent deficiencies to the respondent on 28.07.2025 but no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is also absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

4. Perusal of the case file shows that during the last hearing respondent was directed to file his detailed reply on affidavit. But, today neither the respondent is present nor he has informed the Commission about his absence. This shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

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5. To come up on **04.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :03.06.2026

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Appellant

Versus

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O/o XEN, Patiala Draining Division, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer, Draining Circle,
Patiala.

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 80 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.03.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that incomplete information has been given to him so far. He has also sent a letter in this regard. He has submitted that he has sent deficiencies to the respondent on 28.07.2025, but no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is also absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

4. Perusal of the case file shows that during the last hearing respondent was directed to file his detailed reply on affidavit. But, today neither the respondent is present nor he has informed the Commission about his absence. This shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 80 OF 2024

5. To come up on **04.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission.
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Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :03.06.2026

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Sh.Gagandeep Singh Threeke,
House no 208, Aryan Enclave,
Main Sua Road, NargeetaMandirChowk,
VPO Threeke, Ludhiana-141012

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 590 OF 2024

Present :- (i) None for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent : Sh. Tarsem Singh, ASI (9463202689) on behalf of the
PIO, o/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana and Sh. Rajinder Singh, HC
(9779833420)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.03.2026,
passed by the Commission.

2. Today the appellant is not present. He has sent his submissions via mail which is
taken on record.

3. Respondent sought time.

4. Considering the request of the respondent, the above said appeal case is adjourned
to **30.07.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copy of the order
be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
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Kuldip Raj Mahajan, President of Anti
Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Provincial Division, PWD B&R,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, PWD B& R, Ludhiana

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6567 OF 2024

Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.02.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is not present today. He has informed on phone that incomplete information has been given to him so far. He has also sent in writing in this regard. He has submitted that he has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent on 28.07.2025, but no information has been given to him after removal of deficiencies. Today neither the respondent is present nor he has informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

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3. To come up on 04.08.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
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Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
133-L, Chandigarh Road,
NamdevMandir Road, Khanna.
M: 9876400267

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Public Instructions (SE)
PSEB Complex, Director Public Instructions
(DPI, near Mohali Old Bus Stand, Sector 62, Colleges,
SahibzadaAjit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160062

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director School Education,
PSEB Complex, Director Public Instructions
(DPI, near Mohali Old Bus Stand, Sector 62, Colleges,
SahibzadaAjit Singh Nagar, Punjab 160062

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 614 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.02.2026 passed by the Commission vide which the respondent has brought reply, which was sent to the appellant to point out deficiencies.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent deficiencies in the Commission office. The same is taken on record. Copy of the same be sent to the respondent alongwith these orders to remove the same before the next date of hearing. 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. To come up on **04.08.2026 at 11.30 AM** for further proceedings in the commission. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :03.06.2026

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Kuldip Raj Mahajan, President of Anti
Corruption Council, Opp. Water Tank,
Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/oXEN, Draining cum Mining & Geology
Division, WRD, Roopnagar

First Appellate Authority
O/oSE, Draining cum Mining & Geology Circle, WRD, PB,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6571 OF 2024

Present :- None for the parties

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.02.2026 passed by the Commission.

2. The appellant is absent today. He has informed on phone that incomplete information has been given to him so far. He has also sent a letter in this regard. He has submitted that he has sent deficiencies to the respondent on 28.07.2025 but no information has been given to him so far.

3. Respondent is also absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.

4. Perusal of the case file shows that during the last hearing respondent was directed to file his detailed reply on affidavit. But, today neither the respondent is present nor he has informed the Commission about his absence. This shows that he has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.

However, before taking any penal proceedings against the Respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give one last opportunity to him to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to

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ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

5. To come up on 04.08.2026 at 11.30 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.
Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
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Ms. Gursimran Kaur,
804, MIG, Jamalpur Colony
Ludhiana - 141010

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Food Safety Officer,
Patiala -2

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Health Officer,
Patiala

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 147 OF 2024

Present :- (i) ShTejinder Singh, representative for the appellant
(ii) For the respondent-None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.04.2026 vide which one last opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, in the information provided.

2. Sh Tejinder Singh, appearing on behalf of the appellant states that as directed, they have sent the deficiencies to the respondent as well to the Commission office but the complete information, after the removal of the said deficiencies has not been provided by the respondent. The appellant –Ms Gursimran Kaur has filed her submissions through e-mail which is taken on record.

3. The respondent is not present today. However, the respondent-PIO has sent an e-mail through which he has sought an adjournment.

4. In view of the above, the copy of deficiencies, as pointed out by the appellant, is sent to the respondent along with these orders, with directions to remove the same and provide the rectified information to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. 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/-

Dated :03.06.2026

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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate, (M : 9041004313)
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside SanjhKender, Phillaur-144410.

appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

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

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 212 OF 2024

Present :- (i) ShTejinderSingh, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.02.2026 vide which the respondent was not present.

