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.....Appellant

V/s

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Appeal Case No. 5345 Of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

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5. So far as the deficiencies are concerned, it is observed that deficiencies filed by the appellant is not available in the case file. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to submit the same in an annotated form with regard to the RTI application within thirty days from the issue of this order to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte. It is further clarified that in case no deficiency will be sent by the appellant in an annotated form, no further adjournment will be given in this case.

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"10.Such Officers must 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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Appeal Case No. 6249 Of 2022

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9. To ensure the presence of the concerned Executive Officer (s) i.e. Sh. Harnarinderjeet Singh and Sh. Harjeet Singh, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government. Also, he is directed to send a copy of this order to Sh. Sukhdev Randhawa, Executive Officer.
10. To come up on **29.04.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 07.01.2026

CC:

Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab (By Name)

Department of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan,
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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6250 Of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

Sh. Heera Singh, Clerk (9877412158) and Sh. Narinder Singh, Clerk (9888454860) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 14.10.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 07.01.2026.

2. The appellant requested to direct the respondent PIO to supply the complete information. Also, he submits that he has already filed the deficiencies to the Commission with a copy to the respondent PIO.

3. The appellant further submits that the persons/employees present during the hearing working on outsourced basis. On asking the respondent present, they confirmed that they are the outsourced employees and are present on the directions of the Executive Officer, Sh. Harnarinder Jeet Singh who is having the additional charge of the post of EO, Jagraon. Although he is having the regular charge of the post of EO, Doraha as the present EO, Sh. Harjeet Singh has to join the duties as EO, Jagraon tomorrow i.e. 08.01.2026.

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10. To come up on **14.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 07.01.2026

CC:

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Appeal Case No. 6251 Of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

Sh. Heera Singh, Clerk (9877412158) and Sh. Narinder Singh, Clerk (9888454860) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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9. To ensure the presence of the concerned Executive Officer (s) i.e. Sh. Harnarinder Jeet Singh and Sh. Harjeet Singh, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government. Also, he is directed to send a copy of this order to Sh. Sukhdev Randhawa, Executive Officer.
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Dated: 07.01.2026

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Chief Information Commissioner,
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CC:

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Appeal Case No. 6252 Of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

Sh. Heera Singh, Clerk (9877412158) and Sh. Narinder Singh, Clerk (9888454860) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6252 Of 2022

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Dated: 07.01.2026

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 6253 Of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

Sh. Heera Singh, Clerk (9877412158) and Sh. Narinder Singh, Clerk (9888454860) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 6253 Of 2022

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(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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Dated: 07.01.2026

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Appeal Case No. 6255 Of 2022

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 3970 of 2023

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Appeal Case No. 3971 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

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Appeal Case No. 3972 of 2023

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Appeal Case No. 3973 Of 2023

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Appeal Case No. 3974 Of 2023

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Appeal Case No. 4336 Of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

Sh. Heera Singh, Clerk (9877412158) and Sh. Narinder Singh, Clerk (9888454860) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 14.10.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 07.01.2026.

2. The appellant requested to direct the respondent PIO to supply the complete information. Also, he submits that he has already filed the deficiencies to the Commission with a copy to the respondent PIO.

3. The appellant further submits that the persons/employees present during the hearing working on outsourced basis. On asking the respondent present, they confirmed that they are the outsourced employees and are present on the directions of the Executive Officer, Sh. Harnarinder Jeet Singh who is having the additional charge of the post of EO, Jagraon. Although he is having the regular charge of the post of EO, Doraha as the present EO, Sh. Harjeet Singh has to join the duties as EO, Jagraon tomorrow i.e. 08.01.2026.

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4. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, **present PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Harnarinder Jeet Singh (M:9888105200) and the then PIO-cum-EO, Sh. Harjeet Singh (M:7009889051)**, are, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on them for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. They may take a note that in case they do not file their written reply and does not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

5. So far as the deficiencies are concerned, it is observed that deficiencies filed by the appellant is not available in the case file. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to submit the same in an annotated form with regard to the RTI application within thirty days from the issue of this order to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte. It is further clarified that in case no deficiency will be sent by the appellant in an annotated form, no further adjournment will be given in this case.

6. It is further clarified to the respondent that in case of their absence on the next date of hearing, their presence will be procured by issuing **BAILABLE WARRANTS** and/or disciplinary action may be recommended in this case to the competent authority.

7. Also, it is appropriate to mention judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.17677 of 2010 and M.P.No.1 of 2010 and the relevant portion of the same is reproduced below:

"10.Such Officers must 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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9. To ensure the presence of the concerned Executive Officer (s) i.e. Sh. Harnarinder Jeet Singh and Sh. Harjeet Singh, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government. Also, he is directed to send a copy of this order to Sh. Sukhdev Randhawa, Executive Officer.
10. To come up on **28.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 07.01.2026

CC:

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Appeal Case No. 4341 Of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

Sh. Heera Singh, Clerk (9877412158) and Sh. Narinder Singh, Clerk (9888454860) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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Appeal Case No. 4341 of 2023

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5. So far as the deficiencies are concerned, it is observed that deficiencies filed by the appellant is not available in the case file. Accordingly, the appellant is directed to submit the same in an annotated form with regard to the RTI application within thirty days from the issue of this order to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, failing which, the decision will be taken on merit, ex-parte. It is further clarified that in case no deficiency will be sent by the appellant in an annotated form, no further adjournment will be given in this case.

