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Shri Jasbir Singh, (9888296107)

Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bholapur, PO Ramgarh,
Chandigarh Road, District Ludhiana-141123

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority, Barnala.

~NOW~

Public Information Officer,

O/o Assistant Regional Transport Officer,
Regional Transport Office, Barnala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority, Barnala.

~NOW~

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Regional Transport Office, Barnala.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4185 OF 2024

PRESENT:

Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant.

Shri Jashanjot Singh, ARTO (7696764191) 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 06.05.2024 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. 06.08.2026.

2. That the respondent appeared along with the information and the same is handed over to the appellant during the hearing and after going through the information the appellant has acknowledged the receipt of information to his satisfaction and gave his consent for closure of the case.

3. That in view of the above, no cause of action survives in the matter. Hence, the instant Appeal Case is hereby **disposed of**.

06.08.2026

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.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

~NOW~

Public Information Officer,

O/o Assistant Regional Transport Officer,
Regional Transport Office, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4188 OF 2024

PRESENT:

Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant.

Shri Gurtej Singh, ARTO (9915616771) 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 06.05.2024 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. 06.08.2026.

2. That the respondent stated before the Bench that the information available on the official record has already been furnished to the appellant. The appellant, on the other hand, stated that he has received the information to his satisfaction and gave his consent for closure of the case.

3. That in view of the above, no further cause of action survives in the matter. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case stands **disposed of**.

06.08.2026

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Chandigarh Road, District Ludhiana-141123.

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

**O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.**

~NOW~

Public Information Officer,

**O/o Assistant Regional Transport Officer,
Regional Transport Office, Bathinda.**

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.**

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4192 OF 2024

PRESENT:

Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant.

Shri Gurtej Singh, ARTO (9915616771) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 01.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 06.05.2024 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. 06.08.2026.

2. That the respondent stated before the Bench that the information available on the official record has already been furnished to the appellant. The appellant, on the other hand, stated that he has received the information to his satisfaction and gave his consent for closure of the case.

3. That in view of the above, no further cause of action survives in the matter. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case stands **disposed of**.

06.08.2026

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Shri Manu Bhargav, (9781463834)

S/o Shri Vijay Kumar,
Fatehgarh Road, Hoshiarpur-146001

RTI Application No. 151845

...Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1408 OF 2025

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Kuljit Singh, Head Constable (8360388320) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 06.04.2026.

2. That the appellant remained absent during the present hearing as well as during the previous hearings held on 12.01.2026 and 18.03.2026, without any intimation or request for adjournment. On the other hand, the respondent appeared on behalf of the PIO, O/o Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna, District Ludhiana, and submitted before the Bench that the requisite information/reply has already been furnished to the appellant, copy of the same is taken on record and placed in the case file. Despite the directions contained in the previous orders to point out any deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied, the appellant has neither identified any such deficiency nor made any further communication to the Commission.

3. That in view of the above, and as the appellant has neither appeared before the Bench nor pointed out any deficiency in the information furnished despite sufficient opportunities, no further intervention by the Commission is called for. Accordingly, the present appeal is **disposed of**.

4. That it is pertinent to observe that every public authority is under a statutory obligation to ensure compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 relating to proactive disclosure of information. The object of Section 4 is to promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and to reduce the need for citizens to seek information through individual RTI applications.

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APPEAL CASE No. 1408 OF 2025

This Commission has, in several cases, noticed that the mandatory disclosures prescribed under Section 4 of the Act are either incomplete, not regularly updated, or not readily accessible on the official websites of the concerned public authorities. Such non-compliance defeats the very object and spirit of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

5. That accordingly, a copy of this order is forwarded to the Administrative Secretary/Head of the Department concerned with a direction to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Department shall ensure that all mandatory disclosures, including the particulars of the Public Information Officer, First Appellate Authority, organisational structure, functions, duties, powers, norms, manuals, records and all other information required under Section 4 of the Act, are prominently displayed and periodically updated on the official website as well as at conspicuous places in the office premises. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all subordinate offices under its administrative control to ensure uniform compliance with the statutory mandate, and compliance with Section 4 of the Act shall be reviewed periodically to ensure that the information remains complete, accurate and up to date.

Sd/-

(HARPREET SINGH SANDHU)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab

06.08.2026

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

Smt. Darpan Ahluwalia, IPS

Senior Superintendent of Police,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Shri Sandeep Goel, IPS

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

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Shri Shamsheer Singh Jagera, (9814788012)

S/o Shri Sajan Singh,
R/o VPO Nanakpura Jagera,
District Ludhiana-141117

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

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

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 1829 OF 2025

PRESENT:

Shri Shamsheer Singh Jagera, Appellant.

Shri Parminder Singh, ASI (9815703833) on behalf of the Respondents.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 06.04.2026.

2. That both parties are present during the hearing. The PIO has filed an affidavit stating that the appellant had sought a certified copy of the entry pertaining to him in the Confidential Register maintained for the year 2022 by the office of SSP, Khanna. The PIO has stated that, after obtaining a legal opinion, the information has not been disclosed on the ground that the said register contains confidential/security-related information and that its disclosure may adversely affect law and order and may result in the information reaching persons who may misuse it.