2. The appellant Sh. Tejidner Singh states that he has neither received the information nor the amount of compensation. He adds that the information demanded by him is lying with PIO O/o RTO, Patiala

3. The respondent is not present today.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the respondent is not present today. The respondent-PIO has not even informed the Commission about his absence. Further, the appellant has submitted that the information sought by him is lying with PIO O/o RTO Patiala.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 212 OF 2024

5. Hence, a copy of this order is sent to PIO O/o RTO Patiala, alongwith the copy of RTI to be present on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. Copy of the RTI application is sent herewith.

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

Dated :03.06.2026

Sd/-
(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

THROUGH REGISTERED POST

CC: PIO O/o RTO, Patiala (for compliance)

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Sh Manjeet Kumar Suman, (M-96501-74523)
35, Near ShriRavidasGurudwara,
Village Badshahpur, Jalandhar-144023
.Vs

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o SSP, Jalandhar (Rural)

First Appellate Authority
O/o SSP, Jalandhar (Rural)

.....Respondent

AC No.319 of 2024

Present :- (i) ShManjeet Kumar Suman, appellant
(ii) For the respondent- None

ORDER

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

2. Today the appellant states that the respondent had not provided the information to him mentioning that the information demanded is third-party information. He adds that he has already given his response/reply to the respondent. Further, he states that the respondent has not even provided the denial of consent of the so-called third party in this case.

3. The respondent is not present today. He has not even informed the Commission about his absence.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have not even informed the Commission about their absence. Today again the respondent is not present. He has even not bothered to inform the Commission about his absence for today's hearing. This shows that the respondent has no regard for the orders issued by the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter.



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5. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside which reflects disrespect towards that RTI act 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that conduct of Respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act 2005, which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information. However, taking a lenient view an opportunity is given to the respondent to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and ***file his point-wise specific reply, indicating the position of each issue as to whether the information has been supplied and if not, the reason thereof.***

Further, the respondent-PIO is also directed to provide the copy of the denial of consent of the so-called third party in this case, to the appellant before the next date of hearing, with a copy to the Commission office.

6. To come up on **21.07.2026 at 11:30 AM through Video-conferencing facility in the O/o DC, Jalandhar.** Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :03.06.2026

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Sh.Ashok Kumar Joshi, (M-9814622755)
S/o Sh.HariKrishan Joshi,
R/o MohallaSarafa, Near BabapuraJi,
Distt. SBS Nagar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DC, SBS Nagar

2. Public Information Officer,
O/o Nagar Council, Rahon,
Distt SBS Nagar

First Appellate Authority
O/o DC, SBS Nagar

Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 131 OF 2024

Present :- (i) Sh.Ashok Kumar Joshi, appellant
(ii) for the respondent – ShJagdeep Singh, Clerk (7009025056) O/o respondent
no. 2 and Sh Raj Bahadur, TA (94175-18191)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.02.2026 vide which the respondent no. 2 was given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and also to provide information pertaining to point no. 1 to the appellant.

2. The appellant states that he has not received the information pertaining to point no. 1(one).

3. The respondent no. 2 states that the information sought by the appellant pertaining to point no. 1 relates to record which is older than 20 years. Hence, the same cannot be provided.

4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it has been ascertained that the respondent has not provided the information to the appellant on the pretext that the information sought relates to record which is older than 20 years. The appellant is not satisfied with the reply of the respondent. Hence, the respondent is directed to file his detailed reply pertaining to point no. 2, on affidavit, on the next date of hearing.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 131 OF 2024

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)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Dated :03.06.2026

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Madan Lal S/o Sh. Om Parkash,
Jain Niwas, MCB Zone – 2, H. No. 10803, Street No 18,
Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Parinda Road 18,
Bathinda-151001 (Punjab)(M.-9872367068)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Addl. Civil Judge(Sr. Divn.),
Gidderbaha, Distt. – Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Addl. Civil Judge(Sr. Divn.),
Gidderbaha, Distt. – Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4794 of 2023
Through CISCO Webex

Present :- (i) Sh Madan Lal, Appellant
(ii) For the respondent- Sh. Harish Kumar, Reader (7009491049)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 30.04.2026 vide which both the parties were not present and an opportunity was given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case.

2. The appellant states that the information has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent Sh. Harish Kumar requests that the copy of the RTI application of the appellant be provided to him.
4. During the hearing, the Respondent submitted that a copy of the RTI application is not available with them. The appellant Sh. Madan Lal states that he shall provide a copy of the RTI application to the Respondent through whatsapp. Accordingly the respondent is directed to examine the RTI application upon receipt of the same and provide the available information to the appellant within prescribed period under intimation to the Commission.
5. 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 04.08.2026 at 11:30AM through CISCO-Webex (video-conferencing application). **The**

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Appeal Case No. 4794 of 2023

CISCO-Webex meeting ID of this bench is 25154060883 and password is 12345. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Dr. Bhupinder S Batth)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated :03.06.2026