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9. To ensure the presence of the concerned Executive Officer (s) i.e. Sh. Harnarinder Jeet Singh and Sh. Harjeet Singh, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government. Also, he is directed to send a copy of this order to Sh. Sukhdev Randhawa, Executive Officer.
10. To come up on **28.05.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

(Inderpal Singh)

Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

Dated: 07.01.2026

CC:

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Sector-35 A, Chandigarh

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4158 of 2023

Appeal Case No. 4159 of 2023

Appeal Case No. 4350 of 2023

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant.

Sh. Rohit Jindal, APIO (9815830750) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.08.2025 vide which the case was fixed for hearing on 14.10.2025 but was not heard due to administrative reasons. Accordingly, a notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing today i.e. 07.01.2026

2. The appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent to supply the complete information for which he has already made the submission establishing the Larger Public Interest. He further submits that he has sought the information related to Sh. Sukhdev Randhawa who has been compulsorily retired due to change in the Date of Birth. However, the respondent submits that he is the PIO of LG-3, Branch and the part of the information relates to the LG-1, Branch, the Superintendent of the said Branch is the concerned PIO in this case.

Also, he submits that the information sought relates to third party and cannot be supplied to the appellant. He has also admitted the fact that Sh. Sukhdev Randhawa has been compulsorily retired from service and has also placed on record a copy of an order issued in this regard, which is taken on record.

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Appeal Case No. 4158 of 2023

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Appeal Case No. 4350 of 2023

3. After hearing both the parties, Superintendent-cum-PIO, LG-1 Branch is impleaded as a necessary party to file the written reply with regard to the RTI application viz.a.viz. submissions already made by the appellant.

4. In the interest of natural justice, the Superintendent, LG-1 and LG-3, Branch are directed to file the counter submissions if any, well before the next date of hearing according to the submissions made by the appellant, copy of which is attached herewith, failing which, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say in this case and the Commission will proceed as per the facts established by Law.

5. To come up on **05.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. at Chandigarh.**

Dated: 07.01.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.

CC:

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O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab
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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7517 Of 2025

Present: Sh. Gokul Chand Aneja, the appellant.

Dr. Jaspal Singh (9815728787) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.12.2025.

2. The appellant has sought a copy of statements of Dr. Sarabdeep Singh, Anesthetist as was submitted by him during an enquiry conducted by the Medical Board to enquire into the matter of death of Smt. Sunita Aneja. Further, the appellant submits that he has received the response of the respondent but he is not satisfied with the same as the respondent is not responding to his RTI application properly, in order to save the skin of Dr. Sarabdeep Singh, Anesthetist who was not having expertise and due to his negligence his wife Dr. Sunita Aneja died.

3. However, the respondent submits that the response has already been sent to the appellant. But the said response of the respondent has not been received in the Commission. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to Dr. Satinderjeet Singh, Civil Surgeon and for the convenience of the parties, the case was heard though Cisco Webex but in-spite of that fact the Civil Surgeon-cum-PIO is absent and no written response has been received with regard to the RTI application and related to show cause notice issued to him.

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Appeal Case No. 7517 Of 2025

4. In the interest of natural justice, he is given **an opportunity** to remain present on the next date of hearing and file the written reply with regard to the show cause notice. Also he is directed to file the written response, in an annotated form, within thirty days from issue of this order.
5. The decision regarding the show cause notice issued to the Civil Surgeon, Amritsar, Dr. Satinderjeet Singh, will be taken on the next date of hearing.
6. To ensure the presence of the concerned, Civil Surgeon, Amritsar, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family welfare, Sector-9, Chandigarh.
7. Also, the appellant is at liberty to file the additional/counter submissions, if any, to take the matter to its logical end.
8. To come up on **05.03.2026 at 11:30 A. M. through Cisco Webex Application (Meeting No. 25199016115, Password:12345)**.

Dated: 07.01.2026

(Inderpal Singh)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab

CC:

Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab (by name),
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First Appellate Authority,

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....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 7518 Of 2025

Present: Sh. Gokul Chand Aneja, the appellant.

Dr. Jaspal Singh (9815728787) on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.12.2025.

2. The appellant has sought an action taken on the letters dated 05.04.2024, 16.05.2024, 09.09.2024 and 07.10.2024. Further, the appellant submits that he has received the response of the respondent but he is not satisfied with the same as the respondent is not responding to his RTI application properly, in order to save the skin of Dr. Sarabdeep Singh, Anesthetist who was not having expertise and due to his negligence his wife Dr. Sunita Aneja died.

3. However, the respondent submits that the response has already been sent to the appellant. But the said response of the respondent has not been received in the Commission. It is also a fact that a show cause notice was issued to Dr. Satinderjeet Singh, Civil Surgeon and for the convenience of the parties, the case was heard through Cisco Webex but in-spite of that fact the Civil Surgeon-cum-PIO is absent and no written response has been received with regard to the RTI application and related to show cause notice issued to him.

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Appeal Case No. 7518 of 2025

4. In the interest of natural justice, he is given **an opportunity** to remain present on the next date of hearing and file the written reply with regard to the show cause notice. Also he is directed to file the written response, in an annotated form, within thirty days from issue of this order.
5. The decision regarding the show cause notice issued to the Civil Surgeon, Amritsar, Dr. Satinderjeet Singh, will be taken on the next date of hearing.
6. To ensure the presence of the concerned, Civil Surgeon, Amritsar, a copy of this order is **being sent** to the Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family welfare, Sector-9, Chandigarh.
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