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Shri Lakhwinder Singh, (91152-04282)

S/o Shri Darshan Singh,
House No. 81, Near Flour Mill,
Village Ganga, Tehsil Bathinda.
RTI Application No. 59919

....Appellant

Versus

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

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector - 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DGR, Punjab, Sector - 74, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4465 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Shri Sunil Kumar, Clerk O/o STC, Punjab (82838-49198)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **16.04.2026**.

2. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Sunil Kumar, Clerk, from the office of, STC, Punjab, states that the RTI application has already been transferred to the office of, RTA, Bathinda.
3. The respondent PIO, office of, RTA, Bathinda, is absent. However, he has informed the Commission of his inability to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment. The request for adjournment by the PIO, RTA, Bathinda, is accepted.
4. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 08.05.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that the sought information is still pending.
5. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, however, before taking any penal proceedings against the respondent PIO, the Commission wishes to give **one last opportunity** to respondent PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Bathinda, to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information.
6. The respondent PIO O/o Secretary, RTA, Bathinda, is hereby reminded that he is still under the Show Cause Notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of **16.04.2026**. The respondent PIO o/o STC, Punjab, Chandigarh, is exempt for the future hearings of this appeal case.

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7. The appellant is also given an opportunity to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed.

8. To come up on 28.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 03.08.2026

Sd/-
(Virinderjit Singh Billing)
State Information Commissioner
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Shri Daljit Singh, (99149-77731)

R/o House No. 23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite DAV College, Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4590 OF 2023

PRESENT: Appellant: Absent
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **16.04.2026**.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 02.08.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that he is unable to attend the hearing and requested an adjournment.

3. The respondent is consecutively absent without intimation for the second successive hearing of this appeal case, 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. The perusal of the case file reveals that the appellant filed RTI application dated 10.03.2023 to the PIO and PIO has still not provided the information to the appellant after the delay of approximately three years, which shows that the respondent has no regard for the RTI regime.

“Such kind of behavior of a Government servant needs to be condemned and such employees need to be taught a lesson and in my view, they are unfit to hold the post of Public Information Officer or any other post in connection with the discharge of duties under RTI Act and they should be shown the doors, so that it will be a lesson for other Officers to act in accordance with the terms of the Act, failing which they may also face the similar or more consequences.”

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5. Keeping in view of the above, the respondent **PIO office of, MC, Jalandhar**, is directed to attend the next hearing of this appeal case in person along with a written reply and attested copies of the requested information therein. Failure to comply, will compel the Commission, to initiate penal action as per the RTI Act, 2005.

6. A copy of this order is being sent to Shri Nikas Kumar, IAS, Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar, to look into this matter and to ensure the presence of respondent PIO on the next date of hearing.

7. **To come up on 28.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 03.08.2026

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Cc: Shri Nikas Kumar, IAS,
Commissioner, MC,
Jalandhar.

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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: Absent

Respondent: Shri Jaspal Singh, SA (98550-55499)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **03.06.2026** vide which a compensation was awarded to the appellant.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an email dated 29.07.2026 has been received from the appellant mentioning therein that the compensation of Rs. 5,000/- ordered vide this Commission's Order of 03.06.2026, has still not been paid to him by the respondent.

3. The respondent PIO, represented by Shri Jaspal Singh, SA, submits an oral/written request seeking exemption from the payment of compensation awarded to the appellant in the last scheduled hearing.

4. After hearing the respondent and going through the case file, the Commission views the non-compliance of its previous order with serious concern. The respondent's request for exemption from paying the compensation is hereby rejected. Accordingly, the respondent Public Information Officer (PIO) is strictly directed to pay the awarded compensation of Rs. 5,000/- to the appellant within 15 days from the receipt of this order. A compliance report, along with proof of payment (such as a demand draft or speed post receipt), must be submitted to this Commission immediately thereafter, failing which appropriate penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 7544 OF 2023

5. A copy of this order is being sent to Shri Varun Roojam, Principal Secretary, Transport Department, Punjab, Chandigarh, to ensure the compliance of the above order.
6. **To come up on 28.10.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh**, for compliance. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 03.08.2026

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

Cc: Shri Varun Roojam,
Principal Secretary,
Transport Department, Punjab,
Mini Sectt. Sector – 9, Chandigarh.