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Shri Ashwani Kumar, (7837580072)

S/o Shri Mansa Ram,
Plot No 7-8-9-10, Sector 25,
Chandigarh-160036

RTI Application No 117949

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Punjab,
Sector 68, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Punjab,
Sector 68, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4206 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Jaspreet Singh, Beat Incharge (9779222489) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 04.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. On the other hand, the respondent appeared and requested before the Bench that some additional time be granted to furnish the requisite information/reply to the appellant.

3. That in view of the above, the PIO is hereby directed to provide the requisite information/reply to the appellant, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Baljinder Singh, (7307559722)

S/o Shri Ram Krishan,
Village Keharwali, Tehsil Dasuya,
District Hoshiarpur-144205

RTI Application No 100548

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4207 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 27.11.2023 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.01.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the PIO stating that the information sought by the appellant pertains to the PIO, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur, and that the RTI application had already been transferred to the said public authority. A copy of the said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That since the information sought is to be provided by the PIO, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur, the said authority is a necessary party to the present proceedings.

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Accordingly, the PIO, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur is hereby impleaded as Respondent No. 2 and is directed to provide the requisite information to the appellant, if the same is covered under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, failing which appropriate action shall be initiated in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

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Encl: Copy of the RTI Application dated 27.11.2023.

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Shri Chanchal Kumar, (8437617019)

S/o Shri Khem Chand,
W No 9, Amloh Road,
Khanna, District Ludhiana-141401

RTI Application No 110524

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4208 OF 2024

PRESENT: None on behalf of the Appellant.
Shri Mangat Ram, Sub Inspector (9876622088) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 27.02.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the appellant seeking an adjournment on account of the last rites (Antim Sanskar) of a close blood relative and requesting a short adjournment. A copy of the said email is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That the respondent submitted before the Bench that the complaint referred to by the appellant in the RTI application pertains to the office of the Chowki No. 8, Jalandhar; however, the same could not be traced as no complaint number, date or other identifying particulars had been provided by the appellant. Therefore, the respondent requested that the appellant be directed to furnish the complaint number, date or other relevant particulars to enable the respondent to trace the record and provide the requisite information.

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3. That upon consideration of the submissions made by the respondent and perusal of the record, the Bench observes that the complaint referred to in the RTI application could not be traced for want of the complaint number, date or other sufficient particulars. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to furnish the complaint number, date or such other specific particulars as may enable the respondent to identify the record. Upon receipt of the requisite particulars from the appellant, the PIO shall trace the relevant record and furnish the available information to the appellant, if the same is covered under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within a period of 15 days, failing which appropriate proceedings shall be initiated in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

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Shri Sudheer Kumar, (9888514985)

S/o Late Sat Pal,

H No 21, Gali No 5, Fateh Singh Colony Gate,

Hakima, Tehsil & District Amritsar-II-143001

RTI Application No 114399

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Deputy Commissioner of Police,

Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner of Police,

Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4209 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Surinder Singh, ASI(9780575800) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 12.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. On the other hand, the respondent appeared on behalf of the PIO along with the requisite information for the perusal of the Bench and the appellant. The same is taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That the appellant is at liberty to collect the aforesaid information from the office of the undersigned on any working day before the next date of hearing. The respondent shall also remain prepared to furnish the said information to the appellant on the next date of hearing, if required.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

**Sd/-
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Shri Harpreet Singh, (8427569100)

S/o Karnail Singh,
Kacha Zira Road, Opposite Dushera Ground,
Tehsil & District Ferozepur-152002

RTI Application No 116858

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Plot No 1-A, Sector 36A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Plot No 1-A, Sector 36A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4215 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 27.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing. The PIO also failed to appear before the Commission despite due service of the hearing notice through registered post. The unexplained absence of the PIO reflects a lack of due regard for the proceedings of the Commission. The Bench has taken the absence of the PIO seriously, as it has impeded the effective adjudication of the present appeal.

3. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to furnish an appropriate point-wise reply along with the requisite information, if any, to the appellant in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

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Shri Gursewak Singh, (9988580565)

S/o Gurdial Singh,

30440, St No 1, Jogi Nagar,

Tehsil & District Bathinda-151001

RTI Application No 112900

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner

(Urban Development), Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4216 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Shivam Bansal, Clerk and Shri Gurpreet Singh, Inspector (9988673010) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 01.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 08.03.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 29.07.2026, copy of the same is taken on record and placed on the case file.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the same, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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Shri Ashmani Kumar, (7837580072)

S/o Mansa Ram,

Plot No 7-8-9-10,

Sector 25, Chandigarh-160036

RTI Application No 117700

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Directorate of Environmental and Climate Change,

Sector 26, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Directorate of Environmental and Climate Change,

Sector 26, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4217 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Aashish, AEE along with Shri Jitin Joshi, APIO on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 02.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information/reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 30.04.2024, copy of the same is taken on record and placed on the case file.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the same, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

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Shri Anand Rathore, (9818670696)

President Dastak NGO,

S/o Vijendra Singh,

96, Jori Farm, Mitra Nagar,

Tehsil & District Jaipur, Rajasthan-302012

RTI Application No 113082

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Environmental Engineer,

Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Environmental Engineer,

Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4218 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Jatinder Kumar, Environmental Engineer (7087300288) for the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 03.03.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 24.04.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing without any intimation or request for adjournment. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information/reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 30.04.2024, copy of the same is taken on record and placed on the case file.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the same, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

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Shri Paramjit Singh, (9463806284)

S/o Harchand Singh,
475, Street No 1, Tehsil Khanna,
District Ludhiana-141401

RTI Application No 119089

.....Appellant

VERSUS

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Education Officer,
(SE), Ludhiana.

~NOW~

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director School Education (Secondary Education),
Vidya Bhawan (PSEB Complex), Phase-VIII,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4219 OF 2024

PRESENT: Shri Paramjit Singh, Appellant.
Shri Gurdarshan Singh, Clerk (9501866198) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 12.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 09.05.2024 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission 25.06.2024 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e. 04.08.2026.

2. That the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information/reply has already been provided to the appellant. On the other hand, the appellant stated before the Bench that incomplete information has been provided.

3. That in view of the above, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the same, if any, received from the appellant and supply rectified information, as per guidelines laid down in the RTI Act, 2005, under intimation to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which stringent action shall be initiated as per law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

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Shri Nitin Kumar, (7710751275)

S/o Shri Parmod Kumar,

507, Street No 3, Sherpur Khurd,

Focal Point, District Ludhiana-141010

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Lehargaga, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Lehargaga, District Sangrur.

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First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Sangrur.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5854 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 07.04.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing. The PIO also failed to appear before the Commission despite due service of the hearing notice through registered post. The unexplained absence of the PIO reflects a lack of due regard for the proceedings of the Commission. The Bench has taken the absence of the PIO seriously, as it has impeded the effective adjudication of the present appeal.

3. That in view of the above, the Public Information Officer is hereby directed to reconsider the denial of information and furnish the requisite information to the appellant, if the same is not exempted under any of the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. In case the information is proposed to be denied, the PIO shall specify the relevant exemption provision and reasons for such denial. Compliance shall be intimated to the Commission well before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action shall be considered in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **23.09.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

**Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Shri Nitin Kumar, (7710751275)

S/o Shri Parmod Kumar,

507, Street No 3, Sherpur Khurd,

Focal Point, District Ludhiana-141010

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

SCO 177-178, 3rd Floor, Sector 17C, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

SCO 177-178, 3rd Floor, Sector 17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6139 OF 2024

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 07.04.2026.

2. That both parties remained absent during the hearing. However, an email has been received from the respondent seeking a short adjournment. A copy of the said communication has been taken on record and placed in the case file.

3. That upon perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that during the previous two hearings, the respondent had stated that the information sought by the appellant under his RTI application dated 02.07.2024, pertaining to the complaint dated 23.05.2024 filed by him before the PIO, was under consideration and, therefore, could not be provided at that stage. Accordingly, the respondent is directed to place on record the current status of the said complaint dated 23.05.2024 and the action taken thereon, well before the next date of hearing.

