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Shri Gursewak Singh (94173-37502),
S/o Shri Pritam Singh,
R/o Salabatpura, Near Bus Stand,
Tehsil Phul, Distt Bathinda - 151108

....Appellant

Versus

Shri Parminder Singh (95012-00440),
Public Information Officer-cum-BDPO,
Bhagta Bhai, Distt Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DDPO,
Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2442 OF 2024

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Gursewak Singh (94173-37502)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **25.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent but the complete information, after the removal of the said deficiencies has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent is absent without intimation, 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. After hearing the appellant and going through the case file, the respondent PIO-cum-BDPO, **Shri Dharampal Sharma**, is directed to examine the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant. The respondent must provide the complete, corrected, and comprehensive information to the appellant within **15 days** from the receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. The PIO-cum-BDPO, Shri Dharampal Sharma, is directed to submit a written explanation within **10 days** explaining the reasons for their unauthorized absence from today's hearing. Failure to comply with these directions within the stipulated time will invite strict disciplinary and penal action against the respondent PIO under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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5. A copy of this order is being sent to **Shri Abhinav Goyal, DDPO, Bathinda**, to ensure the presence of the concerned respondent and compliance report in regard to the Commission's Order, on the next date of hearing. **Shri Uma Shankar Gupta, IAS**, Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali, is hereby also advised to review all such cases under their charge and get the same complied with at the earliest.

6. **To come up on 28.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 05.08.2026

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Cc: i) **Shri Abhinav Goyal (99149-08002),**
DDPO, Bathinda.

ii) **Shri Uma Shankar Gupta, IAS (98140-53575),**
Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department,
Punjab, Mohali.

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Shri Balbir Singh, (98764-00524)

771, Prem Nagar, Ghumar Mandi,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana - 141001

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal,
Guru Nanak Dev Polytechnic College,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal, Guru Nanak Dev Polytechnic College,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5293 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Balbir Singh (98764-00524)
Respondent: Shri Gurcharan Singh, HOD (94635-30591) and
Shri Amandeep, Lecturer (98783-55002)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has already pointed out deficiencies to the respondent but the complete information, after the removal of the said deficiencies has not been provided to him.
3. The respondent states that the complete requested information has already been furnished to the appellant as available in the official records.
4. After hearing both the parties and perusing the documents placed on record, it is ascertained that the respondent has provided the information to the appellant but the appellant is not satisfied. Today the respondent states that whatever information was available in their official record, has been provided to the appellant. Since the appellant is not satisfied, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an affidavit that the information that has been supplied is true, complete and no other information relating to this RTI application is available in the record. The affidavit should be on a stamp paper duly signed by the PIO. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 21.09.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 05.08.2026

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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98157-35083)

(DEO), Computer Engineering Department,
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Vice Chancellor,
Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5970 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98157-35083)
Respondent: Shri Varinder Singh, Superintendent (94178-54718),
Shri Gurpreet Singh, SA (97814-14046), and
Shri Arun Bajaj, SA (99155-89197)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received partial information from the respondent.
3. The respondent states that the requested information has already been sent to the appellant as directed at the last hearing and no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within ten days after receipt of this order. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondent is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. If the information is not available, the PIO shall file an **affidavit** on non-judicial stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant is not available in official records. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.
5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 18.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 05.08.2026

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Shri Jasbir Singh, (98157-35083)

(DEO), Computer Engineering Department,
Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6130 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri Jasbir Singh, (98157-35083)
Respondent: Shri Varinder Singh, Superintendent (94178-54718),
Shri Gurpreet Singh, SA (97814-14046), and
Shri Arun Bajaj, SA (99155-89197)

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has received partial information from the respondent.
3. The respondent states that the requested information has already been sent to the appellant as directed at the last hearing and no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date.
4. After hearing both the parties and going through the case file, the appellant is directed to point out specific deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within ten days after receipt of this order. On receipt of the deficiencies, the respondent is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing. If the information is not available, the PIO shall file an **affidavit** on non-judicial stamp paper, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as sought by the appellant is not available in official records. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement is factually true and correct. The original affidavit be sent to the appellant, before the next date of hearing, under intimation to the Commission.
5. Both parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing for deliberations. It is also clarified that in case of defiance of this order, the case will be decided on merit, ex-parte.
6. **To come up on 18.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 05.08.2026

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Shri H.S Hundal, (98785-00082)

Advocate, S/o Shri A.S Hundal,
1, Dutt Road, Moga - 142001
RTI Application No. 184539

....Appellant

Versus

Ms. Anju Grover (97795-52258),
Public Information Officer-cum- Under Secretary,
O/o Secretary Revenue, Punjab,
Jagir Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.
First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 6065 OF 2025

PRESENT: Appellant: Shri H.S Hundal, (98785-00082)
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated **26.02.2026**.

2. The appellant states that he has not received any reply / information from the respondent till date and further, he states that directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the sought for information pertaining to his RTI application.

3. The respondent is absent without intimation, 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. The Commission takes a very serious view of the respondent PIO's conduct in ignoring this RTI application and deems it fit to serve the respondent PIO-cum-Under Secretary, Ms. Anju Grover, with this Show Cause Notice.

4. The respondent **PIO-cum-Under Secretary O/o Secretary Revenue, Jagir Branch, Punjab, Ms. Anju Grover**, is herewith ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** as to why a penalty should not be imposed upon him under Section 20 (1) of RTI Act, 2005, for causing willful delay/denial of the information requested by the appellant as far back as on **08.05.2025**. **If there is / are other PIO / PIOs responsible for the delay in providing the information, the incumbent PIO is directed to inform such PIO(s) of the Show Cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with written replies.**

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APPEAL CASE NO. 6065 OF 2025

“In addition to the written reply, the respondent PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20 (1) provision there to, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him *ex parte*.”

5. The PIO-cum-Under Secretary, Ms. Anju Grover, is directed to supply the requested information to the appellant through registered post within 15 days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Ms. Anju Grover, is further directed to attend the next hearing in person with a written reply to the Show Cause Notice. Failure to comply and attend the hearing, will compel the Commission to secure his presence through service of **Bailable Warrant**.

6. Further, the respondent PIO office of, DC, Amritsar is also directed to attend the next hearing in person at the next hearing of this appeal case.

7. **To come up on 18.11.2026 at 11.00 A.M. at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 05.08.2026

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