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Sh. Sukhwinder Bhatti, S/o Sh. Khan Bahadar,
H.No 230, Village Badali, Tehsil Kharar,
Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali) (M: 9041238355)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer & FAA
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Kharar, Distt SAS Nagar.

CC:
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6826 of 2023

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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
24.02.2023	----	11.04.2023	----	26.09.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Sukhwinder Singh (M: 9041238355) along with Sh. Khan Bahadur
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the Commission's previous order dated 10.03.2026, whereby both parties were directed to appear before the Commission.
2. Today, the appellant appeared before the Commission. However, none appeared on behalf of the respondent public authority despite specific directions issued vide the Commission's previous order dated 10.03.2026. Neither any request for adjournment nor any written submission has been received from the respondent side.
3. The Commission views the non-appearance of the respondent Public Information Officer seriously. The conduct of the concerned Public Information Officer reflects disregard towards the proceedings of the Commission and non-compliance of its directions.
4. In view of the above, **Public Information Officer, O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Kharar, District S.A.S. Nagar, is hereby directed to show cause as to why penalty proceedings under Section 20(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 should not be initiated against him for his failure to comply with the directions of the Commission and for remaining absent without any intimation.** The written explanation shall reach the Commission well before the next date of hearing.
5. Further, **the Deputy Commissioner, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), is directed to look into the matter, ascertain the reasons for non-compliance and non-appearance of the concerned Public Information Officer, and ensure that the Commission's orders are complied with in letter and spirit.** The Deputy Commissioner shall also ensure the presence of the concerned officer on the next date of hearing along with a report in this regard.

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6. The case is adjourned to a later date to be fixed. The concerned Public Information Officer shall appear personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with complete records of the case, failing which the matter shall be considered for appropriate action under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
7. 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.**

Chandigarh
04.06.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Vinod Kumar, S/o Sh. Pujar Dass,
H.No 1, Block A-7, AT, Punjabi Colony,
Rajpura. (M: 9465987044)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director,
Department of Higher Education, Punjab,
Block E, 7th Floor, Phase- VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Public Instruction (Colleges),
Sector – 68, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director Public Instruction (Colleges),
Sector – 68, Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7084 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
08.01.2023	----	16.05.2023	----	27.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Vinod Kumar (M: 9465987044)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated 10.03.2026, whereby the PIO, O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab, was directed to provide the requisite information to the appellant and appear before the Commission.
2. Today, the appellant is present and submits that no reply/information has been received from the respondent till date.
3. Despite service of notice and specific directions of the Commission, neither the respondent nor any representative has appeared. No compliance report or written submission has been received.
4. The Commission takes a serious view of the matter. Accordingly, **the concerned PIO, O/o DPI (Colleges), Punjab, is directed to show cause as to why penalty proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 be not initiated against him for non-compliance of the Commission's order and non-appearance before the Commission.** The reply to the show-cause notice shall reach the Commission before the next date of hearing.
5. **The Director, Public Instructions (Colleges), Punjab, is directed to look into the matter and ensure compliance of the Commission's order.** The concerned PIO shall also remain personally present on the next date of hearing along with complete record.
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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Sd/-
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Ms Reeta Rani, W/o Sh. Ravi Kant Taneja,
H.No 754, Street No 1, Thakur Abadi, Abohar,
Distt Fazilka. (M: 62803000398)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (Secondary),
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director Public Instruction (Secondary),
Vidya Bhawan, Block E, Phase- VIII, Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7111 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
17.05.2023	----	17.07.2023	----	31.10.2023

Present:

Appellant: Ms Reeta Rani (M: 62803000398)

Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. This order may be read in continuation of the Commission's previous order dated 10.03.2026, whereby an opportunity was granted to both parties to appear before the Commission and present their case.
2. Today, the appellant is present and submits that no reply/information has been received from the respondent till date.
3. Despite service of notice and grant of opportunity by the Commission, neither the PIO, O/o District Education Officer (Secondary), Fazilka, nor any representative has appeared before the Commission. No compliance report or written submission has been received.
4. The Commission takes a serious view of the continued non-appearance and non-compliance of its order. Accordingly, **the concerned PIO, O/o District Education Officer (Secondary), Fazilka, is directed to show cause as to why penalty proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 be not initiated against him for non-compliance of the Commission's order and remaining absent from the hearing without sufficient cause.** The reply to the show-cause notice shall reach the Commission before the next date of hearing.
5. **The First Appellate Authority-cum-Director Public Instructions (Secondary), Punjab, Mohali, is directed to look into the matter and ensure compliance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 as well as the Commission's orders.** The concerned PIO shall also remain personally present on the next date of hearing along with complete records and proof of compliance.
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.**

Sd/-

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Sh. Navtej Singh, (M: 9876609455)
SCO 52B, New Defence Colony, Behind Lucky Dhabha,
Zirakpur.

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Council,
Zirakpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,
Mohali.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 22, 23, 24, 25 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
13.08.2024	----	26.09.2024	----	19.12.2024

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Navtej Kumar (M; 9815213693)

Respondent: Sh. PankajSingla (M: 6284340814), Draftsman, O/o MC, Zirakpur,
along with counsel Advocate Gulshan Mehta (M; 7009962008)

ORDER:

1. The appellant has filed the **above-mentioned appeal cases** before the Commission, which were fixed for hearing today.
2. The appellant, Sh. Navtej Kumar, submitted that no information has been provided to him in any of the **four cases despite considerable delay**.
3. The respondent, Sh. Pankaj Singla, Draftsman, O/o Municipal Council, Zirakpur, appeared along with counsel Sh. Gulshan Mehta, Advocate, and sought adjournment in all the cases.
4. Considering the request, the cases are adjourned. However, keeping in view the delay already caused, the respondent/PIO is granted **one final opportunity** to furnish complete and correct information, if not already supplied, and submit a compliance report before the next date of hearing.
5. The respondent/PIO is **warned to ensure strict compliance of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005**. Failing compliance, the Commission shall be constrained to consider appropriate action under the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, without any further notice.
6. With this case, the case is adjourned to **07.07.2026 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector-16, Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh
04.06.2026

Sd/-
(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.