3. That the affidavit tendered by the PIO is taken on record and placed in the case file. A copy of the same has been handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

4. That upon consideration of the submissions made by both parties and perusal of the case file, the Bench is of the view that the PIO has duly explained the reasons for non-disclosure of the information sought. No further relief survives in the present appeal. Accordingly, the appeal is **disposed of.**

4. That it is pertinent to observe that every public authority is under a statutory obligation to ensure compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 relating to proactive disclosure of information.

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APPEAL CASE No. 1829 OF 2025

The object of Section 4 is to promote transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and to reduce the need for citizens to seek information through individual RTI applications. This Commission has, in several cases, noticed that the mandatory disclosures prescribed under Section 4 of the Act are either incomplete, not regularly updated, or not readily accessible on the official websites of the concerned public authorities. Such non-compliance defeats the very object and spirit of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

5. That accordingly, a copy of this order is forwarded to the Administrative Secretary/Head of the Department concerned with a direction to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Department shall ensure that all mandatory disclosures, including the particulars of the Public Information Officer, First Appellate Authority, organisational structure, functions, duties, powers, norms, manuals, records and all other information required under Section 4 of the Act, are prominently displayed and periodically updated on the official website as well as at conspicuous places in the office premises. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all subordinate offices under its administrative control to ensure uniform compliance with the statutory mandate, and compliance with Section 4 of the Act shall be reviewed periodically to ensure that the information remains complete, accurate and up to date.

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

06.08.2026

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Senior Superintendent of Police,
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Shri Sandeep Goel, IPS

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Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana.

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Shri Mohan Lal Chauhan, (9888396009)

S/o Shri Krishan Lal Chauhan,
Village Jhandian Kalan, Tehsil Sri Anandpur Sahib,
District Roopnagar-140119

RTI Application No. 132466

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Nurpur Bedi, District Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Roopnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4163; 4164 & 4165 OF 2025

PRESENT:

None on behalf of the Appellant.

Shri Harpreet Singh, Panchayat Secretary (9814528188) along with Shri Sukhpal Singh, SEPO (9878111445) on behalf of the Respondents

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 06.04.2026.

2. That the information sought by the appellant under the RTI Act, 2005 through various RTI applications addressed to the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Nurpur Bedi, District Roopnagar, is being considered together, as the appellant as well as the Public Information Officer (PIO) are common in the titled appeals. Accordingly, in the interest of convenience and to avoid repetition of proceedings, all the matters are hereby clubbed for adjudication through this common order.

3. That the appellant was present during the first hearing and submitted that the requisite information had not been provided to him. However, the appellant remained absent during the subsequent hearings held on 19.01.2026 and 06.04.2026 as well as during the present hearing, without any personal appearance or request for adjournment. The appellant, however, has submitted a written submission through email, which is taken on record and placed in the case file.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 4163; 4164 & 4165 OF 2025

On the other hand, the respondent appeared on behalf of the PIO, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Nurpur Bedi, District Roopnagar, and submitted before the Bench that, as per the RTI applications of the appellant, all available and disclosable information has already been furnished to him. The respondent further submitted a common sworn affidavit in this regard. The said affidavit is taken on record and placed in the case file.

4. That upon consideration of the submissions made by the parties and perusal of the case file, including the written submission/email submitted by the appellant and the common sworn affidavit filed by the respondent, the Bench finds that the PIO has stated on oath that the available and disclosable information pertaining to the RTI applications has already been furnished to the appellant. The appellant has not appeared before the Bench to substantiate any specific deficiency in the information so provided. Accordingly, no further directions are warranted in the present appeals and the matters are hereby **disposed of**.

06.08.2026

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Chandigarh Road, District Ludhiana-141123

.....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Roopnagar.

~NOW~

Public Information Officer,

O/o Assistant Regional Transport Officer,
Regional Transport Office, Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority, Roopnagar.

~NOW~

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Regional Transport Officer,
Regional Transport Office, Roopnagar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4198 OF 2024

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

ORDER:

That the appellant had sought information as enumerated in his RTI application dated 01.04.2024 and First appeal filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 06.05.2024 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. 06.08.2026.

2. the appellant stated before the Bench that he has received the requisite information to his satisfaction and that no grievance remains with regard to the information sought. The appellant accordingly gave his consent for closure of the present case.

3. That in view of the statement made by the appellant, no further cause of action survives in the matter. Accordingly, the instant Appeal Case stands **disposed of and closed**.

06.08.2026

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Shri Jia Lal, (9988940074)

S/o Shri Ram Parsad,
Rose Avenue, Village Kaller Chalis Khu,
Joura Phatak, Amritsar.

....Appellant

VERSUS

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 4220 OF 2025

PRESENT: None for the parties.

ORDER:

This order refers to the Bench's previous order dated 06.04.2026.

2. That the matter was first taken up for hearing on 03.11.2025, on which date both parties remained absent. On 19.01.2026, the representative of the appellant appeared before the Bench and submitted that the requisite information had not been provided, whereas the PIO remained absent. On 06.04.2026, both parties remained absent. The matter was thereafter adjourned to the present date, i.e. 06.08.2026, when again both parties remained absent.

3. That despite repeated opportunities, neither the appellant nor the PIO has appeared before the Bench to pursue or assist in adjudication of the matter. The appellant, after the submission made on 19.01.2026, has also not appeared on the subsequent two dates of hearing to substantiate any deficiency or non-supply of information.

4. That in view of the above circumstances and the repeated absence of both parties, the Bench is not inclined to keep the matter pending indefinitely. Accordingly, the appeal is **disposed of for want of further pursuance.**

06.08.2026

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