4. Adjourned to **23.09.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

**Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Shri Nitin Kumar, (7710751275)

S/o Shri Parmod Kumar,

507, Street No 3, Sherpur Khurd,

Focal Point, District Ludhiana-141010

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Vigilance Officer,

Local Government, Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Dakshin Marg,

Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation (Building Branch),

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Senior Vigilance Officer,

Local Government, Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Dakshin Marg,

Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6329 OF 2024

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Satinder Kumar, Vigilance Officer (7888943414) along with Shri Rohit Jindal, APIO (9815830750) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 07.04.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the hearing. On the other hand, the PIO, O/o Senior Vigilance Officer, Local Government, Punjab appeared before the Bench and stated that the requisite information is to be provided by the PIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation (Building Branch), Ludhiana.

3. That upon perusal of the case file, it is revealed that the PIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation (Building Branch), Ludhiana was impleaded as Respondent No. 2 on the previous date of hearing. However, despite having been impleaded as a necessary party and being duly aware of the proceedings, no one appeared on behalf of Respondent No. 2 before the Bench. The continued non-appearance of Respondent No. 2, despite the matter having been pending before the Commission, is viewed seriously by the Bench.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 6329 OF 2024

4. That the PIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation (Building Branch), Ludhiana is hereby directed to appear before the Bench on the next date of hearing, either in person or through Cisco Webex, and to furnish the requisite information to the appellant, if the same is available and is not exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. In case the information is proposed to be denied, the PIO shall specifically indicate the relevant exemption provision of the RTI Act, 2005 along with reasons for such denial.

5. The PIO, O/o Senior Vigilance Officer, Local Government, Punjab is also directed to ensure that Respondent No. 2 complies with the directions of the Commission and remains present on the next date of hearing with the complete status of the matter and action taken for furnishing the requisite information to the appellant. The concerned PIOs are cautioned that any further non-compliance with the directions of the Commission or failure to appear without sufficient cause shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate action in accordance with law.

6. Adjourned to **23.09.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

04.08.2026

Copy of the above order is forwarded to the concerned authority for compliance of the directions contained herein: -

Shri Himanshu Jain, IAS

Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

Shri Ojasvi Alankar, IAS

Commissioner
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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Shri Ankit Sehgal, (9888625152)

C/o Bombay Studio

Near Main Post Office Chowk, Pathankot.

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Medical Officer,

Civil Hospital, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Director cum Medical Superintendent,

Civil Hospital, Jalandhar.

.....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6134 OF 2023

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT:

Shri Ankit Sehgal, Appellant.

Dr Munish Sagar, SMO (9417171970) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 24.03.2026.

2. That the appellant attended the hearing through Cisco Webex and stated that incomplete information has been provided. On the other hand, the PIO appeared before the Bench and stated that complete information, consisting of 263 pages, including the remaining information, had already been sent to the appellant through registered post on 25.05.2026. The PIO further stated that no further information remains to be supplied and submitted a sworn affidavit to this effect.

3. Adjourned to **23.09.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

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C/o Bombay Studio,

Near Main Post Office Chowk, Pathankot.

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Superintending Engineer,

Construction Circle No 1,

PWD B&R, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Engineer Head Quarter,

Block C, District Administrative Complex,

Nirman Bhawan, PWD B&R, Patiala.

.....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6478 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Ankit Sehgal, Appellant.

None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 24.03.2026.

2. That the appellant attended hearing through Cisco Webex stated before the Bench that no information has been provided to him, whereas the PIO remained absent during the hearing.

3. That it is observed from the case file that a Show Cause Notice dated 24.03.2026 was already issued to the PIO on the previous date of hearing. However, the PIO has neither appeared before the Bench nor filed a reply to the said Show Cause Notice.

4. That in the interest of justice, the PIO is hereby afforded a last and final opportunity to appear before the Bench on the next date of hearing, furnish the requisite information to the appellant, if the same is covered under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, and file a reply to the Show Cause Notice dated 24.03.2026 explaining the reasons for non-compliance. The PIO shall also ensure his presence before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

5. That it is made clear that in the event of failure to comply with the above directions or failure to appear without sufficient cause, the Commission shall proceed to consider initiation of penalty proceedings under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, in accordance with law.

6. Adjourned to **23.09.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

04.08.2026

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Shri Inderjit Singh

Executive Engineer – cum – PIO

O/o Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle No. 1,

Public Works Department (B&R), Amritsar.

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Shri Gurkaran Singh, (9803544404)

M/s Raj Transporter Co. Pvt. Ltd, Amritsar,

S/o Shri Pargat Singh,

R/o VPO Bhilowal Pacca,

District Amritsar-143110

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

SCO 177-178, Sector 17-C,

Chandigarh.

...Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6422 OF 2023

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT:

Ms Rajni Bala, Advocate behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Kulvir Singh, ATO (8054903939) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

To be read in continuity with earlier Bench orders dated 21.05.2025, 17.07.2025, 02.09.2025, 17.11.2025, 09.12.2025, 15.01.2026 and 24.03.2026.

2. That both parties attended the hearing through Cisco Webex. The appellant stated before the Bench that no information has been provided to him. The present PIO submitted that the information sought by the appellant is in the custody of Shri Vivek Rattan, Junior Clerk, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, who is the dealing hand, and that despite repeated directions/communications, he has failed to provide the requisite information.

3. That it is observed from the case file that Shri Vivek Rattan was directed on the previous date of hearing to appear before the Bench and furnish the requisite information/reply to the appellant; however, he failed to appear.

4. That in view of the above, Shri Vivek Rattan, Junior Clerk, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, is treated as a deemed Public Information Officer under Section 5(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, being the officer having custody of and dealing with the information sought. He is hereby directed to appear before the Bench on the next date of hearing and furnish the requisite information to the appellant,

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insofar as the same is available on record and is not exempt under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, along with a written explanation for his failure to comply with the earlier direction of the Commission.

5. That the present PIO shall also remain present and place on record the communications issued to Shri Vivek Rattan seeking the requisite information.

6. That in view of the repeated non-appearance of Shri Vivek Rattan despite specific directions of the Commission, and while exercising the powers conferred under Section 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act, 2005, bailable warrants are hereby issued against Shri Vivek Rattan, Junior Clerk, O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, to secure his presence before the Bench on **23.09.2026 at 11:00 A.M.** The Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda, is directed to ensure service of the bailable warrants upon Shri Vivek Rattan and his presence before the Bench along with the requisite information in reference to the RTI application dated 04.07.2023.

7. That failure of Shri Vivek Rattan to appear and comply with the above directions shall invite further proceedings under the RTI Act, including issuance of Show Cause Notice under Section 20(1) and consideration of penalty in accordance with law.

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

04.08.2026

Copy of the above is forwarded for information and further necessary action:-

- 1) Shri Rajesh Dhiman, IAS**
Deputy Commissioner,
Bathinda.
- 2) Dr. Jyoti Yadav Bains, IPS**
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Bathinda.
- 3) Shri Vivek Rattan,**
Junior Clerk
O/o Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda

Sd/-

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Shri Gurinder Singh Brar, (9781991160)

S/o Shri Joginder Singh Brar,
R/o # 94, Near Sunet, New Sham Nagar,
Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana (West) – 141012

RTI Application No 78071

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Plot No. 1, Sector 36, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Plot No. 1, Sector 36, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6507 OF 2023

PRESENT: Shri Gurinder Singh Brar, Appellant.
Shri Harpreet Singh, Supdt.-II, (9814843125) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 24.03.2026.

2. That the appellant stated before the Bench that incomplete information has been provided. On the other hand, the respondent appeared on behalf of the PIO and sought some time to provide the remaining information to the appellant and requested a short adjournment.

3. That upon due consideration of the submissions made by both parties, the appellant is again advised to visit the respondent's office and obtain the remaining information. The PIO is hereby directed to facilitate the appellant in obtaining the requisite information on the spot. In case no further information remains to be provided, the PIO shall file a sworn affidavit to this effect before the Bench.

4. That a last opportunity is hereby granted to the PIO to appear in person and file a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued to her vide order dated 24.03.2026. In case of failure to comply with the aforesaid direction, the penalty proceedings under the RTI Act, 2005 shall be initiated in accordance with law.

5. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

04.08.2026

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Ms. Sangeeta Laroia,

Coordinator – cum – PIO,
O/o Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
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Shri Gopal Krishan Nathana, (7009127983)

S/o Shri Devi Dayal,
R/o Village and Post Office Nathana,
Tehsil & District Bathinda-151102

RTI Application No. 134636

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust, Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2263 OF 2025

PRESENT:

Shri Gopal Krishan Nathana, Appellant.

Ms. Beant Kaur, Trust Engineer along with on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 07.04.2026.

2. That the appellant attended the hearing through Cisco Webex and stated that incorrect information has been provided to him. On the other hand, the respondent stated before the Bench that the requisite information has already been provided to the appellant.
3. That upon consideration of the submissions made by both parties, the PIO is hereby directed to verify the information already furnished to the appellant and, if any information remains to be supplied or any deficiency is found therein, provide the complete and correct information to the appellant. In case no further information remains to be supplied, the PIO shall file a sworn affidavit before the Bench stating that no further information is available on record, along with reasons for the non-availability of any further information.
4. Shri Ravinder Kumar, Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Bathinda, is hereby directed to appear in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing along with the complete information furnished to the appellant and the relevant record.
5. That the respondent has filed a reply to the Show Cause Notice issued vide the previous order dated 07.04.2026. The said reply is taken on record. The reply to the Show Cause Notice shall be considered and appropriate orders thereon shall be passed in due course.
6. Adjourned to **23.09.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

Sd/-

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Shri Taranjot Singh, (9869577537)

S/o Shri Sewa Singh,

R/o H. No. 71, DS Estate, Near Punjab National Bank,

Village Mahal Sub Urban, Tehsil & District Amritsar-143105

RTI Application No. 169241

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director,

Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,

Vikas Bhawan, Sarovar Path, Phase 8, Sector 62, Mohali.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2551 OF 2025

CISCO WEBEX PROCEEDINGS

PRESENT: Shri Taranjot Singh, Appellant.
None on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 24.03.2026.

2. That the appellant attended hearing through Cisco Webex and stated that incomplete information has been provided. On the other hand, the PIO remained absent for today's hearing and on the past dates of hearing i.e., 17.09.2025, 12.11.2025 and 24.03.2026, despite Notices/Orders having been duly issued through registered post. Such continuous absence reflects disregard towards the Commission and has adversely affected the proceedings of the case.

3. That a perusal of the case record reveals that the PIO neither appear before the Bench nor complete information has been provided to the appellant. Therefore, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is issued to **PIO O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer, Amritsar** to explain why penalty should not be imposed upon him/her for wilful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant, and why compensation should not be awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. That in view of the above, a **SHOW CAUSE NOTICE** under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 is issued to **PIO** to explain why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant, and why compensation should not be awarded to the appellant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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5. That the PIO is directed to appear personally and file a reply in response to the Show Cause Notice on the next date fixed; otherwise, failing which **Bailable Warrant** shall be issued as per law.

6. Adjourned to **23.09.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

**Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

Copy of the above order is forwarded to the concerned authority for compliance of the directions contained herein: -

Shri Dalwinderjit Singh, IAS

Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar.

**The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Verka, District Amritsar.**

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Shri Hitesh Kohli, (9914134865)

S/o Shri Pawan Kumar Kohli,
R/o # 49 A, Motibagh Colony,
Patiala-147001

RTI Application No. 186223

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range, Patiala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4146 OF 2025

PRESENT: Shri Hitesh Kohli, Appellant.
Shri Hakam Singh, ASI on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This refers to the Bench's previous order dated 25.03.2026.

2. That the appellant stated that incomplete information has been provided and submitted the deficiencies before the Bench. A copy of the same was handed over to the respondent during the hearing.

3. That in view of the above, the respondent is hereby directed to remove the deficiencies and provide the rectified information to the appellant, insofar as the same is available on record and is permissible under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. In case of failure to comply with the above directions, appropriate proceedings shall be initiated in accordance with law.

4. Adjourned to **29.10.2026 at 11:00 AM.**

04.08.2026

Sd/-
(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)
State Information Commissioner, Punjab